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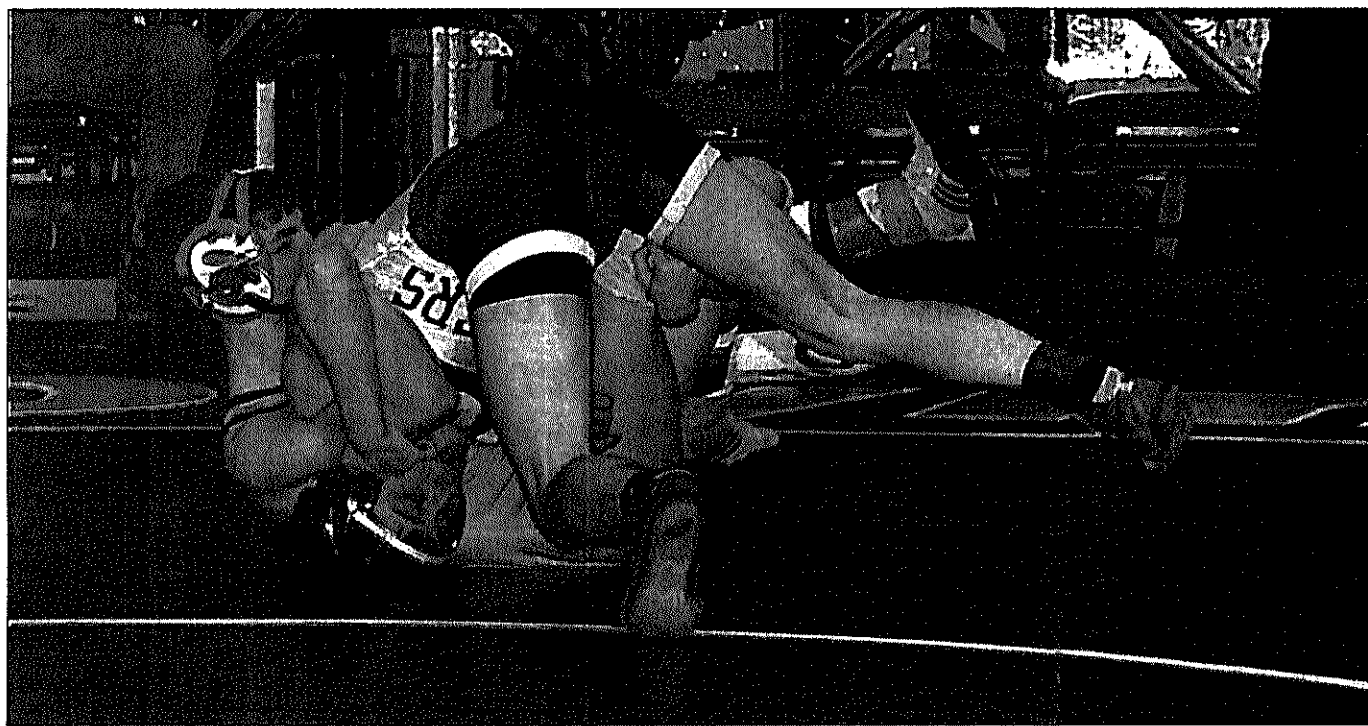


Photo by Dave Morrison

Shadyside's Greg Quinn wrestles with East Liverpool's Alex Potts during the OVAC Tournament. Potts won the 106-pound bout 4-2.

Davis Receives Mr. Mat Award

Former Barnesville coach led Shamrocks to OVAC title in '85

By Dr. Bill Welker, Kathy and Dave Kovalick
For the News-Register

WHEELING — Coach Darrell Davis graduated from Dover High School in 1968 where he excelled in track, wrestling and football. His senior season in football the Dover Tornadoes went undefeated with Darrell starting at tackle. He matriculated to Dakota State College in Madison, S.D. He was a four-year starter at offensive tackle and his team won the Boot Hill Bowl in 1971.

He graduated in 1972 with a degree in education. In August of that year he accepted a position at Barnesville High School where he taught and coached for 35 years retiring in June of 2008.

Davis enjoyed tremendous success as Barnesville High School girls' track coach and the offensive line coach of the football program. He served two separate stints as assistant wrestling coach and nine years as head coach of the Shamrocks.



Davis

As a mat mentor, Davis coached no less than 42 OVAC place winners including nine champions. He also produced 53 district place winners, 20 district champs, 13 state place winners, and two state titlists. His teams were OVAC division champions or runners-up in six of his nine seasons as head coach.

The pinnacle of his coaching career came during the 1984 and 1985 wrestling seasons. Coach Davis' 1984 team won the Ohio AA State Title and he was named the Ohio State AA Coach of the Year. In 1985, his Shamrock team won the "overall" title at the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament. He was also honored that same year by the Upper Ohio Valley Dapper Dan Club for his coaching achievements in wrestling and track.

Pkb. South Claims Overall Title

Wheeling Park finishes second with four individual champions



Potts 106 Wilson 113 Basiak 120 Jenkins 126 Hood 132 Rayner 138 DeLong 145 Davis 152 Banks 160 Herrmann 170

By DAVE MORRISON
Staff Writer

WHEELING — There were a lot of great moments for Wheeling Park at the 2014 Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Championships on Saturday at WesBanco Arena.

That the Patriots had four individual champions was the tip of the iceberg.

There was the David Bierkotte Award, given to the tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler, won by Park's

152-pound champion Jonny Davis.

There was the fact the Patriots finished second to overall winner Parkersburg South.

All that came in second for coach Jack Doyle.

Park's greatest moment just



Allman 182 Miscuk 195 Paige 220 Bodkin 285

might have been the highlight of the tournament, when James Parsons, a freshman, came out of basically nowhere to place third in the 113-pound weight class.

Sure, it wasn't a championship.

Those went to the more accomplished of Park's wrestlers, the seeded guys like Dallas Baciak (25-2) at 120 pounds, Davis, Eric Banks (16-0) at 160 pounds and Jeremy Paige (16-1) at 220 pounds.

Parsons? He entered the tournament unseeded and with a losing

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Hilltoppers Top Cardinals In First Wrestling Duel Between Schools

WLU jumps out to early lead vs. WJU

By SETH STASKEY
For the News-Register

WHEELING — The sport of wrestling is alive and well in the Ohio Valley.

Hours before the nation's largest high school conference tournament wrapped up Saturday night with the finals of the 61st annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament, a newly born college rivalry was just heating up.

For the first time, Ohio County rivals West Liberty and Wheeling Jesuit clashed on the mats.

And similar to other sports that the Hilltoppers and Cardinals meet in, both teams wanted to win in the worst way.

"I think Sean is doing a great job at Wheeling Jesuit and they have a nice, young team, but (dang) it felt good to beat them," said West Liberty coach Brian Davis after his team's 28-11 victory. "I felt real confident going in that the match was going to go the way it

did." Wheeling Jesuit Sean Doyle didn't come to downtown Wheeling Saturday seeking any kind of respect or moral victories.

"I am not happy at all," Doyle said. "Probably less than 10 percent of the people probably thought we had a chance, but we did. I expected to win the dual meet."

The Hilltoppers, who have a highly respected Division II mat program, jumped out early

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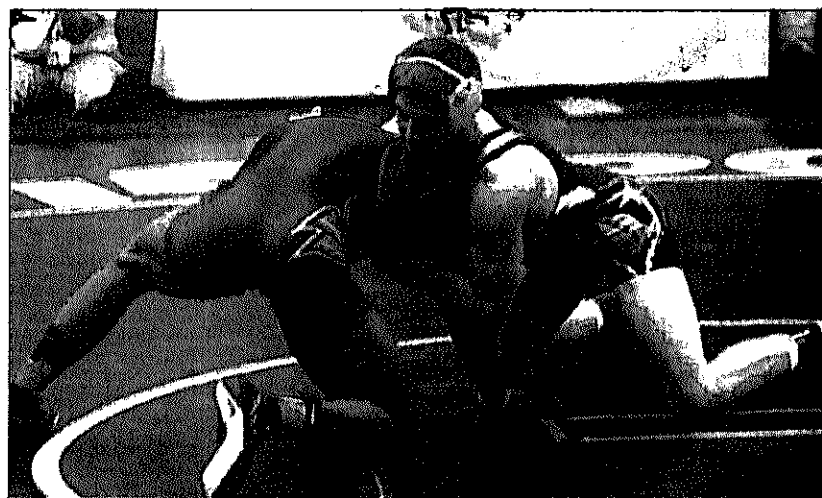


Photo by Seth Staskey

West Liberty's David Schlieper grapples with Wheeling Jesuit's T.J. Smith during their 165-pound bout.

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with a pin by Oak Glen product Zach Brown and never looked back en route to the victory.

"That was a huge (win)," Davis said of Brown's victory. "Our kids worked hard all week, we were prepared, they stuck to the game plan and we got a nice (team) win."

While the Cardinals, who are in their first season of wrestling, had the entire week off to prepare, the Hilltoppers had two duals on their campus earlier in the week.

"We were taking it one match at a time, and I think we wrestled well all week," Davis said. "I am really impressed with how our guys kept it together all week because three duals in one week is tough. They didn't miss a beat."

West Liberty picked up a 5-1 decision at 135 when Bryce Gainer decided Scott Lopez.

"In the lower weights, there might have been some individuals that the moment (of facing West Liberty) might have got to them a little bit because we saw some wrestling that we weren't expecting at all," Doyle said. "Give West Liberty credit for that, too. I think they wanted to come out and set the tone. Being very candid, Scott (Lopez) probably wrestled the poorest match of his season, but he's dealing with injury and didn't wrestle live all week, so that probably played a role in it, too."

Wheeling Jesuit got on the board when Martins Ferry product Damon Outward decided St.

Clairsville product Dillon Nolte, 8-6 at 141 pounds.

"Damon's been great all year for us," Doyle said.

At 149, West Liberty's Daniel Carpenter recorded another pin. He held down Dominick Nania at the 3:12 mark.

Bridgeport product Bryan Skoff got into the winning act 157 with a 13-2 major decision against John Gershom. Cameron graduate David Schlieper followed with a 16-6 major of his own at 165.

Shadyside High product Aaron Silverio, who has been steady all season for the Hilltoppers at 285, earned his 18th victory by virtue of a 2-0 decision of Corey Siegfried.

"Bryan and Aaron are both tough kids, who are having solid seasons for us," Davis said.

Wheeling Jesuit recorded a victory at 174 when Cambridge product Sawyer Leppla prevailed by injury default against Indian Creek graduate Mike Emery. The Cardinals' other win came at 197 when Maxwell Lacey edged Wheeling Park product Danny Doyle, 9-7, in overtime.

"Our kids want to beat (West Liberty) badly because this is a true rivalry," Doyle said. "Individually, there's friendships between our teams, but we don't like them when we put the singlet on. Brian and I have known each other a long time and I like a lot of the guys on West Liberty's team, but I want to beat them. I think the rivalry will continue to grow and become even more intense."

TITLE

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record.

"He came in here and wrestled the tournament of his life," Doyle said. "Honestly, I thought he might have a chance to place, but to place third, and win the way he did, it says a whole lot about the kid. He was transitioning from middle school to high school and that took some time."

Apparently, mid-January to be exact.

"I wasn't sure what to expect even coming in here," Parsons said. "I was nervous, even a little scared. But after I got on the mat for that first match (Thursday) it was like something clicked. When I won that first one I started thinking I might be able to do something."

He did something all right. He raced all way to the third-place match, where he faced Jack Dawson, a Beaver Local junior.

Dawson took a 4-3 lead and seemed to be in control of the match as time was ticking away.

With five seconds left, it happened.

"I tossed him," Parsons said. "I couldn't believe it."

You would have thought he won a title.

"Jack kind of wears his emotions on his sleeve," Doyle said. "And that is what we love about him. He's really starting to come on. Plus he gets to wrestle against an OVAC champion (Baciak) in practice every day. That really has helped him out."

Parkersburg South, who had won two straight titles before losing it to Steubenville last year (Big

Red placed third), got the title back, something coach Donna Davis had hoped to do, for more far-reaching reasons that just an OVAC title.

"It's big and I am very proud of these boys. They came to wrestle," she said. "We have been underestimated all year and they wanted to come in and prove they belong in one of the toughest tournaments there are. They did that. They proved to everybody that they can wrestle and, more importantly, they proved it to themselves."

The South Patriots did a bulk of their damage in the early rounds, pinning 24 of 26 opponents in the first two rounds.

"Tournaments are won in the consolation rounds," Davis said. "We did well."

South did have two wrestlers in the championship round Hunter DeLong (145) and Justin Allman (182) and both won their respective classes.

Steubenville's 113-pound ace Toriq Wilson won the Hercules Award, given to the wrestler with the most pins in the least amount of time. Wilson had four in 5:09.

Other 2014 OVAC champions (and their weight class) include East Liverpool's Alex Potts (106), Meadowbrook's Tyler Jenkins (126), University's Isiah Hood (132), Caldwell's Kameron Rayner (138), Steubenville Catholic's Leo Herrmann (170), East Liverpool's Johnny Miscuk (195) and Martins Ferry's Jon Bodkin (285).

MR. MAT

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Three of Davis' wrestlers went on to excel at the college level. Alan Logan (current head football coach at Muskingum University) placed sixth at the NCAA Division III National Wrestling Tournament. Don Moxley went on to wrestle at Ohio State

University and won the Big 10 heavyweight championship his senior season.

Tim Moxley, two-time State Wrestling Champion, went on to play football at Ohio State where he was a starting offensive tackle for three years, including two Bowl teams.

Darrell Davis was also the tournament director for the Barnesville Invitational Tournament and the Eastern District - Sectional Tournament for 25 years.

His family includes: son Bryce, daughter in-law Angie, grandchildren: Brooke and Kirkland of

Cambridge. Daughter Ammie, son in-law Darrin and grandson Jacob live in Barnesville.

For his contributions to Ohio Valley Wrestling and its student-athletes, Coach Darrell Davis has been selected as the 2014 Mr. Mat award winner.

138 — Uayton (C) d. Street (Mag), 8-7; Hawthorn (Shady) p. Monte (Well), 4:45; Carothers (MC) p. Craig (Beal), 1:40; Reusser (R) d. Lowman (Morg), 4-2; King (T) p. Utt (IC), 2:31; Hall (CB) p. Neavin (MF), 1:26.

145 — Layman (Mag) p. Huff (Well), 3:15; Knox (TC) p. Binkiewicz (Bul), 1:58; Riedel (HC) p. Lipply (Shen), 2:38; Ekoy (Mad) p. Martin (Cam), 2:31; Golding (EL) p. Starr (Barn), 4:36; Tice (T) d. Brown (L), 5-0; Craig (MC) by inj. def. over Rounq (R); Kirby (CB) d. Pickenpaugh (Cald), 4-0.

152 — Kelly (Mag) tf. Thomas (IC), 15-0; Ketchum (EL) d. Cade (E), 12-11; Wood (Shen) p. Phillips (Beal), 3:58; Stevens (Mead) p. Nanners (L), 4:25; Allen (Shady) p. Davis (Cald), 1:12; Shramko (Well) p. Fields (Weir), 0:59; McConville (Bell) p. Mackey (Cam), 4:29.

160 — Zonker (Brk) p. Gray (T), 0:59; Harmon (SCC) p. Wels (E), 3:55; Wanat (JM) p. Ruble (TC), 4:54; Johnson (Well) d. Haines (Cam), 8-6; Giovengo (L) d. Lisk (EL), 5-0; Erlo (HC) d. VanSoyoc (CB), 4-2; Duvall (Shady) p. Hython (MF), 1:39.

170 — Webster (U) p. Miller (Cam), 0:44; Wensyel (WP) p. Millhorn (E), 2:20; Carnes (STC) d. Finsley (Brk), 11-4; Love (Mead) p. McLaughlin (IC), 1:13; Rice (MF) won by forfeit over Reed (EL); Freeman (Shen) p. Hatfield (Mag), 2:28.

182 — West (Mead) p. Beckett (Beal), 1:32; Leasure (Barn) p. Chima (L), 2:07; Kelly (Well) won by forfeit over Losee (T); Archer (Cald) p. Wade (MF), 1:55; Borden (SCC) p. Taylor (UL), 1:18; Robinson (IC) d. McCoy (Weir), 7-2.

195 — Poling (Cald) d. Keys (TC), 10-8; Cummings (MF) p. Householder (T), 4:40; Riddle (BvL) d. Warford (Mead), 11-3.

220 — Rosohac (OG) p. Moore (Shen), 1:49; Rabal (Mag) p. Plumly (Barn), 1:28; Heath (Weir) p. Huffman (R), 3:36; DeFelice (Shady) p. Exline (EL), 3:15.

285 — Burch (BuL) p. Arie (Shen), 0:57; Gray (WP) p. Miracle (R), 0:29; Davidson (Weir) p. Neville (IC), 0:50; King (UL) d. Simmons (JM), 4-1; Powers (Morg) p. Dettore (SCC), 3:35; Robinson (MC) d. Meadows (Shady), 5-0.

SECOND-ROUND CONSOLATIONS

106 — Rejordan (Brk) p. Jett (Mag), 0:49; Shockling (Cald) p. Creer (Steub), 0:52; Ball (Camb) tf. Kleiner (E), 16-1; Stephens (Mead) p. Pratt (TC), 0:31; Brown (Beal) p. Ucci (Well), 0:32; Vandaborn (IC) p. Syplot (U), 1:19; Miller (Brk) d. Kaiser (Steub), 9-3; Harris (T) p. Whitley (UL), 3:40.

113 — Mosman (L) p. Clark (Shen), 1:45; Johns (E) p. Blankenship (MF), 3:43; Dawson (BvL) p. Campbell (Barn), 0:31; Kiedrowski (SCC) d. Gorby (Morg), 4-2.

120 — Zoumpolidis (MF) p. Snook (Shen), 0:59; Henrich (U) d. Sarge (EL), 6-4; Coniker (SCC) d. Ray (Morg), 4-2; Martsof (BvL) d. Bozek (OG), 3-2; Wilson (Barn) p. Strain (UL), 3:51; Vincenzo (STC) p. Satterwhite (L), 3:43; McAfee (IC) d. Johnson (TC), 11-4; Richardson (Mead) tf. Schultheis (R), 16-1.

126 — Adams (Mag) p. Nanners (L), 2:13; Rine (JM) p. Daugherty (Beal), 4:33; Daley (E) p. Gamble (Brk), 1:45; Stewart (R) p. Thompson (STC), 3:14; Porter (Steub) d. Moore (Morg), 4-2; GT; Gaydosh (IC) d. Howell (UL), 14-6; Skens (WP) d. Mitchell (T), 9-7; Stewart (R) p. Thompson (STC), 3:14; Allen (Cald) p. Callarik (BuL), 2:03.

132 — Sanders (Morg) p. Bailey (EL), 2:55; Addy (BvL) p. Cooper (TC), 1:57; Eaton (Brk) p. Stevens (STC), 1:32; Thomas (R) d. Schlieper (Cam), 11-7; Johnson (Shady) d. Good (Mad), 6-3; Thrasher (Well) p. McMillan (Barn), 0:31; Hammer (Bpt) d. Savage (T), 3-1.

138 — Starhcer (Cam) p. Dayton (E), 4:22; Chapman (TC) p. Bartolo (STC), 2:46; Saldana (Bpt) p. Hawthorne (Shady), 2:43; Carothers (MC) d. Law (Camb), 15-10; Riskey (HC) d. Reusser (R), 8-1; King (T) d. Wright (UL), 3-1; Parise (SCC) d. Mascara (L), 10-7; Ferguson (Steub) p. Hall (CB), 1:33.

145 — Davis (BvL) p. Layman (Mag), 4:00; Arneault (OG) p. Knox (TC), 2:15; Fisher (E) p. Kirby (CB), 0:38; Ekoy (Mad) p. Goss (Morg), 2:30; Wise (MF) p. Craig (MC), 2:35; Golding (EL) d. Thompson (STC), 4-2; McAfee (IC) d. Riedel (HC), 3-1; OT; Myers (U) d. Tice (T), 7-5.

152 — Kelly (Mag) p. Dodds (HC), 2:12; Shuman (OG) p. Forquer (CB), 2:36; Ketchum (EL) d. Williams (BuL), 11-6; Wood (Shen) p. Adams (Brk), 5:12; Ross (T) p. Stevens (Mead), 1:39; Crum (UL) p. Allen (Shady), 2:59; McConville (Bell) d. Alwine (STC), 8-7; Shramko (Well) p. Holsky (Barn), 0:52.

160 — Williams (IC) p. Zonker (Brk), 3:37; Hogan (OG) p. Parr (Weir), 2:29; Ramage (Mead) d. Hermon (SCC), 9-7; OT; McConaughy (Mag) p. Wanat (JM), 1:42; Duvall (Shady) d. Andrews (Morg), 6-2; Sapp (R) d. Giovengo (L), 9-2; Paynter (UL) md. Johnston (Well), 12-3; Morrow (BuL) md. Erlo (HC), 17-5.

170 — Kelly (BvL) d. Webster (U), 8-0; Parr (Weir) d. Schnegg (Barn), 7-6; Wensyel (WP) d. Wooding (L), 9-7, OT; Pahoundis (Camb) p. Carnes (STC), 3:25; Tomolonia (Bpt) d. Love (Mead), 6-5; Laughman (Bell) p. Rice (MF), 1:44; Abdalla (Well) p. Boyer (HC), 1:41; Freeman (Shen) d. Chadwick (OG), 3-2.

182 — Kusic (Bpt) p. West (Mead), 1:29; Dunn (R) p. Mayfield (EL), 3:48; Miller (Cam) d. Leasure (Barn), 4-1; Flowers (OG) p. Kelly (Well), 8:34; Ricker (WP) d. Archer (Cald), 11-8; Borden (SCC) d. Marsden (BvL), 5-2; Harvey (Steub) p. Robinson (IC), 0:54; Sils (Shen) p. Clogg (TC), 4:38.

195 — Price (OG) p. Neehouse (Cam), 3:36; Frisco (SCC) p. Bier (Beal), 4:34; Livada (Mad) md. Wilson (Mag), 9-0; Anderson (Morg), 1:56; Williams (HC) d. Cummings (MF), 7-4; Myers (WP) p. Bunfill (Barn), 3:45; Riddle (BvL) p. Mosser (BuL), 2:26; Munger (Brk) d. McClure (L), 8-1.

220 — Rosohac (OG) d. Jarman (MF), 1-0; Fogle (HC) p. Ainscough (Brk), 4:56; Merritt (IC) p. Rogers (SCC), 3:29; Cartell (Cald) d. Rabal (Morg), 4-3; Haynes (T) p. Heath (Weir), 2:20; Moore (Steub) p. Miller (BuL), 4:28; Reed (UL) p. DeFelice (Shady), 2:20.

285 — Six (CB) p. Burch (BuL), 0:51; Stull (HC) d. Tidwell (Mead), 5-0; Harlan (Mag) p. Gray (WP), 0:29; Davidson (Weir) by forfeit over Martin (Mad); Rucker (Cald) p. King (UL), 0:40; Ernest (STC) p. Powers (Morg), 1:32; Dozier (EL) d. Portis (Camb), 5-3; Robinson (MC) p. Taylor (Beal), 3:34.

THIRD-ROUND CONSOLATIONS

106 — Rejordan (Brk) d. Shockling (Cald), 6-2; Ball (Camb) p. Stephens (Mead), 2:13; Brown (Beal) d. Harris (T), 12-6; Miller (BuL) p. Vandaborn (IC), 3:19.

113 — Marling (Bell) p. Mosman (L), 2:31; Johns (E) p. Ice (EL), 4:54; Anderson (T) d. Kiedrowski (SCC), 8-0; Dawson (BvL) d. Hunter (Shady), 3-3.

120 — Zoumpolidis (MF) p. Sargo (EL), 1:11; McAfee (IC) p. Coniker (SCC), 3:52; Martsof (BvL) d. Wilson (Barn), 9:5; Vincenzo (STC) p. Schultheis (R), 2:57.

126 — Rine (JM) d. Adams (Mag), 6-2; Gaydosh (IC) p. Porter (Steub), 0:57; Daley (E) d. Skeens (WP), 7-1; Allen (Cald) md. Stewart (R), 12-3.

132 — Bailey (EL) d. Addy (BvL), 6-5; Eaton (Brk) p. Thomas (R), 1:59; Reed (Camb) d. Johnson (Shady), 6-2; Thrasher (Well), 6-4.

138 — Stercher (Cam) p. Chapman (TC), 0:34; Carothers (MC) by forfeit over Saldana (Bpt); Riskey (HC) d. King (T), 8-3; Parise (SCC) d. Ferguson (Steub), 6-4.

145 — Arneault (OG) d. Davis (BvL), 6-0; Fisher (E) p. McAfee (IC), 1:12; Wise (MF) d. Ekoy (Mag), 11-3; Golding (EL) d. Myers (UL), 8-3.

152 — Shuman (OG) p. Kelly (Mag), 3:19; Ketchum (EL) p. Wood (Shen), 2:31; Crum (UL) d. Ross (T), 9-4; McConville (Bell) p. Shramko (Well), 2:58.

160 — Williams (IC) d. Hogan (OG), 3-1; McConaughy (Mag) p. Ramage (Mead), 0:49; Duvall (Shady) d. Paynter (UL), 10-5; Sapp (R) d. Morrow (BuL), 5-4.

170 — Parr (Weir) d. Kelly (BvL), 6-5;

285 — Six (CB) d. Stull (HC), 2-1; Davidson (Weir) p. Harlan (Mag), 0:56; Rucker (Cald) p. Ernest (STC), 1:48; Robinson (MC) d. Dozier (EL), 5-3.

FOURTH-ROUND CONSOLATIONS

106 — Campbell (MF) tf. Rejordan (Brk), 19-4; Ball (Camb) p. Brown (SCC), 1:49; Bookman (BvL) p. Brown (Beal), 1:32; Cline (PS) p. Miller (BuL), 1:38.

113 — White (HC) p. Marling (Bell), 3:51; Nice (Mag) d. Johns (E), 6-5; Bartrand (JM) p. Anderson (T), 4:41; Dawson (BvL) d. Timko (STC), 5-2.

120 — Starkey (IC) d. Zoumpolidis (MF), 4-1; Nangle (PS) p. McAfee (IC), 2:30; Richter (MC) d. Martsof (BvL), 3-1; Wiley (Cald) p. Vincenzo (STC), 0:34.

126 — Cornell (OG) d. Rine (JM), 6-4; Gaydosh (IC) md. Jones (U), 10-0; Oiler (EL) p. Daley (E), 2:15; Forrester (HC) d. Allen (Cald), 6-1.

132 — Rayner (Cald) d. Bailey (EL), 9-7 OT; Flowers (OG) p. Eaton (Brk), 3:31; Lambiotte (PS) p. Reed (Camb), 5:00; Kiedrowski (SCC) d. Thrasher (Well), 5-1; Starcher (Cam), 2:30; DiGiandomenico (WP) p. Carothers (MC), 2:28; Tica (OG) d. Riskey (HC), 7-2; Windlands (PS) p. Parise (SCC), 0:23.

145 — Hickenbottom (Camb) d. Arneault (OG), 2-1; Sowers (UL) d. Fisher (E), 7-4; Wise (MF) d. Sefer (Beal), 3-2; Livingston (Steub) d. Golding (EL), 6-1.

152 — Alexander (PS) d. Shuman (OG), 2-0; Lawrence (Morg) p. Kethcum (EL), 2:43; Morey (Steub) p. Crum (UL), 0:47; Crosby (SCC) d. McConville (Bell), 8-5.

160 — Skaggs (STC) d. Williams (IC), 7-5; Barber (BvL) d. McConaughy (Mag), 6-3; Bal (U) p. Duvall (Shady), 3:52; Deffenbaugh (Steub) d. Sapp (R), 5-1 OT.

170 — Lowary (T) p. Parr (Weir), 2:21; Pahoundis (Camb) d. McFarland (UL), 6-1; Wotring (Morg) p. Laughman (Bell), 1:39; Smith (R) d. Freeman (Shen), 12-7.

182 — Wotring (Morg) p. Kusic (Bpt), 3:50; Howes (HC) d. Miller (Cam), 6-1; Borden (SCC) d. Jones (BuL) by forfeit; Doll (Brk) p. Harvey (Steub), 2:54.

195 — Albertson (Steub) d. Price (OG), 5-1; Leggett (E) d. Poling (Cald), 6-2; Myers (WP) d. Conner (MC), 9-5; Fisher (JM) p. Riddle (BvL), 2:43.

220 — Oparanozie (L) d. Fogle (HC), 9-3; Maurin (Morg) p. Cartell (Cald), 1:53; Dilliner (PS) p. Haynes (T), 0:19; Potts (MC) d. Moore (Steub), 3:35.

285 — Martsof (BvL) p. Six (CB), 1:48; Davidson (Weir) p. Mills (OG), 0:39; Rucker (Cald) p. West (T), 2:17; Poplowski (Steub) d. Robinson (MC), 11-5.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE										
Atlantic Division										
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA				
Boston	47	30	15	2	62	136	104			
Tampa Bay	48	28	15	5	61	137	115			
Montreal	48	27	16	5	59	123	115			
Toronto	49	24	20	5	53	136	149			
Ottawa	48	24	18	6	51	138	151			
Detroit	47	20	17	10	50	118	128			
Florida	47	18	22	7	43	109	144			
Buffalo	46	13	27	6	32	83	129			
Metropolitan Division										
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA				
Pittsburgh	48	34	12	2	70	156	115			
Philadelphia	48	24	19	5	53	128	136			
N.Y. Rangers	49	25	21	3	53	120	126			
Washington	48	22	18	8	52	141	146			
New Jersey	49	20	18	11	51	113	120			
Columbus	47	23	20	4	50	134	132			
Carolina	46	19	18	9	47	111	130			
N.Y. Islanders	49	23	7	45	134	157				
WESTERN CONFERENCE										
Central Division										
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA				
Chicago	50	31	8	11	73	181	137			
St. Louis	46	32	8	5	69	164	104			
Colorado	47	30	12	5	65	137	118			
Minnesota	50	26	19	5	57	122	123			
Dallas	47	21	19	7	49	134	145			
Nashville	49	21	21	7	49	117	148			
Winnipeg	49	21	23	5	47	138	148			
Pacific Division										
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA				
Anaheim	50	36	9	5	77	172	124			
San Jose	49	30	12	6	66	153	117			
Los Angeles	48	29	14	5	63	124	97			
Vancouver	49	24	16	9	57	124	125			
Phoenix	47	22	16	9	53	136	143			
Calgary	48	16	26	6	38	107	153			
Edmonton	50	15	30	5	35	129	178			

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Friday's Games

Columbus 5, Washington 1
Chicago 4, Anaheim 2

Today's Games

N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 2 p.m.
San Jose at Tampa Bay, 2 p.m.
Edmonton at Winnipeg, 2 p.m.
Columbus at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Detroit, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Florida at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Nashville, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 9 p.m.
Calgary at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Boston at Chicago, 12:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 5 p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.

ECHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE										
Atlantic Division										
GP	W	L	OL	SL	Pts	GF	GA			
Reading	33	20	12	1	0	41	101	84		
Wheeling	36	18	14	1	5	38	96	112		
Elmira	35	12	19	2	2	28	86	117		
North Division										
GP	W	L	OL	SL	Pts	GF	GA			
Cincinnati	36	23	11	1	1	48	127	98		
Evansville	34	18	9	3	4	43	117	112		
Kalamazoo	36	19	14	1	2	41	102	95		
Fort Wayne	36	15	13	4	4	39	103	115		
Toledo	34	12	19	3	0	27	104	127		
South Division										
GP	W	L	OL	SL	Pts	GF	GA			
S. Carolina	38	26	9	1	2	55	112	74		
Florida	35	21	11	1	2	45	116	99		
Orlando	35	20	12	1	2	43	99	99		
Greenville	37	18	16	2	1	39	98	100		
Gwinnett	39	15	22	0	2	32	98	121		
WESTERN CONFERENCE										
Mountain Division										
GP	W	L	OL	SL	Pts	GF	GA			
Alaska	34	22	9	2	1	47	114	73		
Colorado	35	19	10	4	2	44	112	96		
Idaho	35	19	12	2	2	42	109	100		
Utah	35	13	16	2	4	32	83	97		
Pacific Division										
GP	W	L	OL	SL	Pts	GF	GA			
Ontario	35	25	6	1	3	54	106	84		
Stockton	36	19	13	0	4	42	123	115		
San Fran.	38	14	19	4	1	33	96	137		
Bakersfield	33	14	17	1	1	30	84	97		
Las Vegas	35	10	22	3	0	23	82	121		

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a win, one point for an overtime or shootout loss.

Friday's Games

Wheeling 5, Greenville 2
Reading 5, Toledo 2
Orlando 4, Florida 3, SO
Gwinnett 5, Kalamazoo 4
South Carolina 4, Cincinnati 1
Elmira 5, Fort Wayne 3
Utah at Idaho, late
Colorado at Ontario, late
San Francisco at Bakersfield, late
Las Vegas at Alaska, late

Tonight's Games

Orlando at Florida, 7 p.m.
Wheeling at Greenville, 7 p.m.
Toledo at Reading, 7:05 p.m.
Gwinnett at Kalamazoo, 7:30 p.m.
South Carolina at Evansville, 8:15 p.m.
Colorado at Ontario, 9 p.m.
Idaho at Utah, 9:05 p.m.
Bakersfield at Stockton, 10:30 p.m.
Las Vegas at Alaska, 11:15 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Ontario at Bakersfield, 7 p.m.
San Francisco at Stockton, 7 p.m.

Patriots' Parsons Surprises at OVAC

South holds overall lead in tournament

By KIM NORTH
For The Intelligencer

WHEELING — There's always a feel-good story at the annual Ron Mauck Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Wrestling Tournament.

Wheeling Park's James Parsons fills that role as the 61st annual tournament completed its second of three days at WesBanco Arena on Friday night.

The Patriots freshman is making the most of his first OVAC Tournament as he advanced to the semifinals with a 10-0 major decision against John Marshall's Brandon Bertrand, the No. 6 seed. Thursday

night, Parsons sent Beaver Local's third-seeded Jack Dawson to the consolation bracket with a 3-2 decision. He made quick work of Shenandoah's Devon Clark in his second-round bout Friday afternoon, pinning him in 14 seconds.

"It feels really good," Parsons said. "I'm excited to be in the semifinals, but I have to give credit to my teammates for working with me, especially Dallas Baciak and Austin DiGiandomenico."

Being unseeded gives Parsons a little added incentive to do well.

"I came in here unseeded and it makes me feel better when I beat seeded guys," he added. "It makes me look better and better each time."

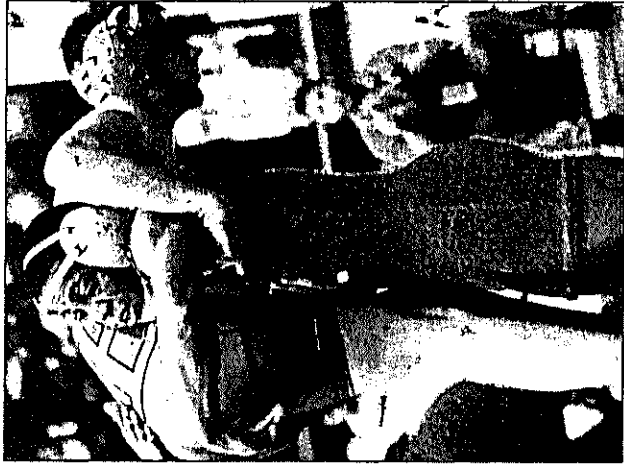
The Patriots' 'Big 5' continued

their marches to individual titles as No. 1 seeds Baciak (120), Dylan Taylor (145), Jonny Davis (152), Eric Banks (160) and Jeremy Paige (220) all joined Parsons in the semifinals.

Taylor is the defending 138-pound titlist, while Paige has been the most dominant thus far. He has won all three of his bouts by pin, including a 6-second fall in the second round Friday afternoon.

"Not only are those five where they are, but they've picked up a lot of bonus points along the way," Wheeling Park coach Jack Doyle said. "When you're involved in a team race, that's always big, but we do have six in the semis."

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Wheeling Park's Eric Banks wins a decision against Beaver Local's Josh Barber in a 160-pound bout.

Photo by Mike Palmer

Huskies' junior tied it in the third. Stewart was once again able to free himself of Pizzino's grasp for a 2-1 edge in the first 30-second extra session.

Stewart, who improved to 31-5, then held off a late attempt by Pizzino in the second 30-second period for the right to meet top-seeded Isaiah Hood, of University, who defeated Steubenville's fourth-seeded Jesse Hubbard, 3-2.

"I worked hard in practice and never made the state, so I decided to take a step up in practice and it's paid off so far," Stewart, who was a district alternate last winter, said.

The last time a Union Local wrestler reached the championship finals was in 2006 with Chase Clark, according to UL head coach Jim Bob Lewis.

Green, the second seed, used a 3-point second period to slip past No. 3 seed Justin Fox, of Cambridge, 3-2.

"My coach tells me to keep attacking and it's working," Green, who improved to 21-2, said. "It feels good to be in the finals."

He placed sixth last year at the same weight.

Green met Wheeling Park top seed Eric Banks in the finals.

Bodkin, the No. 3 seed who didn't compete in the tournament a year ago, posted a 6-4 decision over Brooke's Preston Wise, who was seeded second.

"It's a good feeling to be in the finals, but the job isn't finished yet," Bodkin, who let out a roar after his victory, said.

He was paired with Linsly's Chukwudi Chukwu, the 5th seed, in the finals.

The Cadets' heavyweight nipped top-seeded Thomas Hall, of Parkersburg South, 3-2.

Eight other immediate area wrestlers didn't fare as well in the semis, but were still alive for third through eighth places.

They were Shadyside's Kahl brothers — Josh (120) and Brett (145); Barnesville's Austin Singleton (126); Martins Ferry's Bryce Coleman (152); Buckeye Local's Josh Sokolowski (170); River's Brett Rosen (195); and St. Clairsville's Michael Furbee (220).

In addition to Hall being upset at 285, another No. 1 seed went down when defending champion Dylan Taylor, of Wheeling Park, fell to Parkersburg South's Hunter DeLong, 7-6, at 145.

DeLong was the fifth seed.

One defending champion — Steubenville's Tariq Wilson — was looking for back-to-back titles at 113.

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SPORTS

Caldwell bags first-day lead in 1A/2A at OVAC Wrestling Championships

WHEELING, WV — Caldwell High finds itself atop the Class 1A/2A standings after the first day of the 61st Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Championships at WesBanco Arena.

Coach Tom Brown's Redskins finished the opening round with 19 1/2 points.

Parkersburg South is the overall and Class 5A leader with 44 points; Oak Glen is second overall and leading the Class 4A standings with 41.5 points; and Steubenville Catholic leads in Class 3A with 18 points.

Behind Parkersburg South and Oak Glen in the overall standings are Steubenville (41), Beaver Local (33) and Wheeling Park (32).

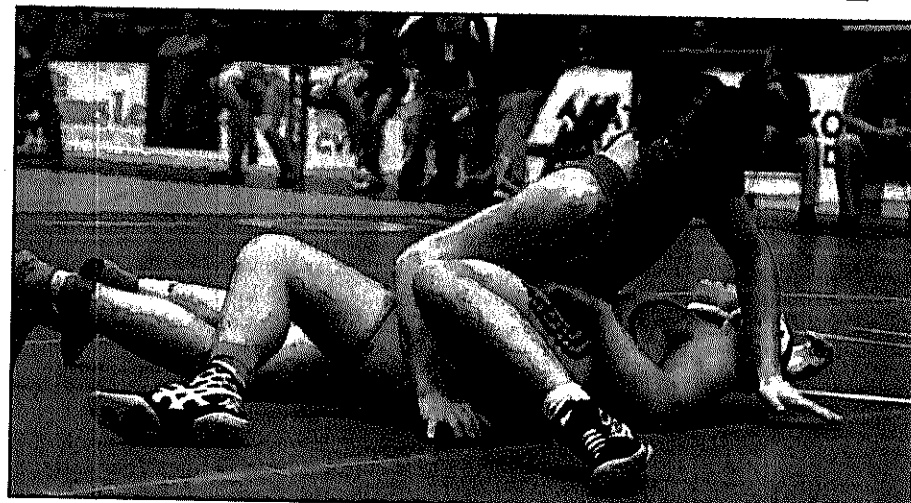
Cambridge is fourth in Class 5A with 27.5 points; Meadowbrook is ninth in Class 4A with 12 points; Barnesville is third in Class 3A with 12 points; and Shenandoah failed to score.

There were only two seeded wrestlers upset in the first round and there were 118 pins recorded in 166 bouts.

First round winners from local teams included:

Cambridge - sixth-seeded Logan Ball (106), Billy Law (138), fourth-seeded Logan Hickenbottom (145), third-seeded Kevin Scrudders (152), third-seeded Eric Fox (160), George Pahoundis (170), seventh-seeded John Mercer (182) and Michael Portis (285).

Meadowbrook - top-seeded Tyler Jenkins (126), sec-



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Cambridge High's George Pahoundis pins Meadowbrook's TJ Love in a 170-pound first round bout at the OVAC Wrestling Championships at WesBanco Arena in Wheeling on Thursday.

ond-seeded Bailey Jenkins (145) and Richard Ramage (160).

Caldwell - sixth-seeded Tyler Wiley (120), fifth-seeded Kolby Rayner (132), top-seeded Kameron Rayner (138), Tyson Cartell (220) and Chance Rucker (285).

Barnesville - sixth-seeded Austin Singleton (126), fifth-seeded Hobie Howler (132) and Butch Holskey (152).

Action continues today, the first session starting at 12 noon with second round action plus first and second round consolation matches. Today's second session starts at 6 p.m. and features championship quarterfinals along with third and fourth round consolation bouts.

Saturday wrestling begins at 12 noon with championship semifinals and the



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Shenandoah High's Jonathan Wood tries to defend a takedown attempt by Toronto's Charles Ross during the OVAC Wrestling Championships on Thursday.

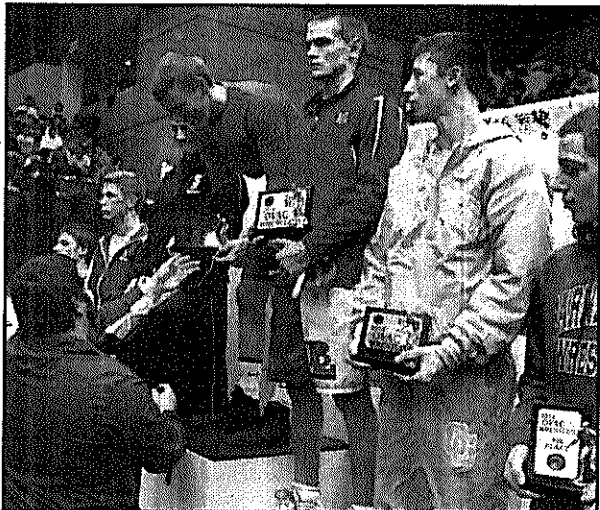
consolation semifinals. That sets the stage for the final session, with introductions and special award presentations at 6 p.m. fol-

lowed at 6:30 by action on four mats with the champions determined along with third/fourth, fifth/sixth and seventh/eighth place bouts.



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The Caldwell High wrestling team proudly shows off its hardware behind the OVAC Class AA/A championship sign at the conclusion of Saturday night action at the 61st Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Championships at WesBanco Arena in Wheeling.



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Meadowbrook High's Tyler Jenkins is congratulated by Coach Jesse Wells as he stands atop the podium after winning the 126-pound division at the 61st Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Championships at WesBanco Arena in Wheeling.



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Caldwell High's Kameron Rayner stands atop the podium as champion of the 138-pound weight class at the 61st Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Championships at WesBanco Arena in Wheeling.

OVAC WRESTLING FINAL TEAM SCORES

61st Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Championships Final Team Scores

Class 5A

Parkersburg South, 264.5; Wheeling Park, 209.5; Beaver Local, 134; University, 120; Cambridge, 109.5; Morgantown, 79; John Marshall, 72; Edison 55.5; Brooke, 53; Indian Creek, 45.

Class 4A

Steubenville, 200; Oak Glen, 139; East Liverpool, 97; Martins Ferry, 80; Harrison Central, 77; Meadowbrook, 70; Union Local, 65; St. Clairsville, 56.5; Buckeye Local, 28; Weir, 18.

Class 3A

Steubenville Catholic, 102; Linsly, 69; Magnolia, 57.5; Monroe Central, 50; Bellaire, 43.5; Barnesville, 38; Shenandoah, 16; Tyler Consolidated, 7.

Class 1A/2A

Caldwell, 92.5; Shadyside, 72.5; Toronto, 65.5; Wellsville, 42; River, 40.5; Cameron, 31; Bridgeport, 27; Beallsville, 14; Madonna, 11; Clay-Battelle, 8; Bishop Donahue 0.

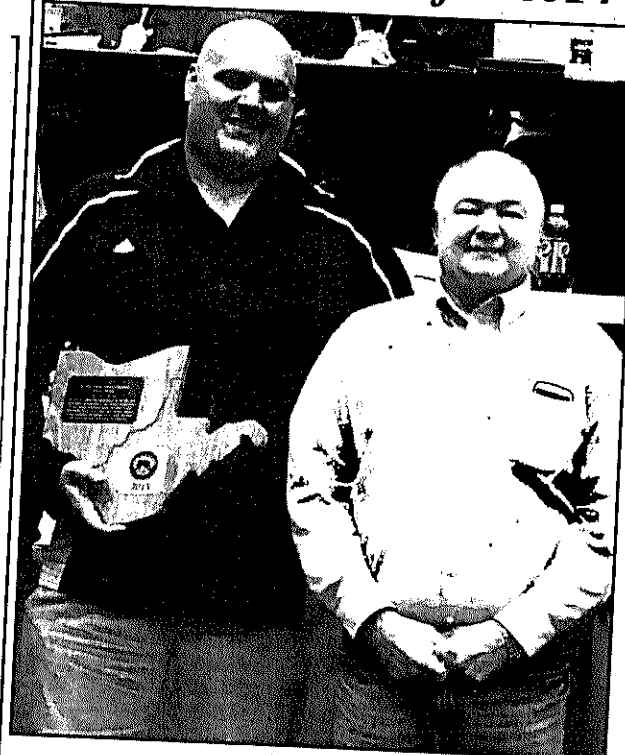
Caldwell's Rucker 7th at OVAC at 285

Caldwell High's Chance Rucker finished in seventh place at the 61st Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Championships in the final bout Saturday night.

Rucker scored a 5-1 decision over Cole Davidson of Weir in the seventh-eighth place consolation bout. Rucker is now 22-10.

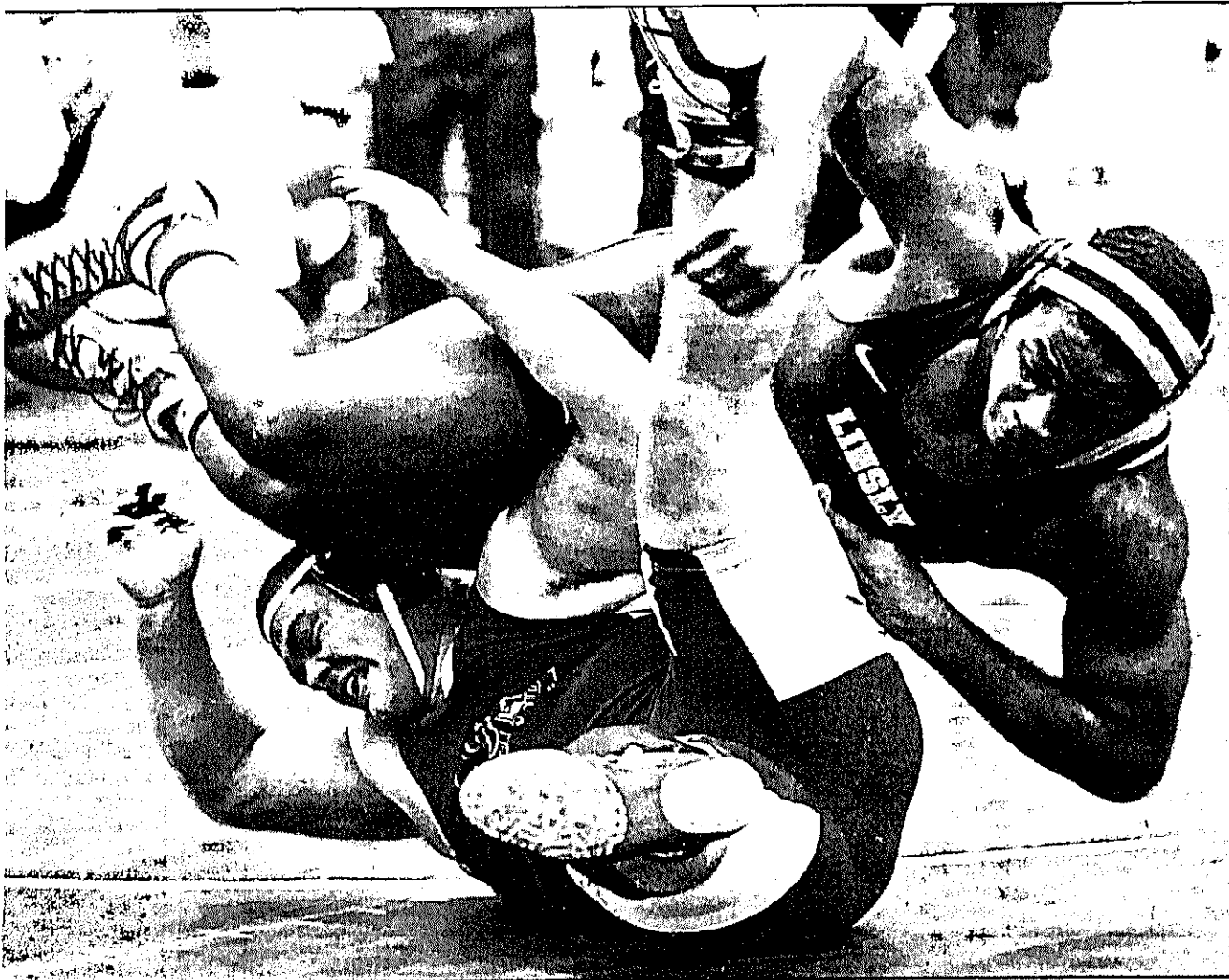


Davis is 'Mr. Mat' for 2014



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Barnesville's Darrell Davis (right) is presented with the prestigious "Mr. Mat" award by one of his former wrestlers, OVAC Hall of Famer Tim Moxley, during festivities at the 61st Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Championships at WesBanco Arena in Wheeling.



MARTINS FERRY'S Jonathan Bodkin tries to get out from underneath Linsley's Chukwudi Chukwu during their 285-pound title match during the 61st annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament. Additional images may be found at cu.timesleaderonline.com

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Bodkin had eyes on the prize

SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Editor

WHEELING — In the 2013 Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament all Martins Ferry's Jonathan Bodkin could do was cheer.

As the 61st annual event opened up Saturday night at the WesBanco Arena, Bodkin was certainly more than just a spectator. Thinking about missing out on the opportunity to take part a year later, Bodkin decided to take matters into his own hands. And it paid the ultimate dividends.

Bodkin was the final wrestler to raise his arm and with that he won the coveted 285-pound OVAC Championship by virtue of a 1-0 victory against Linsley's Chukwudi Chukwu.

(After not being in the tournament last year), it made it even more important and bigger for me to win," Bodkin said. "This has always been my goal and I've worked hard to then to achieve this."

When a sophomore, Bodkin missed each session of the tour-

"IT WAS my fault. I messed up. It really wore on me and was pretty depressing, but I've just kept it in the back of my mind (for motivation)."

— Jonathan Bodkin
Martins Ferry Wrestler

namment at WesBanco Arena, rooted hard for his teammates and paid special attention to the 285-pound weight class, where he would have been competing and a high seed.

However, just a week or so prior to the conference tournament, Bodkin was ejected from a match at St. Clairsville. Ohio High School Athletic Association rules call for a suspension for an ejection.

Despite efforts by then head coach Scott Roth to adjust the schedule, so Bodkin's mandatory suspension would be out of the way prior to the OVAC, his hands were tied.

Bodkin took the medicine like a man.

"It was my fault, I messed up," Bodkin said. "It really wore on me and was pretty depressing, but I've

just kept it in the back of mind. I thought I had a good chance of winning it last year, but I got it now, so that's all that matters."

Yes, he does have the title now. As a freshman, in 2012, Bodkin finished eighth in the tournament.

The title match didn't go exactly how Bodkin envisioned during the hours leading up to the match.

Bodkin, who was giving up a definitive height advantage to Chukwu in the final, just went about his business as he denied the Cadets their first champion since 1997.

"Like Coach Mike Shreve said, 'no matter who you wrestle, they put their shorts the same way you do,'" Bodkin said. "The match actually didn't go as I had expected. I thought I would have to get a takedown, but I was willing to take anything to get a win because, either way, it counts."

After the clock hit all zeros, Bodkin raised his arms and immediately let out some of the loudest screams you'll hear. He did the same thing in the semifinals, too.

It wasn't just excitement that caused Bodkin to scream.

He was actually talking to the late Bubba Coleman, who Bodkin credited for getting him into wrestling as a kid.

"After every match that means something to me and to Coach Bubba, that's just me talking to him," Bodkin explained.

After embracing with first-year head coach Chas Yoder, Bodkin was mobbed at the boards by several family members, friends and supporters.

"Those are all my boys," Bodkin said. "Having Coach (Jim) Hoover, Coach (Jeff) Oberdick, the family here just makes this even more special."

"The support from my family, friends and coaches means so much to me."

With a few more weeks of the regular season remaining before the OHSAA sectional tournament begins next month, Bodkin isn't about to rest on the OVAC title. He's now begun the chase for his first trip to the state tournament.

"This (win) sky rockets my momentum," Bodkin said.

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es. It's a wonder the New England Patriots and Denver Broncos made it this far.

Bill Belichick's smarts and Tom Brady's tenacity always seems to trump tribulation.

This season, they brushed aside the Tim Tebow distraction and overcame Aaron Hernandez's arrest and the losses of Rob Gronkowski, Wes Welker, Vince Wilfork and Jerod Mayo to put the Patriots (13-4) into the AFC championship for the third straight year.

"I'm sure every team is probably at this point overcome a lot," Brady said. "I know Denver has done a lot of those things, too. They've overcome a lot of things and injuries and so forth. It's just part of the NFL

really see where you stand at the end of those 16 weeks, getting to the playoffs, play the best teams and see if you can advance. It's certainly not easy to do. It's very challenging."



Nobody does it better than Brady and Belichick, the best quarterback/coach combo in history with a record 18 playoff wins.

After last year's stumble against Baltimore in the playoffs, John Fox and Peyton Manning also steered the Broncos (14-3) through a minefield to send Denver to its first conference championship in eight years.

"That shock of what happened against the

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the NFC East.

Those are long-standing NFL rivalries.

Add to them 49ers-Seahawks, with a history of nastiness emanating from the college ranks for their coaches, and a hefty animosity built up in annual doubleheaders in their division. Now they meet for a spot in the Super Bowl.

Are those hard feelings for real?

"I think so, but it'll always be that way when you have two good teams in the same division," 49ers receiver Anquan Boldin said. "You play each other a couple times a year and if you're good enough, possibly three times a year. It was the same way when I was in Baltimore playing against Pittsburgh. You respect each other as foes, but there is really a dislike."

action — on the field and on the sideline.

One of these teams will emerge Sunday from ear-splitting CenturyLink Field headlined for New Jersey to play for the sport's biggest prize. The other will carry into the offseason even more loathing for this opponent.

"There is no love lost; there is no love found," said Seahawks cornerback Richard Sherman, who will find himself lined up often against Boldin in the NFC championship game. "It's going to be intense. It's going to be physical. I don't know if there are going to be handshakes after this one."

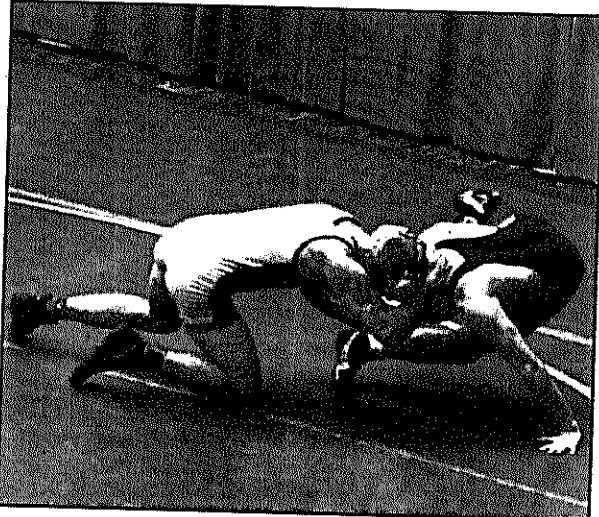
That almost goes without saying with the coaches. When 49ers coach Jim Harbaugh

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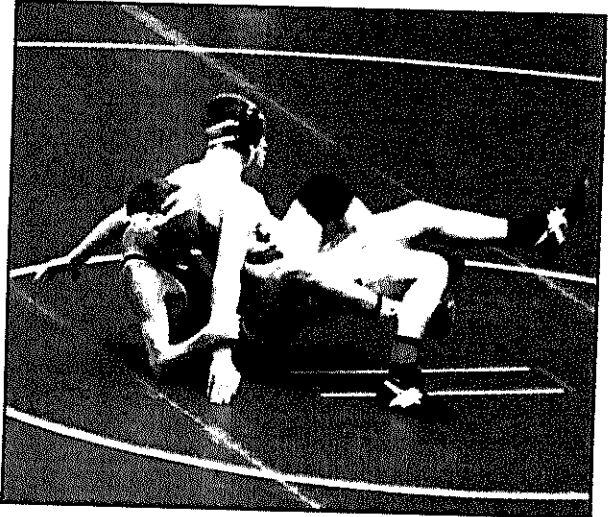
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Meadowbrook High sophomore Bailey Jenkins (facing) tangles with Beallsville's Bruce Sefert during 145-pound action at the 61st Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Championships at WesBanco Arena in Wheeling.



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Cambridge High senior Kevin Scrudders goes for a takedown in a 152-pound bout at the 61st Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Championships at WesBanco Arena in Wheeling.



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Meadowbrook High junior Tyler Jenkins lifts his opponent off the mat during a 126-pound bout at the 61st Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Championships at WesBanco Arena in Wheeling.

Caldwell grapplers regain OVAC Class 1A/2A team title

Meadowbrook's Tyler Jenkins, Caldwell's Kameron Rayner claim individual crowns

ROD JOHNSON
THE DAILY JEFFERSONIAN

WHEELING, WV — The Caldwell High team and two local individuals — Meadowbrook junior Tyler Jenkins and Caldwell senior Kameron Rayner — Saturday night was a night to celebrate at the 61st Ron Mauck, OVAC Wrestling Championships at WesBanco Arena.

Coach Tom Brown's Redskins regained the top spot in the Class 1A/2A division, unseating defending champion Shadyside in the process.

Meadowbrook junior Tyler Jenkins claimed the individual title in the 126-pound weight class while Caldwell senior Kameron Rayner won the 138-pound division, both enjoying perfect 5-0 performances over the three-day event.

Another Colt, sophomore Bailey Jenkins, came up just short as he finished as the runner-up in the 145-pound division.

In the battle for the overall OVAC cham-

ampionship, Parkersburg South wrestled the title away from defending champion Steubenville, with Wheeling Park finishing third.

South, of course, captured the Class 5A crown; Steubenville was the Class 4-A champion and Steubenville Catholic took the Class 3A title.

Meadowbrook's Tyler Jenkins finished off a 5-0 OVAC Tournament by controlling the action throughout in a 10-4 decision against Jason Keyes of Beaver Local.

Jenkins, who entered as the top seed at 126, is now 25-2 on the season, with both losses in matches where he wrestled up in weight class.

His route to the finals included three pinfalls — Brady Nanners of Linsly (0:46), Jason Allen of Caldwell (5:12) and Mike Jones of University (2:43) — and a 7-2 decision over Austin Harris of Parkersburg South in the semis.

Caldwell's Kameron Rayner also lived up to his No. 1 seeding, capturing

the 138-pound division with a narrow 4-3 decision against Cody Hamlin of University.

His first four matches included a pin of Dustin Dayton of Edison (3:16); a pin of Brian Ferguson of Steubenville (1:57); an 8-0 major decision against Austin Digiamdomenico of Wheeling Park; and a 6-3 decision against Dylan Hall of John Marshall in the semis. Rayner is now a sparkling 30-1 on the season.

Meadowbrook's Bailey Jenkins enjoyed a stellar tournament, finishing as the 145-pound runner-up after dropping a 6-1 decision to Hunter DeLong of Parkersburg South in the finals.

The No. 2 seed, Jenkins emerged with a 22-4 overall record. DeLong, the No. 5 seed, had upended top-seeded Dylan Taylor of Wheeling Park in the semifinals.

To reach the finals, he pinned Dashawn Golding of East Liverpool (5:52); pinned Clay Davis of Beaver Local (1:22);

scored a 4-2 decision over Bruce Sefert of Beallsville; and a 9-2 decision over Brett Kahl of Shadyside in the semis.

In third-fourth place bouts: Dylan Taylor of Wheeling Park scored a 14-2 major decision at 145 pounds against Cambridge junior Logan Hickenbottom (29-8).

Liam Bal of University High edged senior Eric Fox of Cambridge (18-6) by a 4-3 score at 160.

In fifth-sixth place bouts: Ryan Debee of Oak Glen pinned Cambridge freshman Logan Ball (31-8) at 106 pounds.

Cody Oiler of East Liverpool scored a 4-2 decision over Barnesville senior Austin Singleton (19-5) at 126.

Sophomore Hobie Howler of Barnesville (14-4) took fifth at 138 with a 4-2 decision over Nick Tice of Oak Glen.

Bryce Coleman of Martins Ferry defeated senior Kevin Scrudders of Cambridge (22-6), 7-3, at 152.

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Caldwell's Hill selected NFHSCA Mid-east Sectional Coach of Year

JEFF HARRISON
THE DAILY JEFFERSONIAN

CALDWELL — Add another prestigious award to the resume of Dugan Hill.

The long-time, highly-successful cross country and track coach at Caldwell High has been named the recipient of the National Federation of High School Coaches Association (NFHSCA) Mid-east Section Coach of the Year award.

The Mid-east Section includes coaches in Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

"It's a tremendous honor," said Hill, who has been involved with the two sports as a coach for 35 years at

Caldwell. "I've been lucky enough to stick around for a long time and have a lot of good kids go through the program.

"It's been a great ride for 40-some years dating back to the start of the program when I was in high school," he continued.

"The program as a whole has enjoyed a lot

of recognition state-wide and beyond. The state hall of fame has three coaches and three athletes from Caldwell and I doubt any other school has that many."

Hill says he hopes to remain the Redskins' coach for many years.

"I don't see a year in the foreseeable future where I won't want to coach," he

said. "I still enjoy it because being involved helps keep you young."

Hill's biggest success has come in cross country where he served as an assistant coach from 1979-86 and has been the head coach since 1987.

He was head coach for the last six years of an unprecedented eight-year run of OHSAA State Cross Country Championships

from 1985-92 (Ron Martin was head coach for the '85 and '86 seasons, the latter of which Caldwell was named the mythical National Champions by XC Legacy magazine).

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Dugan Hill



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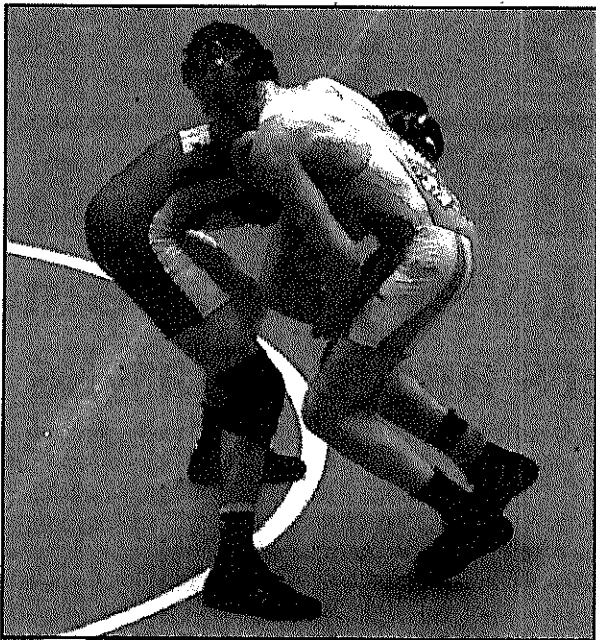
Meadowbrook High's Sydney Black (5) puts up a shot over River View's Bailey Moore (11) and Andi Daugherty (30) during Saturday afternoon's ECOL game at Byesville. The Lady Bears beat the Lady Colts, 56-41.



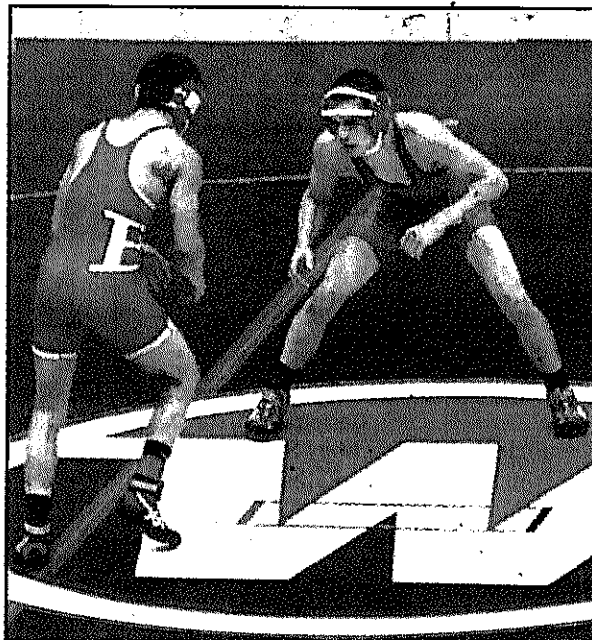
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Cambridge High's Audrey Tingle (4) dribbles the ball toward the basket past Dover's Meghan May (14) during Saturday afternoon's ECOL game at Cambridge High School. The Lady Bobcats won, 51-34.



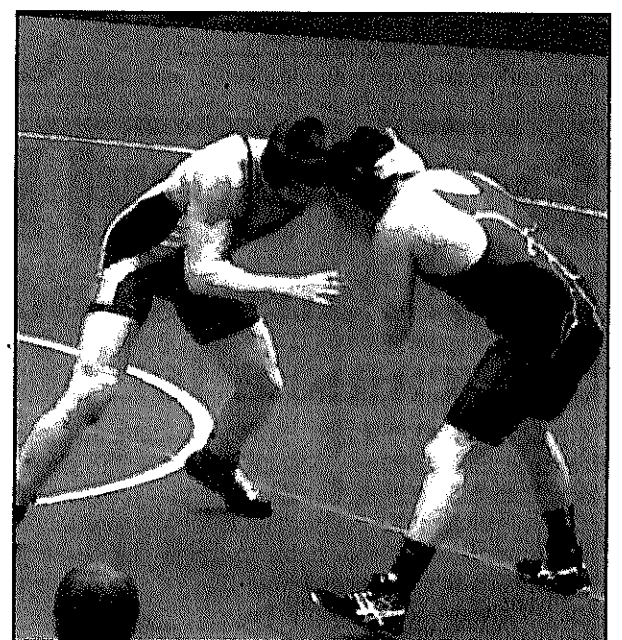
Scenes from 61st Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Championships



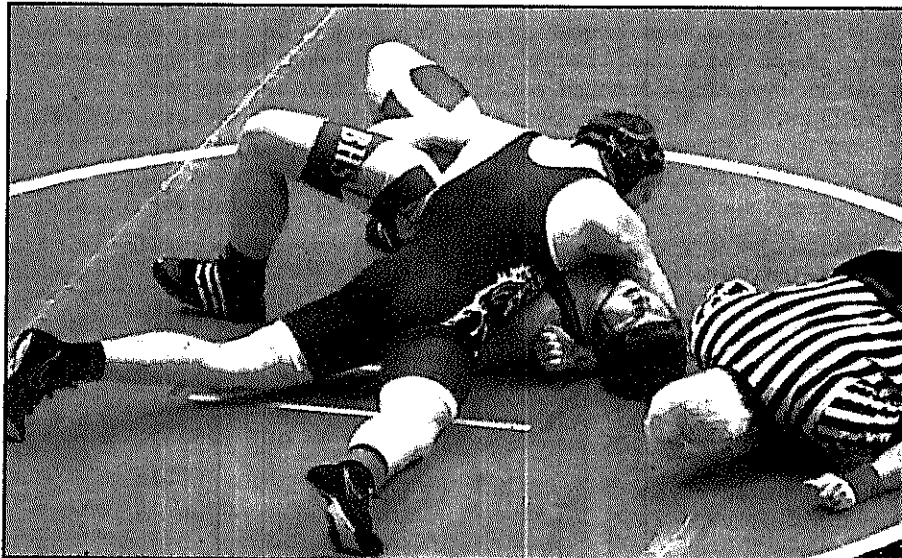
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Caldwell High's Adam Schockling battles for control against Brooke's Michael ReJordan during a 106-pound bout at the 61st Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Championships at WesBanco Arena in Wheeling.



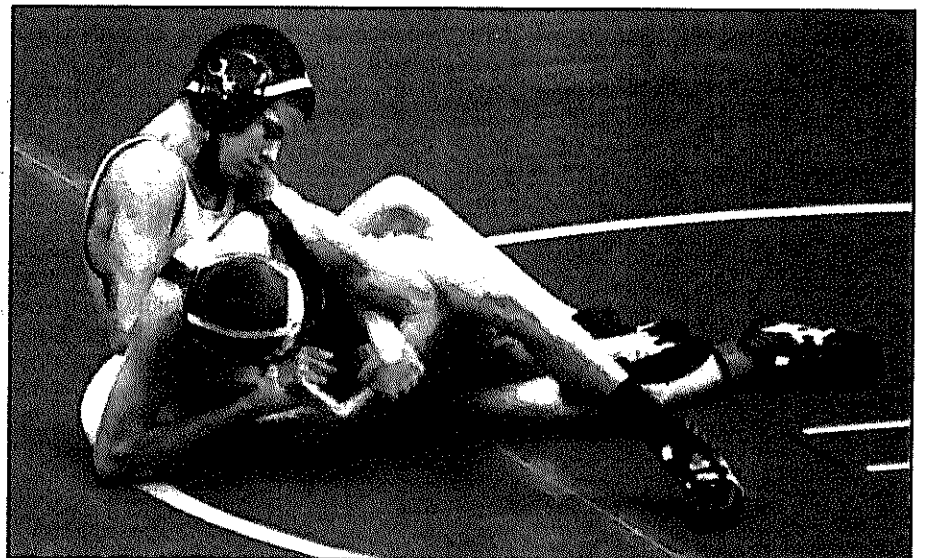
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Barnesville High's Collin Wilson sizes up Beaver Local's Dustin Martsof during a 120-pound bout at the 61st Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Championships at WesBanco Arena in Wheeling.



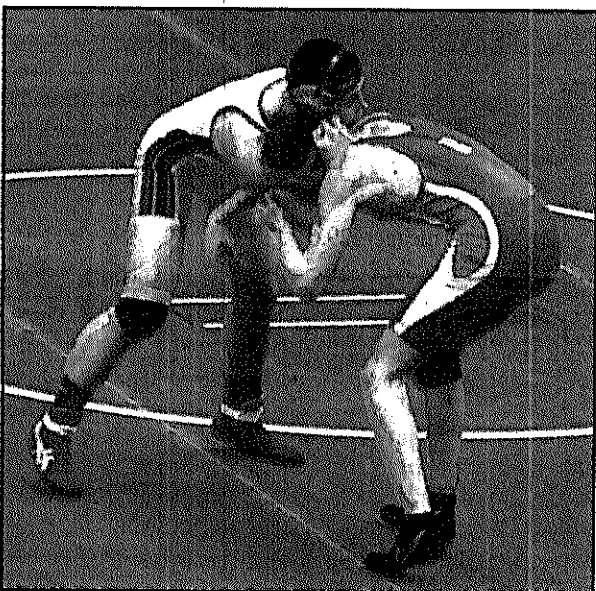
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Shenandoah High's Devin Sills (right) locks horns with Harrison-Central's Cole Howes in a 182-pound match at the 61st Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Championships at WesBanco Arena in Wheeling.



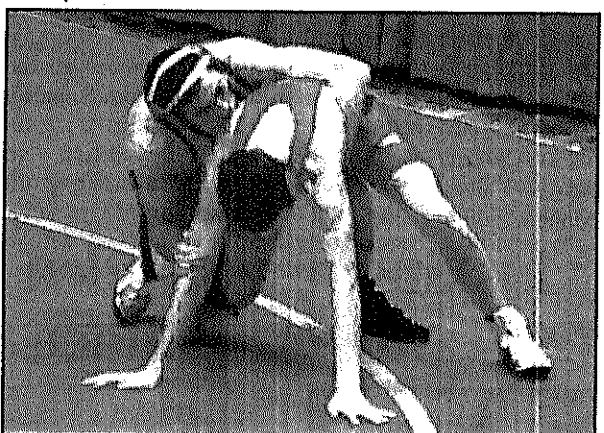
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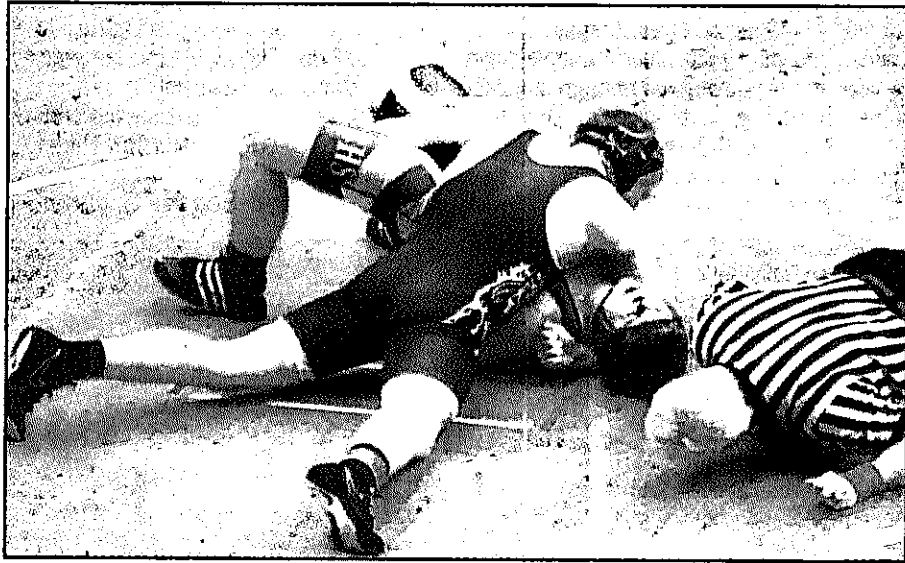
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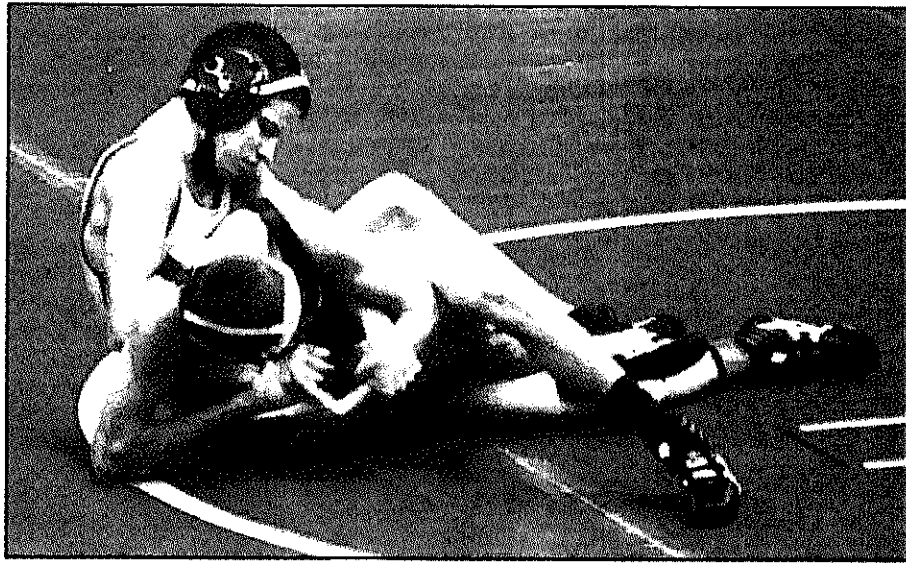
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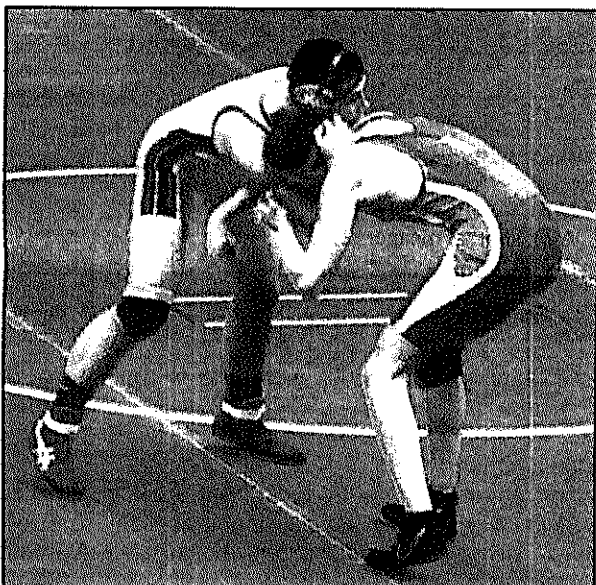
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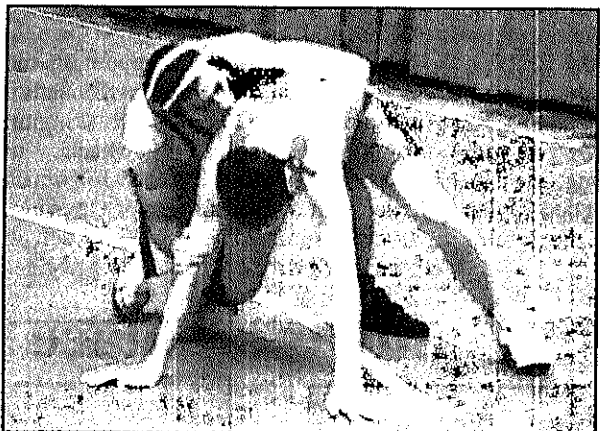
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OVAC Swimming Championships set to begin on Tuesday

With the wrestling tournament in the rear-view mirror, the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference turns its attention to the pool as the Bill Brubaker OVAC Swimming Championships are on the docket this week.

Action begins Tuesday at 5 p.m. with prelims taking place at three locations —Linsly, Brooke and Wheeling Park.

Teams competing at Linsly include Cambridge, Barnesville, Wheeling Central, Morgantown, University and Linsly; the field at Brooke includes Steubenville, Steubenville Catholic, East Liverpool, Edison, Beaver Local, Toronto and Brooke; and the teams at Wheeling Park are Bellaire, St. Clairsville, Parkersburg South, St. John Central, Martins Ferry, John Marshall and Wheeling Park.

The top individuals from the prelims will advance to Saturday's championship meet at the Steubenville High School Natatorium, with swimming beginning at 11:10 a.m.

61st Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Championships begin Thursday

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THE DAILY JEFFERSONIAN

WHEELING, WV —The 61st annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament featuring more than 500 wrestlers from 39 of the conference schools will unfold Thursday through Saturday at WesBanco Arena.

By the end of the event, 14 individual champions will be crowned while and overall team champion will be determined along with the five division champions.

The start of the event on Thursday will again feature the lavish opening ceremonies at 6 p.m., with wrestling set to begin at 6:30. The first night will feature prelims and first round bouts.

On Friday, the first session gets underway at 12 noon and will include second

round action plus first and second round consolation matches. Friday's second session starts at 6 p.m. and features championship quarterfinals along with third and fourth round consolation bouts.

Saturday will begin at 12 noon with championship semifinals and the consolation semifinals. That sets the stage for the final session, with introductions and special award presentations at 6 p.m. followed at 6:30 by action on four mats with the champions determined along with third/fourth, fifth/sixth and seventh/eighth place bouts.

Last year's overall champion was Steubenville High (coached by Mike Blackburn). The division champs were Parkersburg South (Class 5A), Steubenville (Class 4A), River (Class 3A) and Shadyside (Class 2A/1A).

Local teams competing include Cambridge (Class 5A), Meadowbrook (Class 4A), Barnesville and Shenandoah (Class 3A) and Caldwell (Class 2A/1A).

Cambridge had the most seeds among local teams with six. That group includes senior Kevin Scrudders (19-3), third at 152; senior Eric Fox (15-4), third at 160; junior Logan Hickenbottom (25-6), fourth at 145; freshman Logan Ball (26-6), sixth at 106 pounds; junior John Mercer (25-7), seventh at 182; and senior Nick Antalis (9-6), eighth at 195.



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"We had three seeded and so did

Shadyside, so we expect a real battle with them," said Redskins' coach Tom Brown. "A good thing for us is a lot of our younger guys got experience here last year, so hopefully that will pay off."

The Redskins also had two alternate seeds - freshman Sheldon Archer (4-1) at 182 and junior Tyson Cartell (12-5) at 220.

Meadowbrook received a pair of high seeds as junior Tyler Jenkins (20-2) was selected No. 1 at 126 and sophomore Bailey Jenkins (18-3) is second at 145.

"They're both tough kids," said Colts' coach Jesse Wells. "Now, they just have to go out and wrestle tough this weekend."

Barnesville had two seeds - sophomore Hobie Howler (9-3) is fifth at 138 and senior Austin Singleton (16-3) is sixth at 126.

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OVAC mat tourney set to begin

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In addition to Meadowbrook's Tyler Jenkins and Caldwell's Kameron Rayner, the other No. 1 seeds include freshman Greg Quinn of Shadyside (22-0) at 106; sophomore Tariq Wilson of Steubenville (24-1) at 113; junior Dallas Baciak of Wheeling Park (20-2) at 120; senior Isiah Hood of University (25-5) at 132; junior Dylan Taylor of Wheeling Park (19-2) at 145; senior Jonny Davis of Wheeling Park (19-3) at 152; senior Eric Banks of Wheeling Park (11-0) at 160; junior Brandon Jones of Steubenville (21-4) at 170; junior Mitchell Wells of Edison (22-2) at 182; senior John Miscuk of East Liverpool (17-6) at 195; senior Jeremy Paige of Wheeling Park (11-1) at 220;

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Among the special awards to be presented throughout the event are the Mr. Mat Award and the Dave Bierkorette Outstanding Wrestler Award (voted on by the coaches).

OVAC champions from 1989 will be recognized on their 25-year reunion during the weekend. Among that group were a pair of Meadowbrook grapplers - Troy Keith (130 pounds) and Dick Snyder (heavyweight).

Tickets for the tournament are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students for a single session (\$8 and \$5 for the finals) while a full five-session ticket book costs \$25 for adults and \$15 for students.

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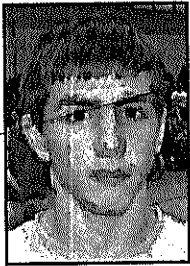
Four area matmen in finals

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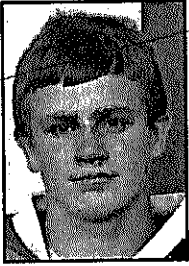
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Complete coverage of the championship finals can be found on www.timesleaderonline.com and in Monday's edition.

Shadyside freshman Greg Quinn (106), Union Local's Bobby Stewart (132), Bellaire's Myliek Green (160) and Martins Ferry's Jonathan Bodkin (285) posted impres-



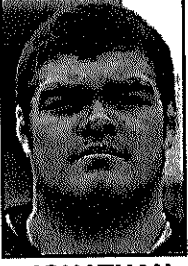
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sive victories Saturday afternoon during the championship semifinal round at WesBanco Arena.

Quinn, the top seed, improved to a spotless 26-0

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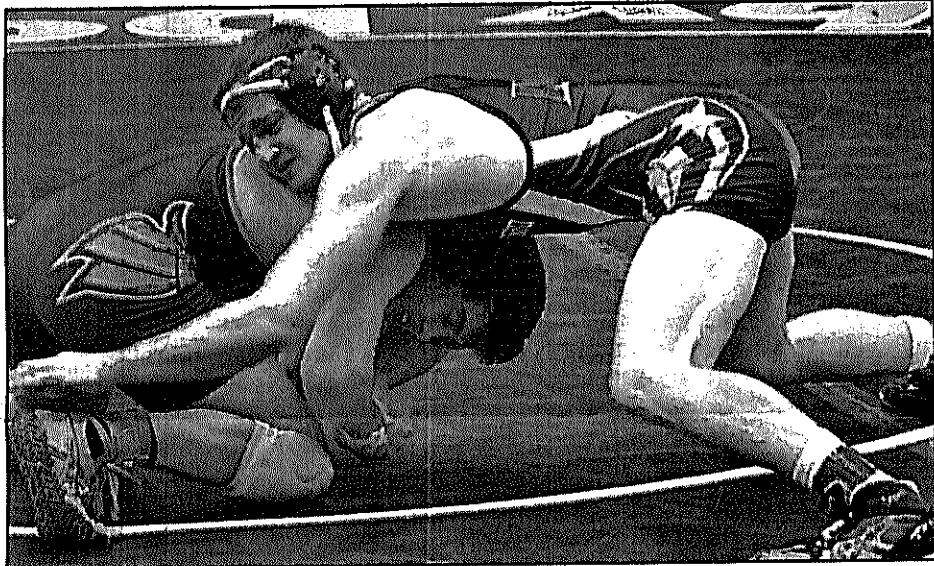
the mat thus far was 7:48.

"It feels really good," Quinn said of reaching the finals as a freshman.

He was paired with East Liverpool's second-seeded junior Alex Potts, who was 31-1 entering the finals. Potts, who pinned Linsly's third-seeded Tommy Curtin in 3:12, was third at the same weight a year ago.

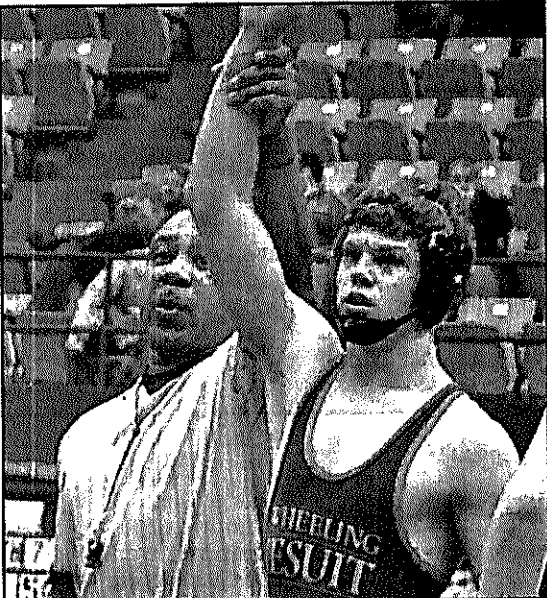
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ABOVE: West Liberty's Bryan Skoff, a Bridgeport High graduate, wrestles against Wheeling Jesuit's John Gershom during their 157-pound match Saturday morning. Skoff won, 13-2.

AT RIGHT: Wheeling Jesuit's Damon Outward, a Martins Ferry graduate, has his arm raised after defeating West Liberty's Dillon Nolte, who is from St. Clairsville. Outward won, 8-6. Additional images may be found at cu.timesleaderonline.com



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West Liberty wins first dual with Cardinals

By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Editor

WHEELING – The sport of wrestling is alive and well in the Ohio Valley.

Hours before the nation's largest high school conference tournament wrapped up Saturday night with the finals of the 61st annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament, a newly born college rivalry was just heating up.

For the first time, Ohio County rivals West Liberty and Wheeling Jesuit clashed on the mats.

And similar to other sports that the Hilltoppers and Cardinals meet in, both teams wanted to win in the worst way.

"I think Sean is doing a great job at Wheeling Jesuit and they have a nice, young team, but (dang) it feels good to beat them," said West Liberty head coach Brian Davis after his team's 28-11 victory. "I felt real confident going in that the match was going to go the way it did."

Wheeling Jesuit head coach Sean Doyle didn't come to downtown Wheeling Saturday seeking any kind of respect or moral victories.

"I am not happy at all," Doyle said. "Probably less than 10 percent of the people probably thought we had a chance, but we did. I expected to win the dual meet."

The Hilltoppers, who have a highly respected Division II mat program, jumped out early with a pin by Oak Glen product Zach Brown

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Barnesville's Davis named Mr. Mat

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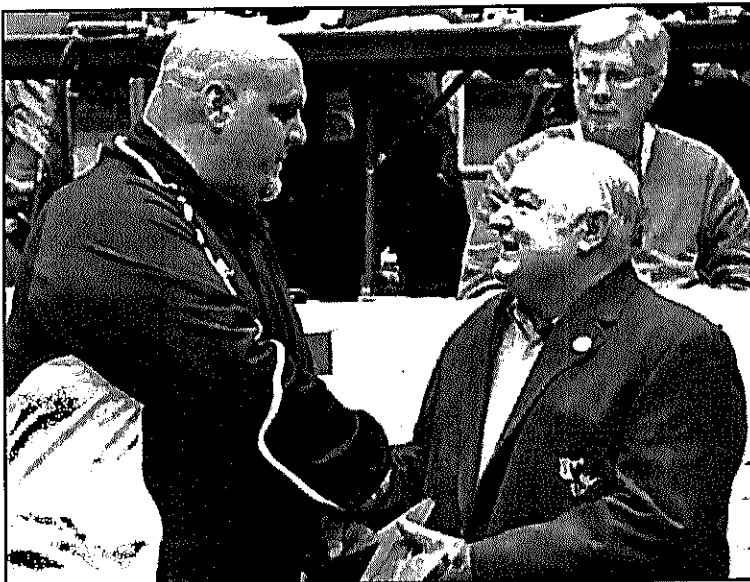
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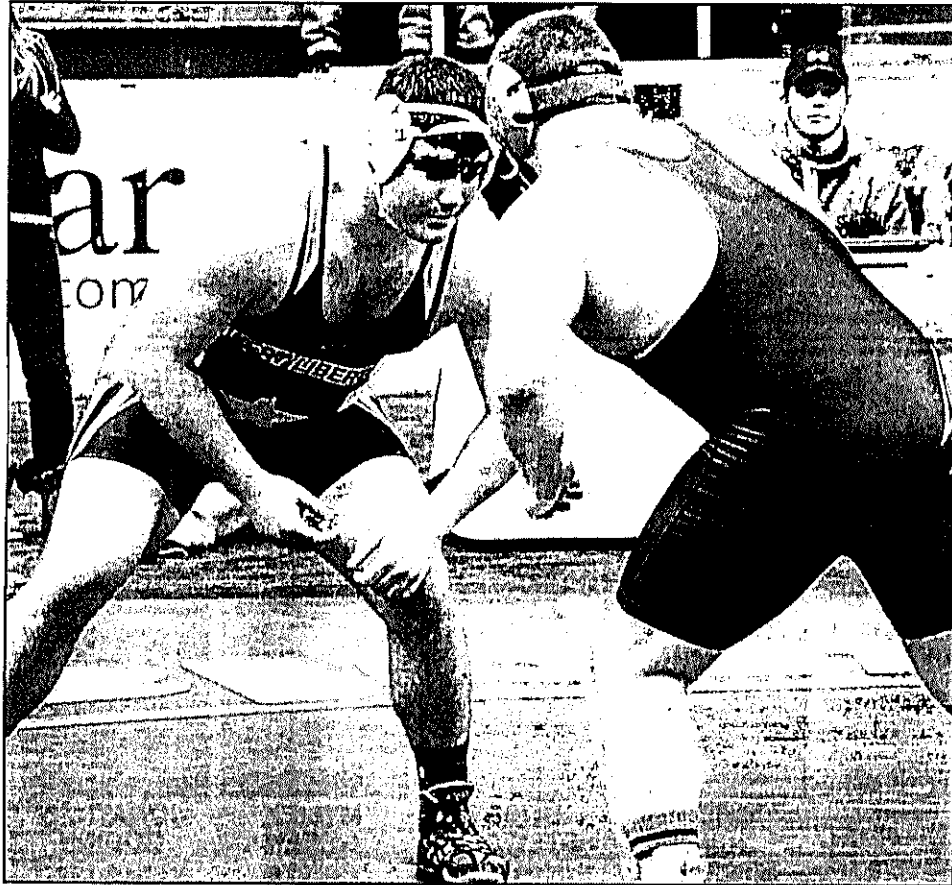
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FORMER BARNESVILLE wrestling coach Darrell Davis, left, was presented the prestigious Mr. Mat Award prior to the start of Saturday's finals by Tim Moxley.

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WEST LIBERTY'S Aaron Silverio, a Shadyside High product, circles the mat against Wheeling Jesuit's Corey Siegfried during their 285-pound bout Saturday morning at WesBanco Arena. Silverio prevailed, 2-0.

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and never looked back en route to the victory.

"That was a huge (win)," Davis said of Brown's victory. "Our kids worked hard all week, we were prepared, they stuck to the gameplan and we got a nice (team) win."

While the Cardinals, who are in their first season of wrestling, had the entire week off to prepare, the Hilltoppers had two duals on their campus earlier in the week.

"We were taking it one match at a time, and I think we wrestled well all week," Davis said. "I am really impressed with how our guys kept it together all week because three duals in one week is tough. They didn't miss a beat today."

West Liberty picked up a 5-1 decision at 135 when Bryce Gainer decisioned Scott Lopez.

"In the lower weights, there might have been some individuals that the moment (of facing West Liberty) might have got to them a little bit because we saw some wrestling that we weren't expecting at all," Doyle said. "Give West Liberty credit for that, too. I think they wanted to come out and set the tone. Being very candid, Scott (Lopez) probably wrestled the poorest match of his season, but he's dealing with injury and didn't wrestle live all week, so that probably played a role in it, too."

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At 149, West Liberty's Daniel Carpenter recorded another pin. He held down Dominick Nania at the 3:12 mark.

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Ferry's Bodkin is lone area champion

• South wins team title;
Park wins four crowns

By KIM NORTH
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The Purple Riders' junior 285-pounder held off a stiff challenge from Linsly's Chukwudi Chukwu, 3-1, in the last bout of the tournament.

"It's a great feeling," Bodkin said while being congratulated by family, teammates and friends. "Really great."

Bodkin, who was seeded No. 3, scored two of his three points on penalty infractions by the Cadets' junior. The other came on an escape. Chukwu escaped in the third period for his lone tally.

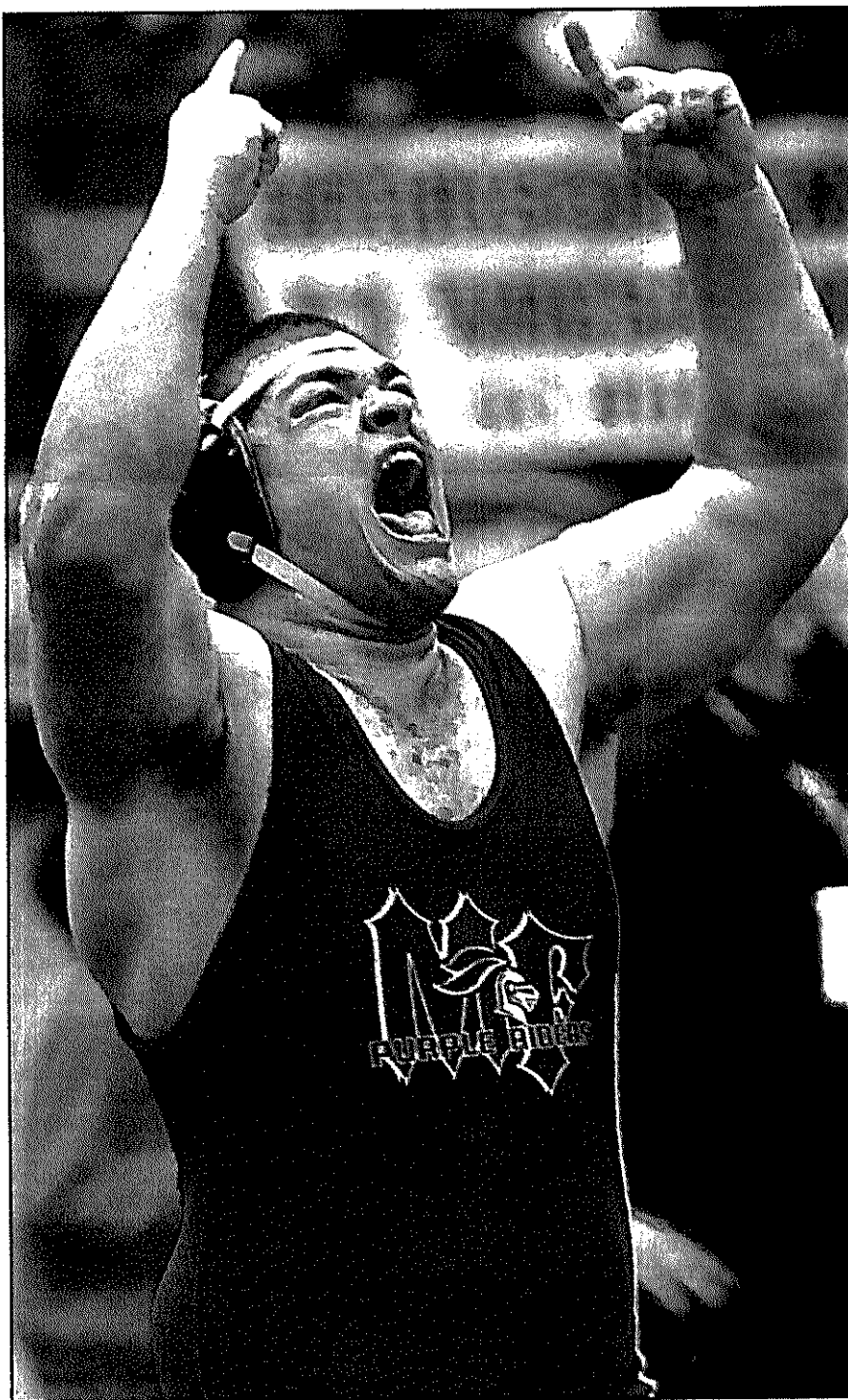
With the hard-earned victory, Bodkin improved to 23-1.

He was one of four wrestlers from the immediate area that advanced to the finals, but, unfortunately for the other three, things didn't work out their way.

Shadyside's Greg Quinn, Union Local's Bobby Stewart and Bellaire's Myliek Green all turned in splendid efforts, but they weren't quite enough as all three came up just short of their goal.

The top-seeded and previously undefeated Quinn dropped a tough 4-2 decision to East Liverpool's second-seeded Alex Potts. The Potters' junior scored an early takedown to start the bout, but the Tigers' freshman countered with a late first-period escape. After a

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MARTINS FERRY'S Jonathan Bodkin celebrates after winning the 285 pound title during Saturday night's 61st annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament inside Wheeling's WesBanco Arena. Additional images can be found at cu.timesleaderonline.com

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scoreless second period, Potts executed a reversal for a 4-1 advantage. Quinn recorded a late escape for the final margin.

Quinn is now 26-1, while Potts improved to 32-1 and placed for the third straight year. He was eighth as a freshman and third as a sophomore.

"Alex is a tough kid and we knew that going in," Shadyside head coach Sean Grinch said of Potts. "He's good in all positions and is a great scrambler. It was a great match by two good kids."

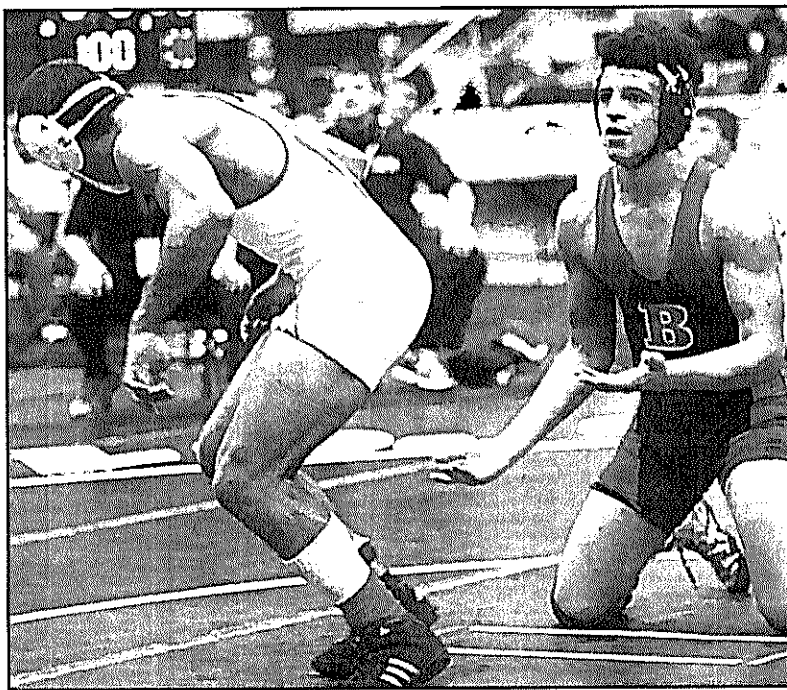
Stewart, who was seeded third, was locked in a scoreless battle with University's top-seeded Isaiah Hood through two periods, but the Hawks' senior scored a trio of points in the third period for a 3-1 nod.

Stewart is now 31-6 on the year, while Hood, who placed sixth in both the OVAC and W.Va. state meet at 126 a year ago, went to 30-5.

"Bobby wrestled a great tournament and I couldn't be any prouder of him," Union Local head coach Jim Bob Lewis said. "We strive every day to get better in practice and knowing Bobby, he'll pick it up a pace in the practice room and start getting ready for the sectionals, districts and states."

Green suffered, perhaps, the toughest loss of the three when he was outlasted, 6-5, by Wheeling Park's top-seeded Eric Banks at 160 in sudden-death overtime.

The two athletic combatants were tied at four after three two-minute periods, but Green, the Big Reds' No. 2 seed, posted an escape in the first 30-second OT. Banks, who remained unbeaten at 17-0, got an escape of his own in the second 30-second extra session to knot things at five. Because Banks scored the first points of the match, he was given the option of what position he wanted. He took down and escaped just seven seconds in



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BELLAIRE'S Myliek Green, right, reacts as Wheeling Park's Eric Banks recorded a quick escape during Saturday night's 160 pound championship bout. Banks won in sudden-death overtime.

for the victory.

"That was a heartbreaker to lose," Bellaire head coach Mick Nicola said. "We wrestled pretty much to our game plan. We wanted to keep our hands up because he (Banks) is probably the best athlete in this building."

"Myliek wrestled a very good match," Nicola continued. "We're only half way through the season. Now we start preparing for the state tournament."

Green is now 21-3.

Other champions included Steubenville's Tariq Wilson, the No. 1 seed, who won at 106 a year ago; Wheeling Park's top-seeded Dallas Baciak at 120; Meadowbrook's No. 1 seed Tyler Jenkins at 126; Caldwell's top-seeded Kameron Rayner at 138;

Parkersburg South's Hunter DeLong, who was seeded fifth, at 145; Wheeling Park's top-seeded Jonny Davis at 152; Steubenville Central's No. 2 seeded Leo Hermann at 170; Parkersburg South's third-seeded Justin Allman at 182; East Liverpool's John Miscuk (195) and Wheeling Park's Jeremy Paige (220).

Shadyside had another pair of placewinners in the Kahl brothers - Josh (120) and Brett (138). Josh, just a freshman, and Brett, a sophomore, both finished fifth.

Barnesville had a pair of placers in Austin Singleton who was sixth at 126, while Hobie Howler finished fifth at 138. He was third at 120 a year ago.

Buckeye Local's Josh Sokolowski came in fifth at 170

pounds.

Harrison Central had four placewinners in Hunter Pizzino (3rd, 132), Brandon White (5th, 113), David Forrester (7th, 126) and Cole Howes (7th, 182).

In addition to Bodkin, a trio of other Purple Riders reached the podium. They were Thomas Campbell (8th, 103), James Wise (7th, 145) and Bryce Coleman (5th, 152).

Monroe Central had two individuals receive medals, those being Rodney Richter (4th, 120) and Tanner Potts (7th, 220).

The River pair of Kole Smith (6th, 170) and Eric Rosen (6th, 195) also placed.

St. Clairsville also had two placewinners, Cole Skaggs (7th, 160) and Michael Furbee (3rd, 220).

In addition to Stewart, Union Local's Zac Sowers (8th, 145) also placed.

Team-wise, Parkersburg South ran away from the 39-team field with a whopping 264.5, which was 55 more than second-place Wheeling Park. The Ohio County Patriots used a late rally to slip past defending champion Steubenville, which finished third with an even 200.

Oak Glen and Beaver Local were fourth and fifth, respectively, with 139 and 134.

The top finisher from the immediate area was Martins Ferry at 11th with 80 points, thanks to four placewinners. Harrison Central was 13 with 77, one spot and 4.5 points ahead of Shadyside. Union Local (65) was 19th, St. Clairsville (56.5) 21st and Monroe Central (50) 24th.

The Wood County Patriots also captured the Class 5-A title, while Steubenville won 4-A, Steubenville Central 3-A and Caldwell 2-A/1-A.

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61st Annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament Results

TEAM SCORING:
1. Parkersburg South 264.5; 2. Wheeling Park 209.5; 3. Steubenville 200; 4. Oak Glen 139; 5. Beaver Local 134; 6. University 120; 7. Cambridge 109.5; 8. Steubenville Central 102; 9. East Liverpool 97; 10. Caldwell 92.5; 11. Martins Ferry 80; 12. Morgantown 79; 13. Harrison Central 77; 14. Shadyside 72.5; 15. John Marshall 72; 16. Meadowbrook 70; 17. Linsly 69; 18. Toronto 65.5; 19. Union Local 65; 20. Magnolia 57.5; 21. St. Clairsville 56.5; 22. Edison 55.5; 23. Brooke 53; 24. Monroe Central 50; 25. Indian Creek 45; 26. Bellaire 43.5; 27. Wellsville 42; 28. River 40.5; 29. Barnesville 38; 30. Cameron 31; 31. Buckeye Local 28; 32. Bridgeport 27; 33. Weir 18; 34. Shenandoah 16; 35. Beasville 14; 36. Madonna 11; 37. Clay-Battelle 8; 38. Tyler Consolidated 7; 39. Bishop Donahue 0

CLASS 5-A
Parkersburg South 264.5; Wheeling Park 209.5; Beaver Local 134; University 120; Cambridge 109.5; Morgantown 79; John Marshall 72; Edison 55.5; Brooke 53; Indian Creek 45

CLASS 4-A
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CLASS 3-A
Steubenville Catholic Central 102; Linsly 69; Magnolia 57.5; Monroe Central 50; Bellaire 43.5; Barnesville 38; Shenandoah 16; Tyler Consolidated 7

CLASS 1 & 2-A
Caldwell 92.5; Shadyside 72.5; Toronto 65.5; Wellsville 42; River 40.5; Cameron 31; Bridgeport 27; Beasville 14; Madonna 11; Clay-Battelle 8; Bishop Donahue 0

CHAMPIONSHIP SEMIFINALS
106 - Quinn (Shady) p. Daboe (OG), 4:23; Potts (EL) p. Curtin (L), 3:12
113 - Tariq Wilson (Steub) d. Hague (IC), 12-4; Wyke (OG) p. Parsons (WP), 2:35
120 - Baciak (WP) p. Kahl (Shady), 0:40; Goff (Steub) d. Wood (Cam), 4-1
126 - Jenkins (Mead) d. Harris (PS), 7-2; Keyes (BvL) md. Singleton (Barn), 12-0
132 - Hood (U) d. Hubbard (Steub), 3-2; Stewart (UL) d. Pizzino (HC), 2-1 OT
138 - Rayner (Cald) d. Hall (JM), 6-3; Hamlin (U) d. Hesson (BvL), 5-3 OT
145 - DeLong (PS) d. Taylor (WP), 7-6; Jenkins (Mead) d. Kahl (Shady), 9-2
152 - Davis (WP) p. Coleman (MF), 2:40; Lopez (U) d. Scudders (Camb), 9-5
160 - Banks (WP) d. Gandee (PS), 5-2; Green

(Bea) d. Fox (Camb), 3-2
170 - Jones (Steub) d. Dixon (PS), 4-3; Hermann (SCC) d. Sokolowski (BuL), 16-6
182 - Wells (E) d. Nice (Mag), 4-2; Allman (PS) d. Mercer (Camb), 6-0
195 - Miscuk (EL) d. Newhart-Koreski (PS), 3-2; Sanford (SCC) d. Rosen (R), 6-2
220 - Paige (WP) d. Furbee (STC), 6-4; Bloor (Weir) d. Eibert (JM), 3-2
285 - Chukwu (L) d. Hall (PS) 3-2; Bodkin (MF) d. Wise (Brk), 6-4

CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS
106 - Alex Potts (EL) d. Greg Quinn (Shady), 4-2
113 - Tariq Wilson (Steub) p. Wyke (OG), 2:14
120 - Dallas Baciak (WP) d. Dakota Goff (Steub), 8-6
126 - Tyler Jenkins (Mead) d. Jason Keyes (BvL), 10-4
132 - Isaiah Hood (U) d. Bobby Stewart (UL), 3-1
138 - Kameron Rayner (Cald) d. Hamlin (U), 4-3
145 - Hunter DeLong (PS) d. Bailey Jenkins (Mead), 6-1
152 - Jonny Davis (WP) md. Ryan Lopez (U), 18-9
160 - Eric Banks (WP) d. Myliek Green (Bea), 6-5, sudden death OT
170 - Leo Hermann (SCC) p. Brandon Jones (Steub), 2:28

182 - Justin Allman (PS) d. Mitchell Wells (E), 6-2
195 - John Miscuk (EL) d. Isaac Sanford (SCC), 9-5
220 - Jeremy Paige (WP) p. Seth Bloor (Weir), 3:27
285 - Jonathan Bodkin (MF) d. Chukwudi Chukwu (L), 3-1

THIRD-FOURTH PLACE
106 - Curtin (L) d. Cline (PS), 7-1
113 - Parsons (WP) d. Dawson (BvL), 5-4
120 - Nangle (PS) d. Richter (MC), 5-0
126 - Harris (PS) d. Cornell (OG), 4-2
132 - Pizzino (HC) d. Hubbard (Steub), 2-1
138 - Hesson (BvL) d. Hall (JM), 3-0
145 - Taylor (WP) md. Hickenbottom (Camb), 14-2
152 - Alexander (PS) d. Moray (Steub), 4-2
160 - Bal (U) d. Fox (Camb), 4-3
170 - Dixon (PS) p. Lowery (T), 4:32
182 - Nice (Mag) d. Watring (Morg), 3-1 OT
195 - Now-Koreski (PS) d. Albertson (Steub), 3-1
220 - Furbee (STC) d. Eibert (JM), 5-2
285 - Wise (Brk) d. Hall (PS), 2-1

FIFTH-SIXTH PLACE
106 - Debee (OG) p. Ball (Camb), 4:01
113 - White (HC) d. Hague (IC), 3-1
120 - Wood (Cam) d. Kahl (Shady), 4-3
126 - Oiler (EL) d. Singleton (Barn), 4-2

132 - Flowers (OG) p. Lambotte (PS), 1:58
138 - Howler (Barn) d. Tice (OG), 4-2
145 - Livingston (Steub) d. Kahl (Shady), 4-2
152 - Coleman (MF) d. Scudders (Camb), 7-3
160 - Gandee (PS) d. Barber (BuL)
170 - Sokolowski (BuL) d. Smith (R), 7-4
182 - Mercer (Camb) p. Borden (SCC), 1:43
195 - Myers (WP) p. Rosen (R), 4:11
220 - Dillner (PS) d. Oparanozie (L), 7-5
285 - Marisoff (BvL) d. Popolowski (Steub), 3-1

SEVENTH-EIGHTH PLACE
106 - Bookman (BvL) d. Campbell (MF), 4-1
113 - Bertrand (JM) d. Nice (Mag), 3-2 OT
120 - Wiley (Cald) p. Starkey (Tor), 4:18
126 - Forrester (HC) d. Gaydosch (IC), 3-0
132 - Rayner (Cald) d. Kiedrowski (SCC), 2-1
138 - Windland (PS) d. DiGiandomenico (WP), 7-5 OT
145 - Wise (MF) d. Sowers (UL), 5-2
152 - Lawrence (Morg) p. Crosby (SCC), 2:07
160 - Skaggs (STC) p. Daffinbaugh (Steub), 3:19
170 - Watring (Morg) by forfeit over Pahoundis (Camb)
182 - Howes (HC) d. Doll (Brk), 6-3
195 - Fisher (JM) p. Leggett (E), 2:02
220 - Potts (MC) d. Maun (Morg), 3-1
285 - Plucker (Cald) d. Davidson (Weir), 5-1

Tournament memories will last a lifetime for some

By KIM NORTH
Times Leader Sports Writer

WHEELING — Another Ron Mauck Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Wrestling Tournament has come and gone, but there are a lot of memories that will last forever.

The 61st annual event concluded a three-day stay inside WesBanco Arena without a hitch, except for a brief delay on the opening night due to an internet snafu in the facility's box office.

Congratulations go out to the 14 individual champions, and the team champions.

Twenty-three local wrestlers reached the podium during the weekend, with four of them advancing to the championship finals.

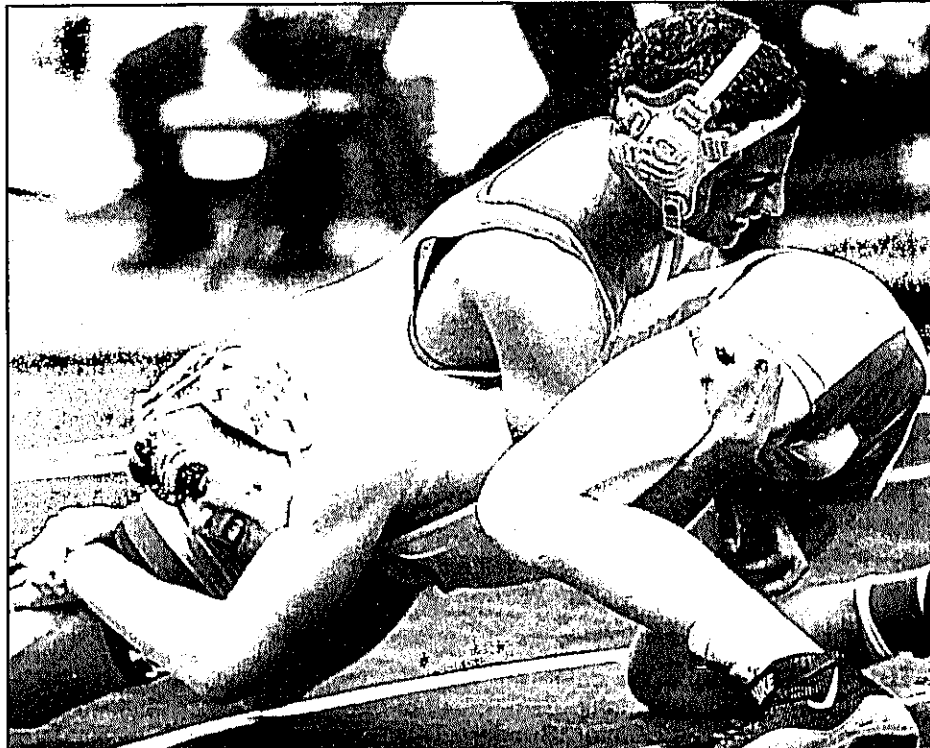
While all the attention was focused on the wrestlers, there are always some behind-the-scenes people that get overlooked.

Unless there is a bad call on the mat, nobody really pays attention to the two men in the back-and-forth striped shirts with the whistles in their mouths.

A dozen individuals, also known as referees, spent the weekend overseeing the bouts.

They included Paul Coffland, Duane Coffland, Jim Copney, Rick Gosier, Ed "Buzzy" Evans, Rich Cavilin, Ray Jefferis, Shane McDow, Ray Marling, Jack Regis, Brian McWilliams and Babe Sidon.

Also on hand were West Virginia state rules interpreter Dr.



UNION LOCAL'S Bobby Stewart tries to get control of a leg of University's Isiah Hood during their 132-pound championship match Saturday night at WesBanco Arena in the finals of the 61st annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Championship.

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William Welker, along with Ohio rules interpreter Ray Anthony.

Taking Care of the Injured

Six local doctors were on hand over the weekend just in case a wrestler, coach, volunteer or fan needed assistance.

They were Todd Fullerton, Tom Giovengo, Don Clegg, Morgan Campbell, Dr. Fritz Braunlich and Dr. Mike Myers.

Long Time Coming

When Steubenville Central's Leo Hermann defeated city rival

Brandon Jons, of Steubenville, for the 170-pound title, it marked the first time since the mid-1990s that a Crusader has stood atop the podium.

The last? Chinedu Achebe who went on to Iowa State.

Almost Every Team Has Placerwinner

Of the 39 teams entered in the three-day event, only seven did not have a wrestler finish in the top eight of their respective weight class.

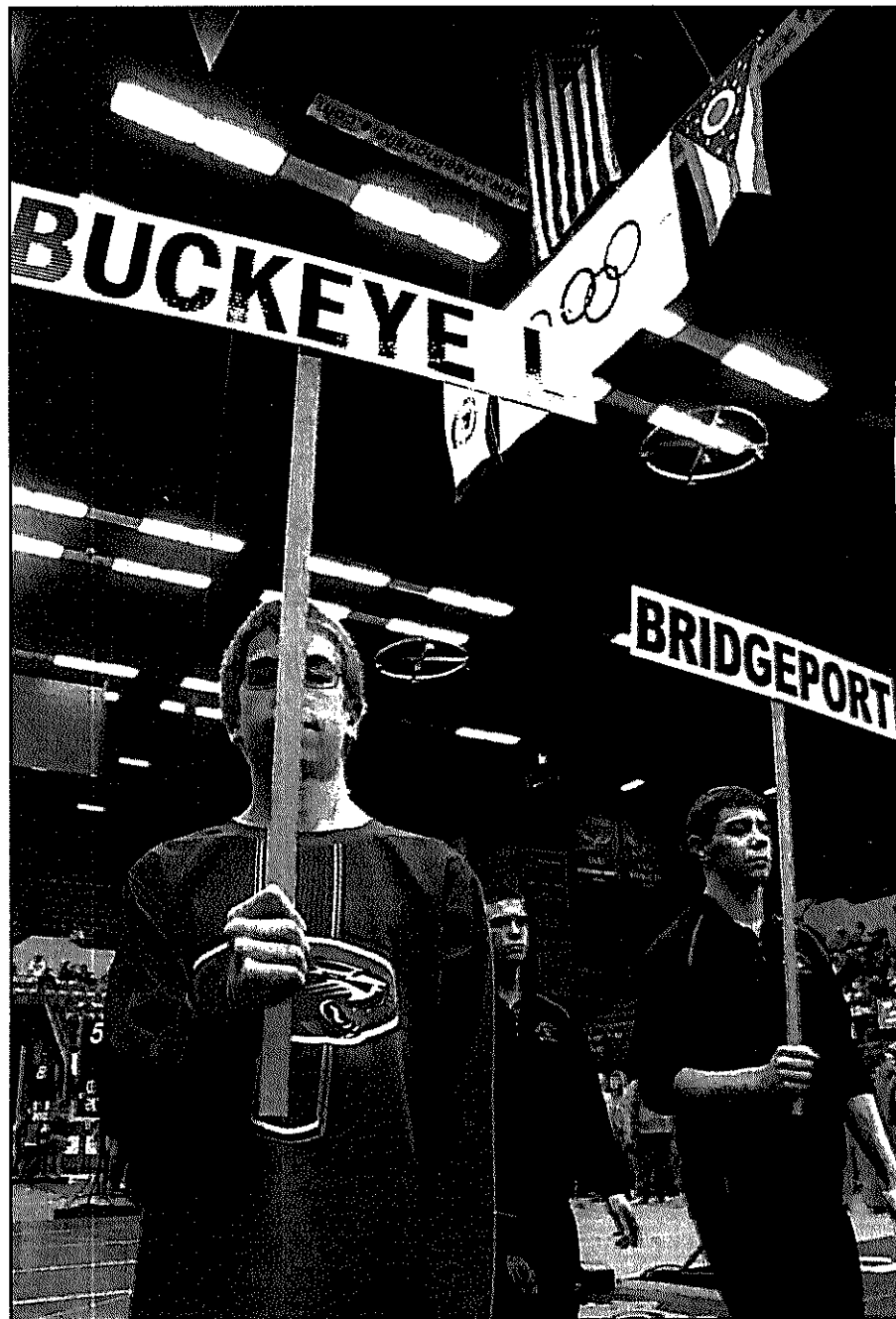
The seven that didn't: Beallsville, Bishop Donahue, Bridgeport, Clay-Battelle, Madonna, Shenandoah and Tyler Consolidated.

Director's Award

Cameron's Bob Koch was presented with the annual Director's Award for his work in the tournament's bullpen, which is where the wrestlers warmup prior to their matches.

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OVAC Wrestling



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THE 61ST annual Ron Mauck Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling tournament kicked off Thursday night with opening ceremonies inside downtown Wheeling's WesBanco Arena. Bearing the standard for their teams in the grand procession are Buckeye Local 106-pound wrestler Jake Miller and Bridgeport's 182-pound wrestler Carlos Kusic.

Eron Harris scored 30 points as WVU beat Fairmont State in an exhibition game Monday night/15

OVAC Wrestlers Gearing to Take to the Mats

10 new coaches guiding area teams

By DAVE MORRISON
Staff Writer

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OVAC WRESTLING coach of the year for the 2012-13 season were recognized at Monday's press conference. From left are Shadyside's Scott Kinnemond (Class 2A), Martins Ferry's Scott Roth (Class 3A), Steubenville's Mike Blackburn (Class 4A). Absent was Beallsville's Dave Wiles (Class 1A), who is deployed to Afghanistan, and Beaver Local's Jordan Williams (Class 5A).

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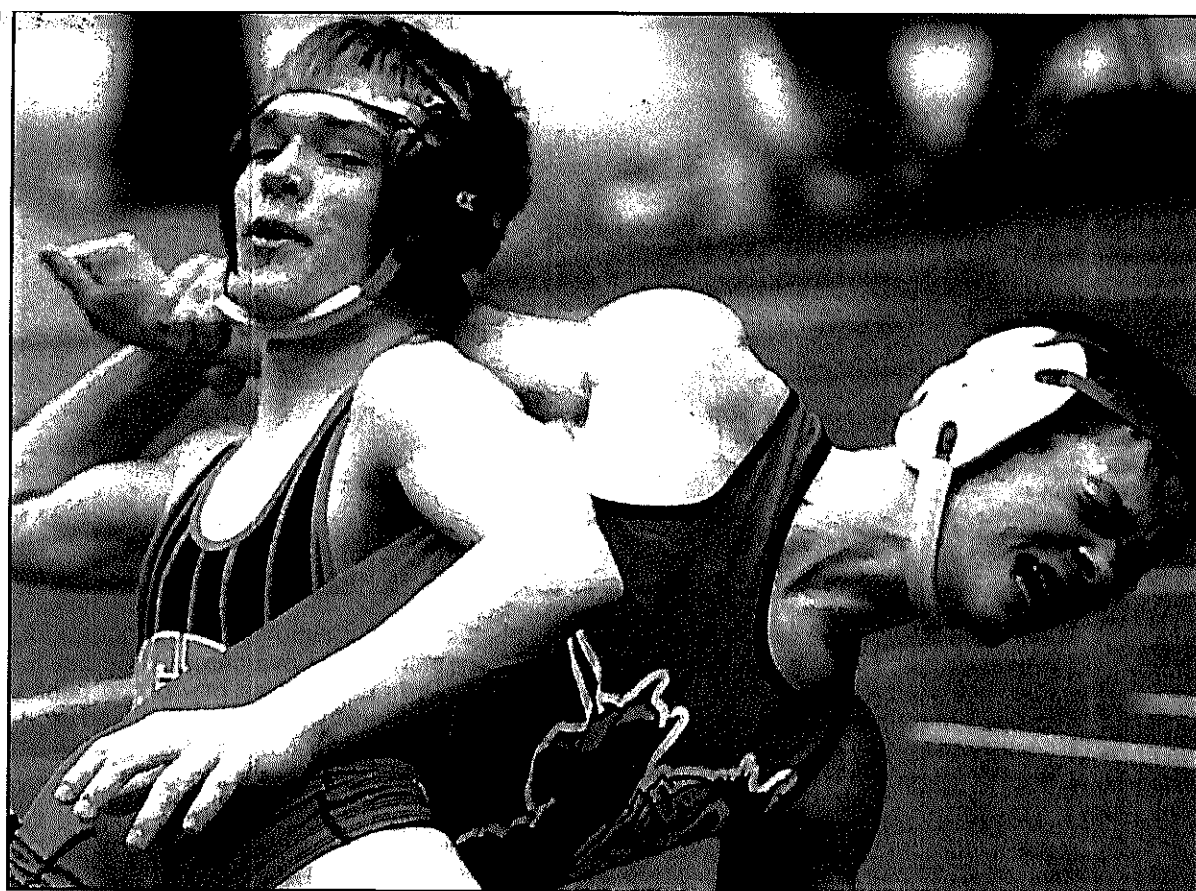
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SHADYSIDE'S Josh Kahl works toward points against Toronto's Donald Starkey in their 120-pound quarter-final match Friday night in the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament. Kahl prevailed. Additional images may be found at cu.timesleaderonline.com

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OVAC title chase continues

• Twelve area wrestlers in today's semifinals; South leading

By **KIM NORTH**
Times Leader Sports Writer

WHEELING – A dozen wrestlers from the immediate area still have hopes of becoming an Ohio Valley Athletic Conference champion heading into the final day of competition at WesBanco Arena.

Shadyside leads the area with a trio of semifinalists, while Martins Ferry has a pair. Barnesville, Bellaire, Buckeye Local, Harrison Central, River, St. Clairsville and Union Local all have one.

Action resumes at noon at the downtown arena with championship semifinal action. Wrestling continues throughout the day and concludes with the championship finals, which will begin at 7 p.m. Opening ceremonies begin at 6:15 p.m.

Tigers advancing to the semis include undefeated flyweight Greg Quinn, who actually took a little longer on the mat than usual. The top seed pinned Steubenville Central's Timmy Young, the No. 8 seed, in 2:51 to improve to 25-0. Quinn will meet Oak Glen's No. 5 seed Ryan Debee in the semis.

He will be joined by the Kahl brothers – Josh (120) and Brett (145) – who advanced by knocking seeded wrestlers in the quarterfinals.

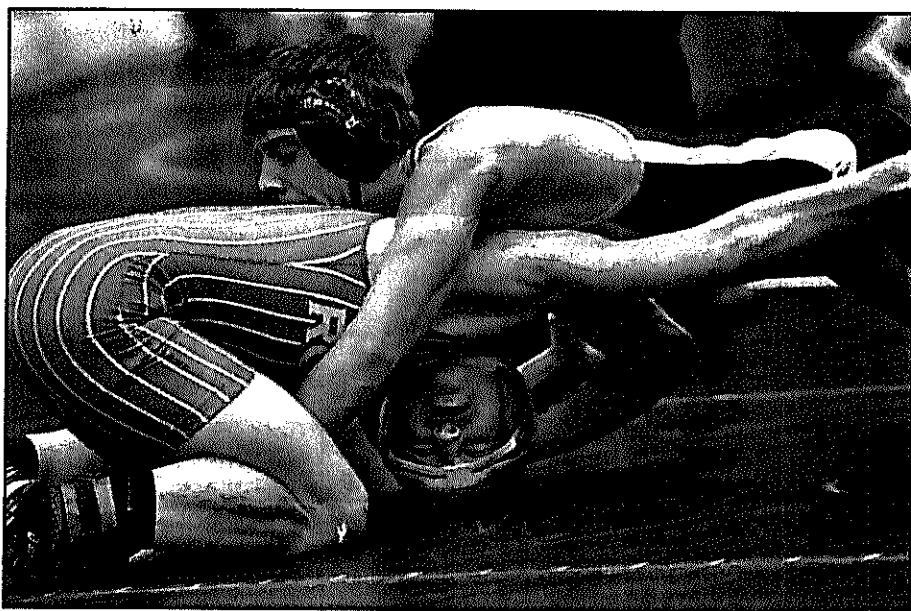
Josh, the No. 4 seed, took out No. 5 Donald Starkey, of Toronto, with a 3:44 pin. He was trailing 2-1 at the time of the fall. Meanwhile, sixth-seeded Brett upset No. 3 Shawn Livingston, of Steubenville, with an 8-0 whitewashing.

Josh takes on top-seeded Dallas Baciak, of Wheeling Park, while Brett meets second-seeded Bailey Jenkins, of Meadowbrook.

"From here on out there are going to be tough, tough matches," Shadyside head coach Sean Grinch allowed. "Greg's the top seed and has a kid from Oak Glen that is solid. It should be a good match."

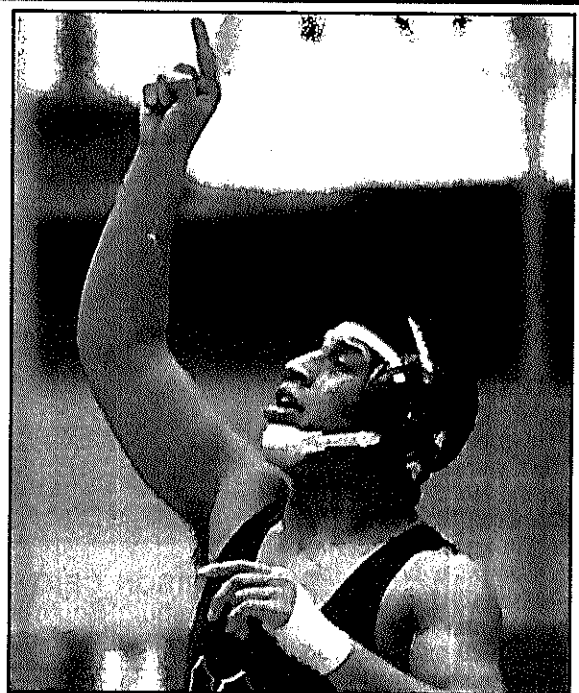
"Josh got a big win in the quarters. He and that kid had battled before," Grinch noted. "Brett knocked off the No. 3 seed and has the No. 2 today. He's faced him before, so if he wrestles hard, he has a good shot."

Purple Riders seeking titles include Bryce Coleman (152) and Jonathan



ABOVE: Barnesville's Austin Singleton and Harrison Central's Davis Forrester wrestle at 126 pounds during the quarterfinals. Singleton won, 3-1, in OT.

AT RIGHT: Martins Ferry's Bryce Coleman points skyward after winning his 152-pound quarterfinal against Dylan Alexander. Additional images may be found at cu.timesleaderonline.com



Bodkin (285).

Coleman, the fifth seed, outlasted No. 4 Dylan Alexander, of Parkersburg South, in a thrilling quarterfinal, 10-8, in a match he led 4-2 after two periods.

Bodkin, who didn't compete in the

OVAC Tournament a year ago, is making noise in the heavyweight division. Seeded No. 3, the Purple Rider pinned Steubenville's William Poplowski, the

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OVAC Mat Tourney special for multiple reasons

WHEELING – There aren't many events that the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference puts on that aren't done in a first-class manner.

But, each and every January, it seems like there's something that separates the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament from the conference's other events.

And that something isn't just one thing you can single out or put your finger on ... not even for the good of this column.

Regardless if it's the competition, the pageantry or even the people who help orchestrate the massive three-day event,



Seth Staskey
Sports Editor

the tournament just has a special feel every year.

If I had to choose just one part, it would be the level of importance the tournament holds to the wrestling community of the Ohio Valley. That importance goes well beyond the fact that it's a conference tournament.

Kids entering pee-wee wrestling programs all over the Ohio Valley dream of one day having their arm raised in two places. Whether it's in Columbus or Huntington, every wrestler wants his arm raised as a state champion.

Close on its heels, however, is the OVAC Championship. After that, everything else is gravy.

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WHEELING – There are so many behind-the-scenes workers (all volunteers) at the Ron Mauck Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Wrestling Tournament that hardly ever, if ever, get credit publicly.

Marion Stolz has been one of them for many, many years (actually since 1979), and it's no wonder why her picture graces the cover of the program for the 61st annual event, which is being contested throughout the weekend at WesBanco Arena, as the OVAC Wrestling's Dedicated Supporter.

"It was quite an honor for me," Stolz said following the presentation. "When they told me that I was going to be on the cover of the program, that was really an honor."

Over the years, Stolz has performed numerous duties before, during and after the tournament – keeping match scores, calculating team scores, filling the bracket charts, collating weight class results for coaches and fans after each round of the competition, designing awards and much of the artwork for the prestigious event, etc.

She received the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Championships Service Award in 1991.

"Ron once told me the only way you get out of working the OVAC tournament once you start is to die," she admitted. "I tried that, but it didn't work."

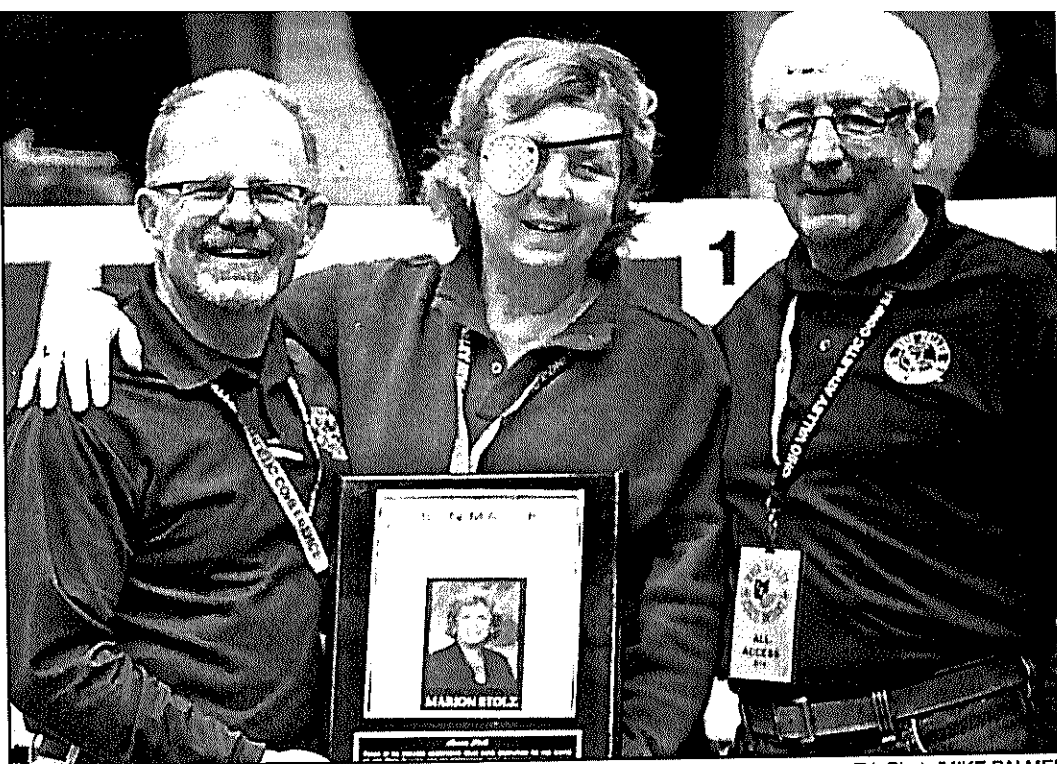
When asked how the tournament has changed over the years, she replied, "we've went to computers. We used to do all the brackets and bout sheets by hand. Now it is all computer generated."

25 Years Ago

Back in 1989, 13 individuals had their hands raised as OVAC Wrestling Tournament champions.

Keeping with the tradition of honoring those matmen, several will be on hand tonight for the festivities.

Those titlists included Union Local's Val Kline (103), Cadiz's Wade Gibson (112), East Liverpool's Mark Emmerling (119), Steubenville's Shawn McGhee (125), Meadowbrook's Troy Keith (130), Steubenville's Jesse Hubbard (135), Cadiz's Reed Case (140), Steubenville's Dunyasha



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MARIAN STOLZ was presented a ceremonial plaque with her picture on the program for the 61st annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament. Stolz overcame some health issues last year and is back in her normal seat at the head table as one of the public address announcers for the tournament. She's pictured with Dan Doyle (left) and Ron Mauck.

Yetts (145), Bridgeport's Todd Burk (152), East Liverpool's Bob Ankrom (160), Steubenville's Ed Chanoski (171), Bridgeport's Scott Sears (189) and Meadowbrook's Dick Snyder (HWT).

Singing Solo

Harrison Central's David Forrester sang the national anthem to start Friday's events, while Bridgeport's Maclaine Murad did the honors for the night session. Both did wonderful jobs.

Special Awards

Two individuals were presented with plaques in recognition of their support to the tournament over the years.

Phil Cupp was given the Sidney A. Stolz Memorial Award, while Dr. Mike Kovalyk was

named the Cindy Clegg Memorial Medical Worker of the Year.

And the Winner Is ... ?

During Friday's first sessions, there were 281 matches contested, with 164 ending in pins. Another 82 were decisions, while 18 were major decisions and 11 were technical falls. There were a pair of injury defaults, and four forfeits.

In the night session, referees slapped the mat 55 times, while another 77 went the distance for decisions. There were seven major decisions, four tech falls, two forfeits and a disqualification.

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sixth seed, just before the final buzzer (5:52) while holding a 5-4 edge. He won by injury default during the afternoon session.

Harrison Central's lone semifinalist is 132-pounder Hunter Pizzino. The Huskies' No. 2 seed posted a pair of hard-fought decisions Friday in advancing to meet third-seeded Bobby Stewart, of Union Local, in the semis. Stewart defeated Steubenville Central's Blake Kiedrowski, 7-4, in the quarters.

"I didn't get to see much of his last match, but I did see the takedown that won it for him," Harrison Central head coach Bill Bryant said. "It's the first time that he has hit that move all year to perfection, and I guess it paid off for a 5-point move."

Other quarterfinal winners were:

■ Barnesville's Austin Singleton, who, as the No. 6 seed at 126, earned a hard-fought 3-1 nod over Harrison Central's David Forrester, the No. 3 seed, in overtime. He faces second-seeded Jason Keyes, of Beaver Local, in the semis.

■ Bellaire's second-seeded Myliek Green needed a third-period reversal to blank University's Liam Bal, 2-0, in his quarterfinal. Green meets Cambridge's Eric Fox, the third seed, in today's semis.

■ Buckeye Local's J.D. Sokolowski, the No. 3 seed at 170, outpointed River's Kole Smith in a spirited quarterfinal. He gets No. 2 seed Leo Hermann, of Steubenville Central, today.

■ River's Eric Rosen, the No. 3 seed at 182, blanked sixth-seeded Cameron Fisher, of John Marshall in his quarter. He meets No. 2 Isaac Sanford, of Steubenville Central, today.

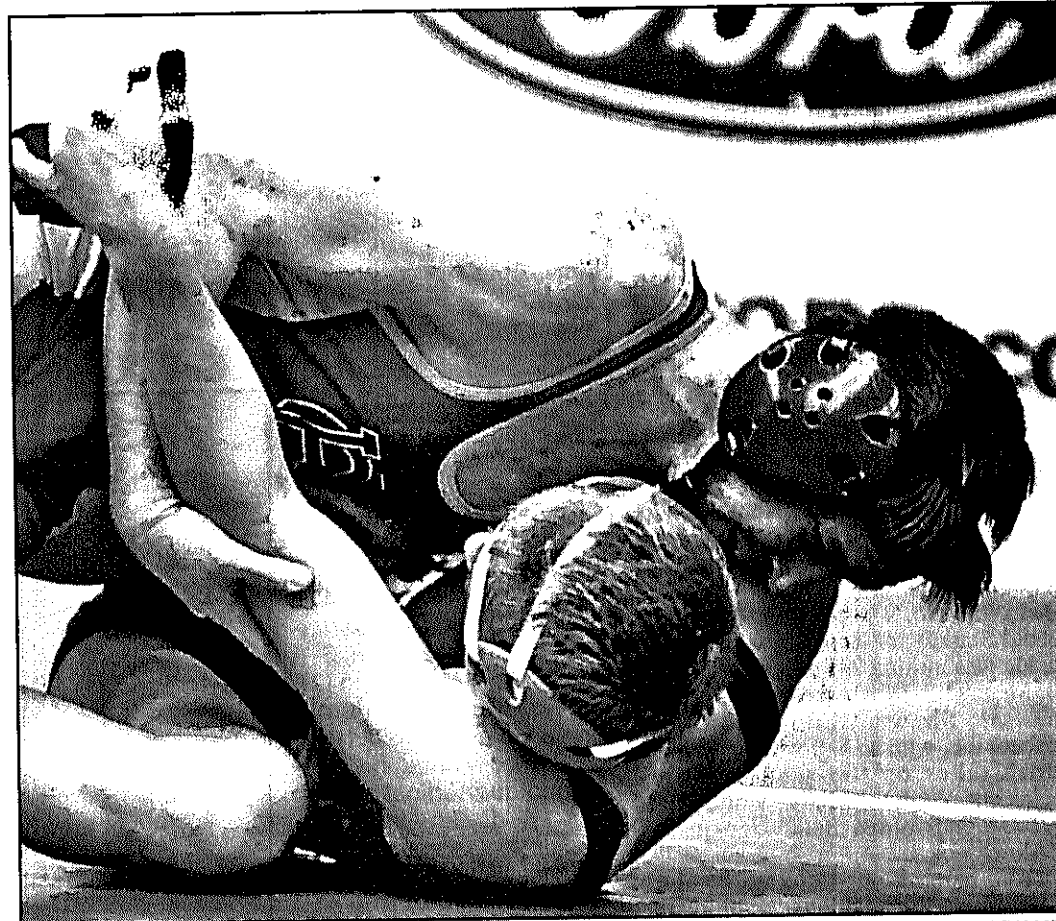
■ St. Clairsville's Michael Furbee, who placed sixth last year at 220 and is seeded No. 4 at the same weight, recorded an escape and penalty point in the waning seconds to slip past Linsly's Chimechi Oparanozie, 2-1. He gets top-seeded Jeremy Paige, of Wheeling Park, today.

There's always a feel-good story at the annual Ron Mauck Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Wrestling Tournament.

Wheeling Park's James Parsons fills that role this season.

The Patriots' freshman is making the most of his first-ever OVAC Tournament as he advanced to the semifinals with a 10-0 major decision over John Marshall's Brandon Bertrand, the No. 6 seed. Thursday night, Parsons sent Beaver Local's third-seeded Jack Dawson to the consolation bracket with a 3-2 decision. He made quick work of Shenandoah's Devon Clark in his second round bout Friday afternoon, pinning him in 14 seconds.

"It feels really good," Parsons said moments after defeating his Monarch opponent. "I'm excited to be in the semifinals, but I have to give credit to my teammates for working with



T-L Photo/MIKE PALMER

HARRISON CENTRAL'S Hunter Pizzino works toward a fall of T.J. Lambiotte of Parkersburg South in their 132-pound quarterfinal. Pizzino posted a win by decision. Additional images may be found at cu.timesleaderonline.com

me, especially Dallas Baciak and Austin DiGiandomenico."

Being unseeded gives Parsons a little added incentive to do well.

"I came in here unseeded and it makes me feel better when I beat seeded guys," he added. "It makes me look better and better each time."

The Patriots' 'Big 5' continued their marches to individual titles as No. 1 seeds Baciak (120), Dylan Taylor (145), Jonny Davis (152), Eric Banks (160) and Jeremy Paige (220) all joined Parsons in the semifinals.

Taylor is the defending 138-pound titlist, while Paige has been the most dominant thus far. He has won all three of his bouts by pin, including a 6-second fall in the second round Friday afternoon.

"Not only are those five where they are, but they've picked up a lot of bonus points along the way," Wheeling Park head coach Jack Doyle said. "When you're involved in a team race, that's always big, but we do have six in the semis.

"I think we can get all six of them in the finals," he admitted. "All five of our top seeds will be favored, but we've seen the Oak Glen kid that James will meet. We'll go back and watch some film and go from there."

Wheeling Park might need all six of those grapplers to win championships if it to close the gap against the Patriots from Wood County and Parkersburg South, which has piled up 160 points to third-place Wheeling Park's 116.5. Steubenville, the defending champion, is in the middle with 126 but had a bad quarterfinal round.

The Ohio County Patriots also have two wrestlers alive in the consolation bracket.

Parkersburg South has all of its 13 wrestlers alive, with seven of them in today's semifinals. The Patriots didn't enter a 113-pounder.

Leading their respective divisions are: Parkersburg South (5A); Steubenville (4A); Steubenville Central (3A) and Caldwell (1A/2A).

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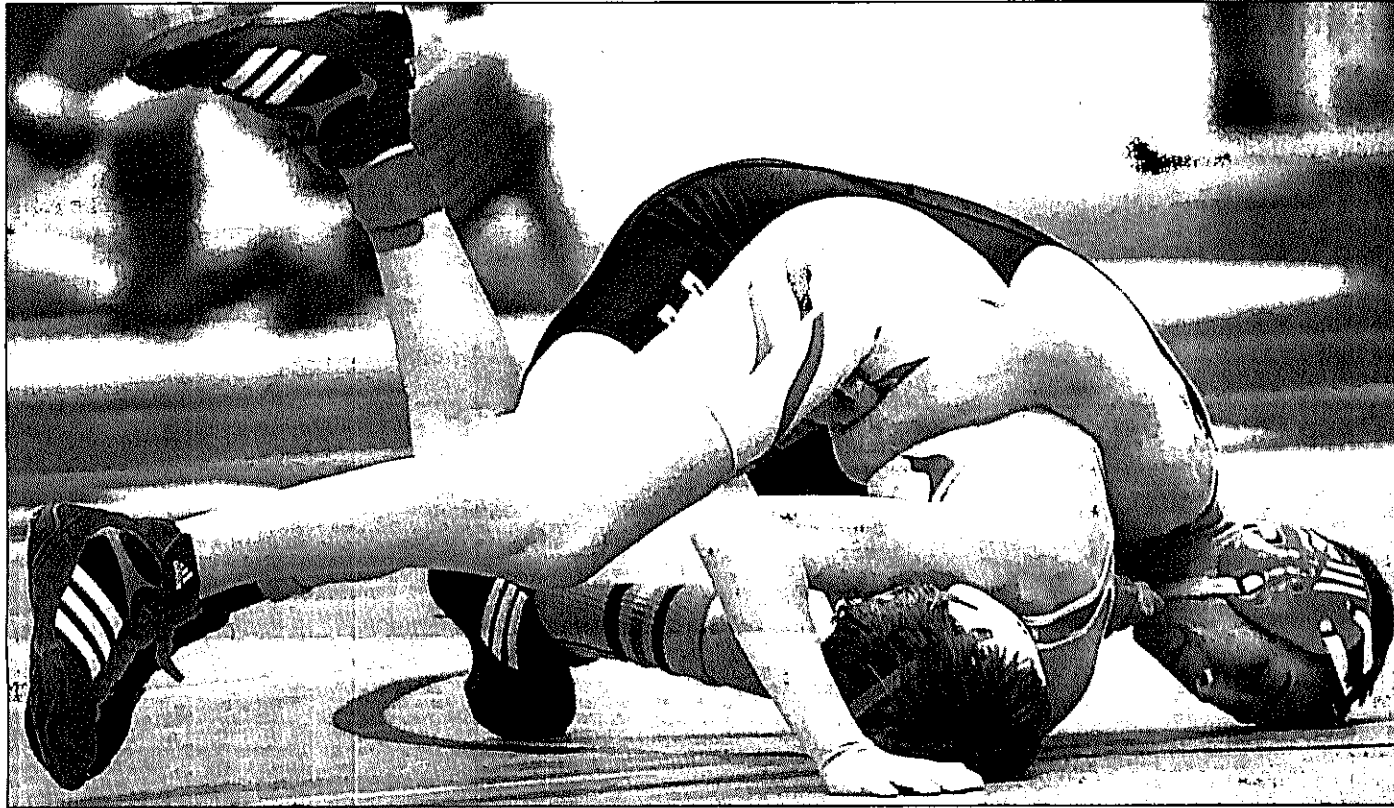


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Linsly's Tommy Curtin pinned Union Local's Chase Whitely (UL) in a time of 2:36 during their 106-pound, opening bout of the OVAC Wrestling Tournament on Thursday night at WesBanco Arena.

South Takes First-Day Lead

Oak Glen, Steubenville Catholic, Caldwell in front in other classes

By KIM NORTH
For The Intelligencer

WHEELING — The 61st annual Ron Mauck Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling tournament got off to a slow start Thursday night, but once the action got going, it moved swiftly.

Following a 30-minute delay because of Internet malfunctions in the WesBanco Arena box office that wouldn't allow tickets to be purchased, the wrestlers took matters into their hands and recorded 118 pins in the 166 matches contested.

When it was all said and done after one round, heavyweights Parkersburg South, Oak Glen and defending champion Steubenville were locked in a three-way battle for the top spot.

The Patriots, who won the event in 2010-12, piled up 44 points, just 2.5

Leaders of the Classes

- CLASS 6-A**
Parkersburg South 44; Beaver Local 33; Wheeling Park 32; Cambridge 27.5; Univeralty 26; Morgantown 25; Brooke 22; John Marshall 12; Indian Creek 10; Edison 9.5
- CLASS 4-A**
Oak Glen 41.5; Steubenville 41; Union Local 25.5; Harrison Central 24; Martins Ferry 17; Buckeye Local 16; St. Clairsville 15.5; East Liverpool 14.5; Meadowbrook 12; Weir 0
- CLASS 3-A**
Steubenville Catholic 18; Linsly 16; Barnesville 12; Magnolia 12; Monroe Central 8; River 8; Bellaire 7.5; Shenandoah 0; Tyler Consolidated 0
- CLASS 1/2-A**
Caldwell 18.5; Bridgeport 18; Shadyside 15; Cameron 14; Toronto 12; Beallsville 8; Wellsville 4; Clay-Battelle 2; Madonna 2; Bishop Donahue 0

better than the second-place Golden Bears, who claimed titles in 1991, 2002, 2004-05 and 2007. Eight-time titlist Big Red came in with 41.

Beaver Local and Wheeling Park rounded out the top 5 with 33 and 32 points, respectively, while Cambridge (27.5), University (26), Union Local (25.5), Morgantown (25) and Harrison Central (24) conclude the top 10.

Parkersburg South and Oak Glen

advanced all but one of their 14 grapplers, respectively, while Steubenville has a dozen in the second round.

Wheeling Park has nine individuals alive for championships, including top seeds Dallas Baciak (120), Dylan Taylor (145), Jonny Davis (152), Eric Banks (160) and Jeremy Paige (220).

All 14 top seeds moved on without any trouble, with 12 of them winning by falls. Edison's Mitchell Wells (182) and East Liverpool's John Miscuk (195) won by technical falls.

Paige recorded the fastest pin when he flattened Shenandoah's Owen Moore in 10 seconds. There were two other falls before the 20-second mark, those coming by Parkersburg South's Austin Harris (126) in 13 seconds and Wellsville's Seth Bloor (220) in 17 seconds.

Only two upsets occurred during the opening night, those coming at 113 pounds where No. 3-seeded Jack Dawson was knocked off 3-2 by Wheeling Park's James Parsons, and at 195 where No. 8

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Preston Bier, of Beallsville, was sent to the consolation bracket with a 6-5 setback to Brooke's Casey Munger.

In addition to leading the overall team standings, Parkersburg South leads the 5A, while Oak Glen tops 4A, Steubenville Catholic 3A and Caldwell 1A/2A.

The top story of the tournament, in addition to the closeness of the team scoring, is the performance turned in by the Bridgeport Bulldogs.

Coach David Nelson had four entrants in the event, but all four advanced to the second round with pins.

"I have no idea," Nelson said when asked about the last time Bridgeport had four wrestlers win on opening night.

"It's been a lot of years, but the kids came out ready to wrestle. We looked strong and hopefully we can continue it."

Winning for the Bulldogs were Ian Hammer (132), Emilio Saldana (138), Brad Tomolonis (170) and Carlos Kusic (182).

Hammer had the quickest fall of the quartet as he pinned Magnolia's Skylar Yoho in 40 seconds. Saldana recorded his fall with two seconds left in his match, while Tomolonis,

the fourth seed and returning placewinner, needed 3:08 and Kusic 4:22.

That was enough to put Bridgeport in second place behind perennial powerhouse Caldwell in the 1A/2A Division. The Bull-

dogs have 16 points, which ties for 14th overall, and is 3.5 behind the Redskins and one ahead of Shady-side.

Action continues at noon today with second-round championship matches.

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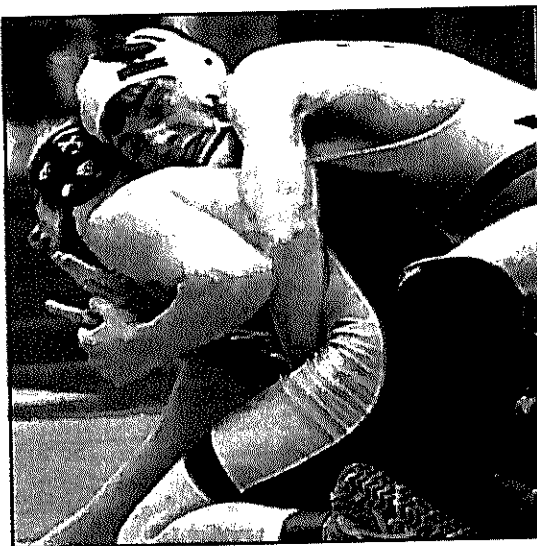
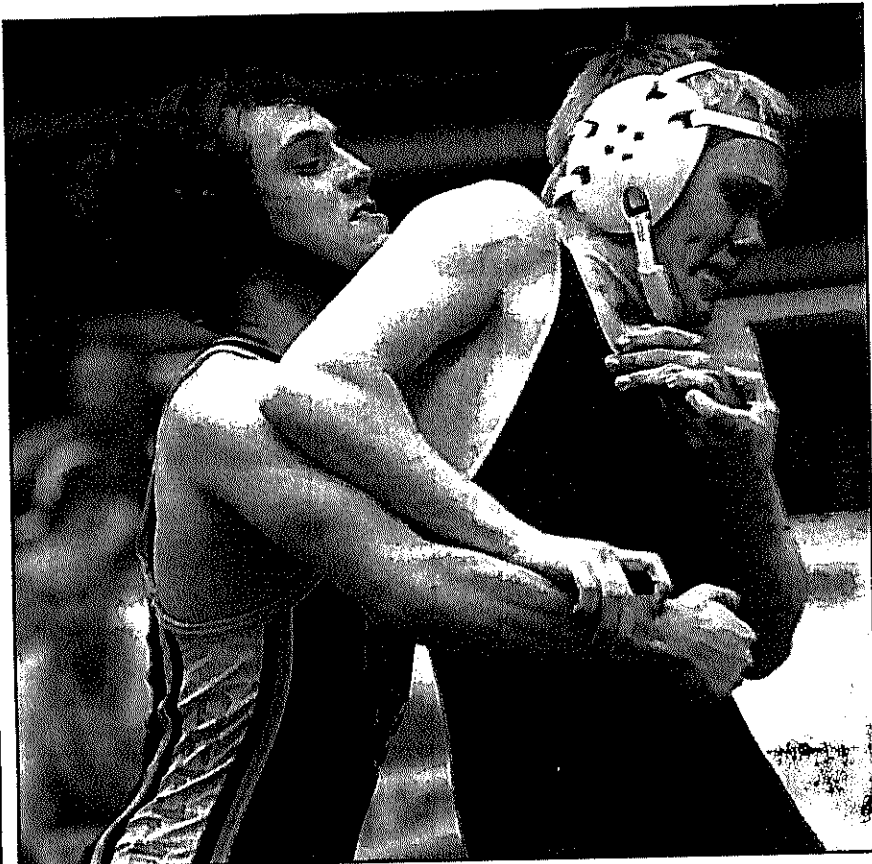
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AT LEFT: Bridgeport's Ian Hammer battles Magnolia's Skylar Yoho during their 132-pound match Thursday night. Hammer pinned Yoho in 40 seconds.

ABOVE: Union Local's John Howell takes on Edison's Robert Dalley in a 126-pound first-round match. Howell won, 2-1.

South, Steubenville start strong

• All top seeds still alive as tournament continues

By KIM NORTH
Times Leader Sports Writer

WHEELING — There's always at least one surprise during the first night of the annual Ron Mauck Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling tournament.

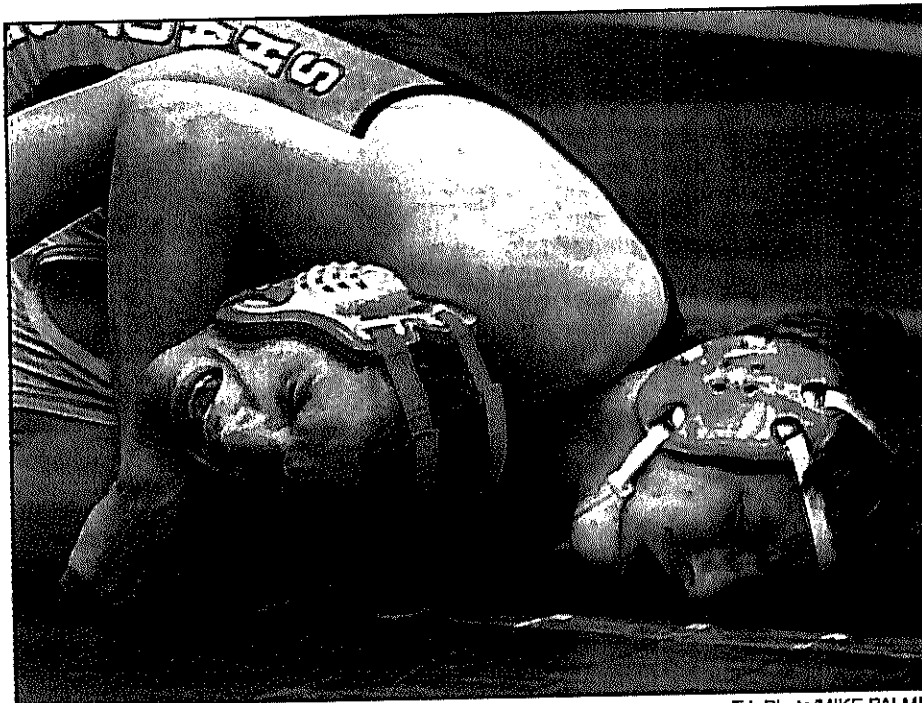
Thursday night during the 61st edition of the extravaganza at downtown Wheeling's WesBanco Arena, the Bridgeport Bulldogs — all four of them — growled louder than any Bulldog team in recent memory.

With pins from Ian Hammer (132), Emilio Saldana (138), Brad Tomolonis (170) and Carlos Kusic (182), Bridgeport is sitting in second-place in the 1A/2A Division with 16 points, 3.5 behind frontrunning Caldwell. The Bulldogs' points are also good enough for a 14th-place tie overall.

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Harrison Central has the most advanced of teams in The Times Leader



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SHADYSIDE'S Billy Johnson gains control of River's Loren Thomas during their 132-pound match Thursday night. Johnson won, 14-5.

coverage area with nine, with seven winning last night and two moving on with byes. The Huskies' Hunter Pizzino (132) seeded second won by pin, while third-seeded David Forrester (126) needed just 32 ticks to finish off his opponent. No. 8 Cole Howes (182) won a 12-11 decision over River's Dakota Dunn. Seventh-seeded heavyweight Brenton Stull also won by fall.

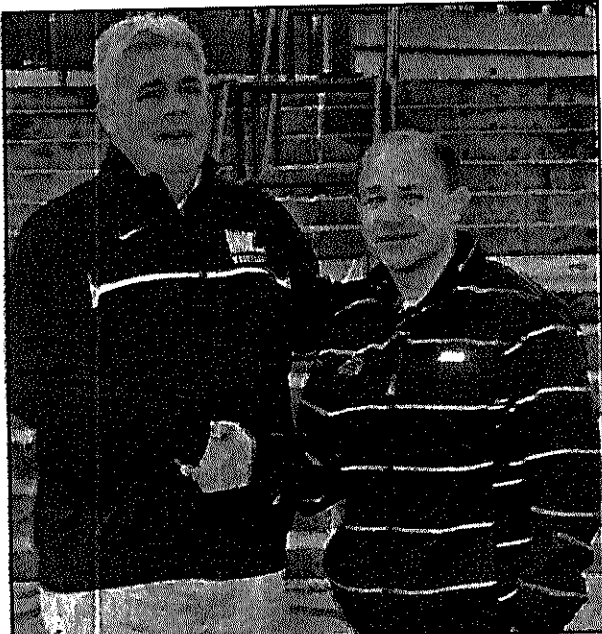
Union Local has eight individuals alive

for titles, including seeded wrestlers Bobby Stewart (3rd — 132), Zac Sowers (8th — 145) and Matt McFarland (8th — 170).

St. Clairsville also has eight grapplers left in the championship bracket, but half of them didn't see action last night due to byes. Fourth-seeded Michael Furbee (220) won by fall.

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WEST LIBERTY head coach Brian Davis (left) and Wheeling Jesuit head coach Sean Doyle will lead their teams into the first head-to-head meeting of the two schools on Saturday at WesBanco Arena.



T-L Photo/SETH STASKEY

West Liberty, Jesuit to clash Saturday for the first time in wrestling

By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Editor

WHEELING — A new Ohio Valley sports rivalry will be born this weekend.

West Liberty and Wheeling Jesuit Universities have been packing their respective gymnasiums and fields for showdowns in a variety of sports for many years.

The Hilltoppers and Cardinals will begin the wrestling chapter of their rivalry at WesBanco Arena on Saturday at 10 a.m., prior to the start of the OVAC Wrestling Tournament semifinals.

It's a meeting that the two schools and wrestling fans in the Ohio Valley have had circled for a long time.

"We're excited to finally have a cross-town rival," said Hilltoppers' head coach Brian Davis.

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Buckeye Local and Martins Ferry each advanced half-a-dozen wrestlers, with the Panthers' second seed Tristan Jones (182) and third-seeded Josh Sokolowski (170) leading the way.

The Purple Riders have seeded wrestlers Thomas Campbell (4th - 106), Bryce Coleman (5th - 152) and Jonathan Bodkin (3rd - 285). Also making noise was unseeded Jerald Jarman (220).

"We got six guys through until the second round," Martins Ferry first-year head coach Chaz Yoder said. "Jerald was a real surprise at 220."

Barnesville, River and Shadyside each have five matmen alive, with the Tigers' 106-pound Greg Quinn staying unbeaten at 23-0 with a 20-second pin.

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have three each.

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In pre-tournament festivities, Shane Kildow, of Bethesda, was named the Larry Deaton Official of the Year, while Indian Creek's Ray Starkey was named the OVAC Jr. High Coach of the Year and Morgantown's Kevin Swisher was the OVAC Jr. Varsity Coach of the Year.

NOTES

■ There were 166 matches contested, with 118 of them ending in pins. Another 28 went to decisions, while 11 were major decisions. There were eight technical falls and one injury default.

■ Nine former Mr. Mats were on hand.

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Tom Figurski. "We've shown the last couple of

by sophomore Becky Zeroski and junior Lauren

The Hilltoppers are a tradition-rich mat program, producing 92 all-Americans and eight national champions over the course of their history. Wheeling Jesuit, meanwhile, has competed just 10 times and features a roster consisting of primarily all freshmen.

Sean Doyle - a Buckeye Local graduate - was hired late in 2012 as the first head coach in Wheeling Jesuit wrestling history and has wasted little time in building a solid squad and program.

The fact that the Cardinals have fared so well in their first season is certainly going to help formulate that rivalry that exists in the other sports much quicker.

"We're building a large fanbase and it's our top priority to pack our gym, like opening night, for every match," Doyle said. "West Liberty and Coach Davis have built tradition and have a fanbase established. Wrestling is combative, so it creates a natural intensity in fans that don't even know the sport."

The Cardinals are 3-4 in duals this season and they've definitely caught Davis and Hilltoppers' attention.

"Sean has quickly built a competitive team," Davis said. "We have seen them at a few tournaments this season, and in no way are we taking them lightly because they're a first-year program."

This will be the Hilltoppers' third dual of the week. They beat Alderson-Broadus and lost to Mercyhurst on Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively.

"In a lot of ways, this is just another dual, but then again it's Wheeling Jesuit," Davis said. "Everyone knows that when our two schools compete against each other, no matter what the sport, there is always a little more at stake."

The Cardinals competed last Saturday at the Spartan Mat Classic in Indiana, finishing fourth overall.

"I love our group of guys and they're working hard at becoming a special group," Doyle said. "They compete

hard every time on the mat and they've made everyone at Wheeling Jesuit very proud. It would be an outright lie to say this 'is just another match.' We're only a short distance apart, recruit a lot of the same kids and see each other quite often. The team that wins will have bragging rights for a year, so I'm sure there's going to be a little more motivation than normal."

While Doyle competed in the OVAC, Davis - a former Buckeye Local head coach - isn't an Ohio Valley native, but has formed plenty of memories of the OVAC Tournament since his arrival in the Ohio Valley.

"I've grown to feel at home at WesBanco Arena," Davis said. "From my days of coaching at Buckeye Local and then the last four years of watching my son (Jonny) compete for Wheeling Park, I've always seen (WesBanco Arena) as an awesome venue to showcase wrestling."

A total of 10 former OVAC competitors are expected to be in the lineups, including seven for the Hilltoppers.

"There isn't another high school tournament with such tradition and pageantry as the OVAC," said Doyle, whose father, Dan, is the OVAC Tournament director. "If you grow up in the Ohio Valley, you can't wait to be a part of it. It becomes one of your primary goals."

The Hilltoppers' OVAC products include: Zach Brown (Oak Glen), Bryce Gainer (Parkersburg South), Dillon Nolte (St. Clairsville), Bryan Skoff (Bridgeport), Mike Emery (Indian Creek), Danny Doyle (Wheeling Park) and Aaron Silverio (Shadyside).

The Cardinals' OVAC graduates are Scott Lopez (University), Damon Outward (Martins Ferry) and Sawyer Leppla (Cambridge).

The tentative matchups are as follows:

- 125: Brad Kakos (WJU, 7-15) vs. Zach Brown (WLU, 14-10);
- 133: Bryce Gainer (WLU, 11-6) vs. Scott Lopez (WJU, 19-8);
- 141: Damon Outward (WJU, 21-10) vs. Joe Wagstaff or Dillon Nolte (WLU);
- 149: Daniel Carpenter (WLU, 6-4) vs. Dominick Nania (WJU, 18-14);
- 157: Bryan Skoff (WLU, 13-8) vs. John Gershom (WJU, 10-16);
- 165: T.J. Smith (WJU, 4-14) vs. Mike Emery (WLU);
- 174: Eric Antesberger (WLU, 11-7) vs. Sawyer Leppla (WJU, 17-10);
- 184: Nate Hupp (WJU, 11-8) vs. Doug Sizemore (WLU, 5-11);
- 197: Danny Doyle (WLU, 11-8) vs. Maxwell Lacey (WJU, 15-14);
- 285: Corey Siegfried or Logan Bowman (WJU) vs. Aaron Silverio (WLU, 17-7).

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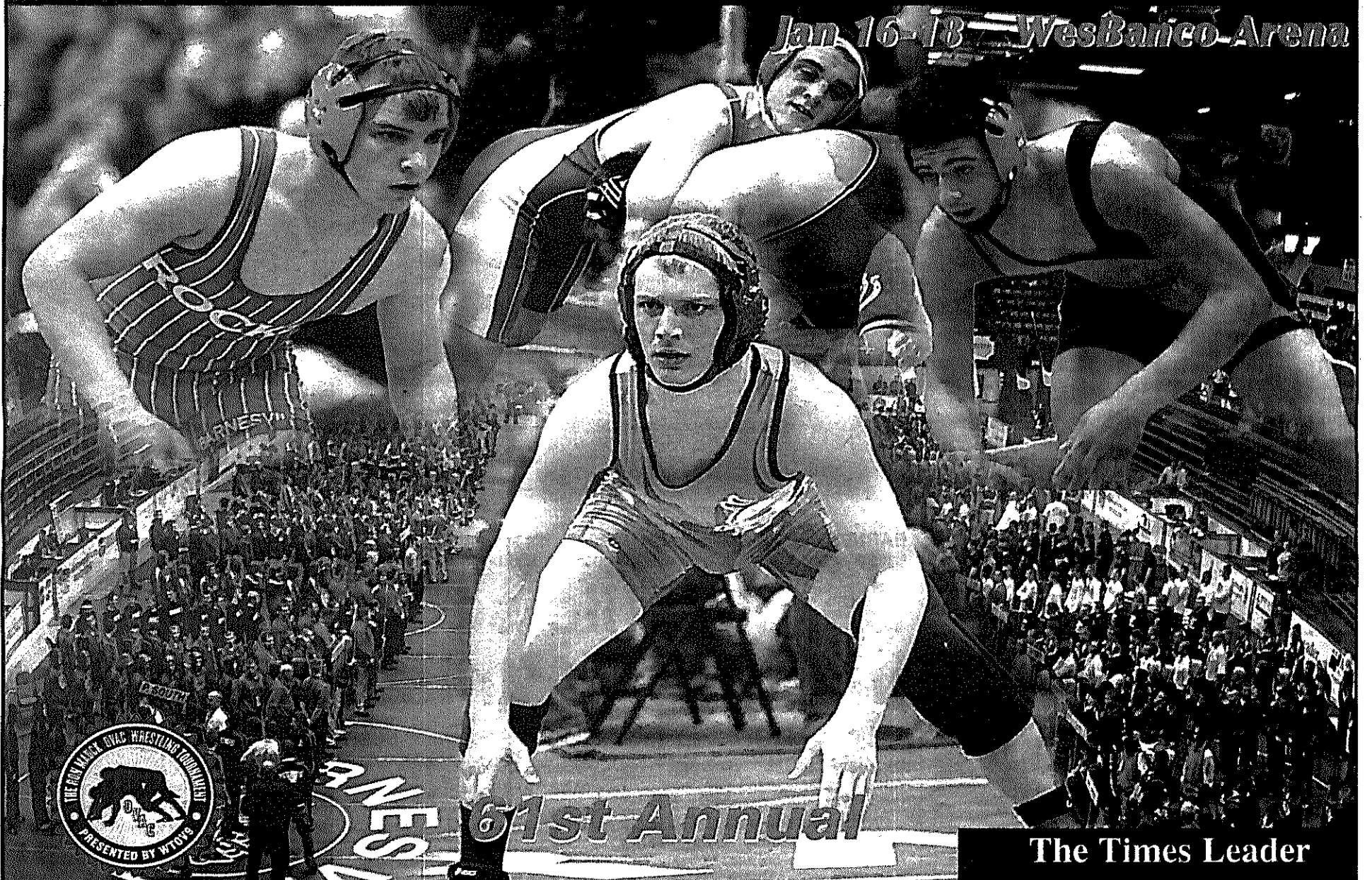
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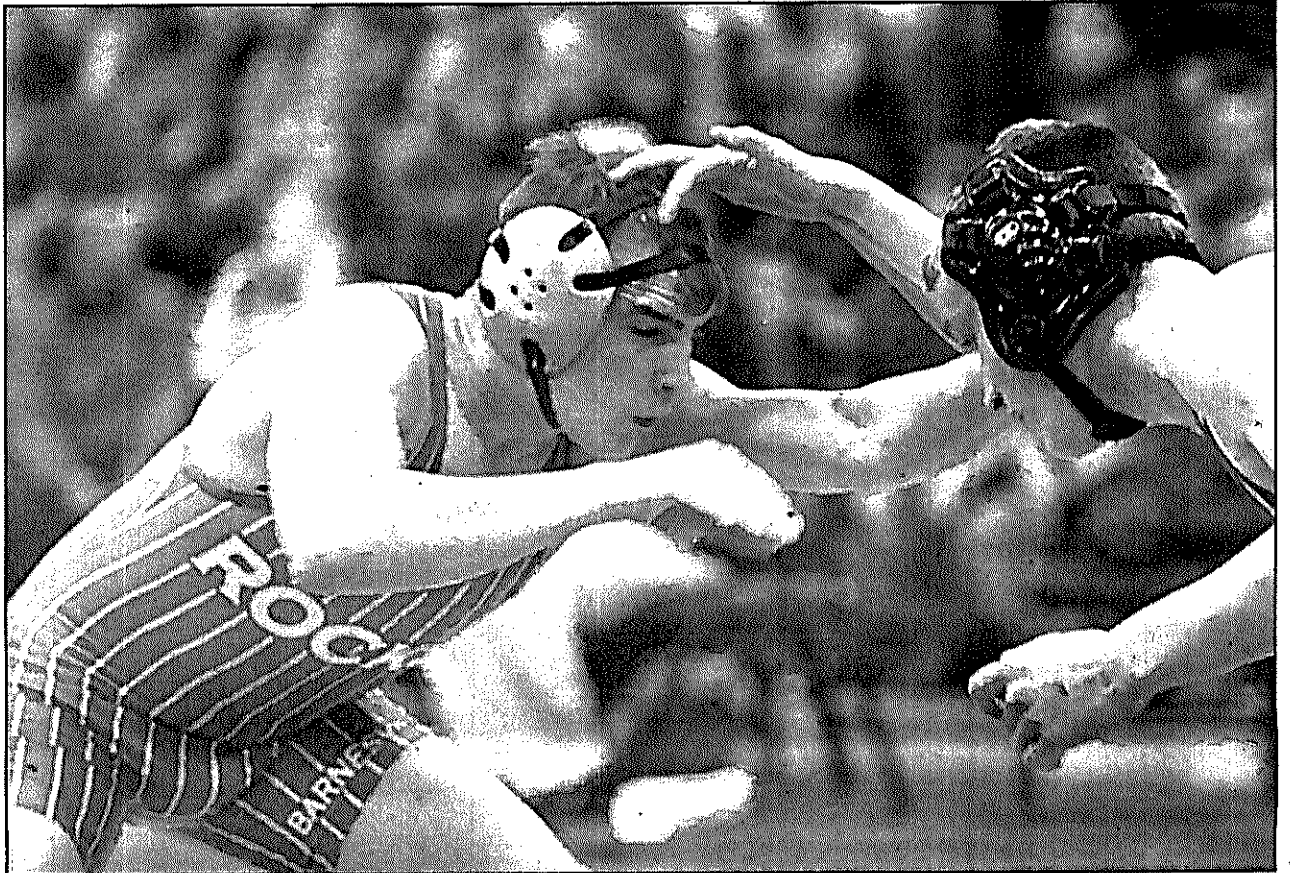
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ON THE COVER

Pictured are four of the top wrestlers in the area. Bottom is Bruce Sefert of Beallsville. Top, from left, are Hobie Howiler (Barnesville), Brett Rosen (River) and Myliek Green (Bellaire).

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Note to Readers ...

Due to our deadline, complete coverage of Saturday night's finals will be contained on our website (timesleaderonline.com) and then also in Monday's edition. Results can be found all weekend after each round on our website as well.

BARNESVILLE'S Hobie Howiler is set for his second Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament. He finished third a season ago. Howiler will compete at 138 pounds this weekend. He's currently 9-3 on the season.

Barnesville set to challenge in Class 3A this weekend

• Shamrocks finished second in 2013; Howiler seeks to improve on bronze medal

By **KIM NORTH**
Times Leader Sports Writer

WesBanco Arena.

After a second-place finish in the 2013 Ron Mauck Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class 3A wrestling tournament, Barnesville head coach Jayson Stephen thinks the Shamrocks have the ability to challenge for the title again in 2014.

The 61st annual event gets under way Thursday at 6 p.m. with Olympic-style opening ceremonies inside downtown Wheeling's

The tournament runs through Saturday night's championship finals, which begin at 6:30.

"As a team, I think we can compete in the 3A division," Stephen said. "But our top wrestlers will have to step up and compete at the level in which I know they can."

"I expect my returning place-winners to place again, and the ones that fell short (a year ago) to place this year," Stephen added. "We have a young team - with only two seniors

- and in time only get better."

Those returning place-winners include junior Austin Singleton and sophomore Hobie Howiler, who will wrestle at 126 and 138, respectively this weekend.

Singleton, who is currently 16-3, was seventh at 113 a year ago at the OVAC Tournament. He was one spot away from qualifying for the Ohio Division III District Tournament with a fifth-place showing at the sectional. He finished 35-11 and has 100-plus

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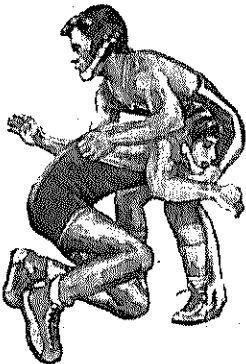
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Nicola set to lead Bellaire into 61st OVAC Tournament

• Big Reds have just five wrestlers entered this weekend

By **KIM NORTH**
Times Leader Sports Writer

Mick Nicola is in his first season as head coach of the Bellaire Big Reds wrestling program.

However, he is no stranger to the sport.

A 2006 St. John Central graduate, Nicola was state runnerup at 145 pounds as a senior while placing fourth as a junior.

He was a three-time state qualifier.

The new Big Reds' mat boss also experienced great success in the OVAC tournament. He captured two titles while placing second and third the other two years.

After graduating from St. John Central, Nicola headed

"WE HAVE a younger group that is very motivated, so by channeling the energy of the younger group, we plan on making some noise in a couple of years."

- Mick Nicola
Bellaire Head Coach

to Ashland University. He wrestled one year for the Purple Eagles before transferring to Ohio University for his final three years.

He comes to the Big Reds after serving two years as an assistant at Union Local.

Now his task at hand is trying to revive Bellaire's once proud program which has fallen upon some hard times, of late, as just five grapplers dot this year's roster for the 61st annual

Ron Mauck Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Tournament, which begins a three-day stand at WesBanco Arena in downtown Wheeling on Thursday with Olympic-style ceremonies at 6 p.m.

The event runs through Saturday night's championship finals, which start at 6:30.

Senior Myliek Green is See, **BELLAIRE**, Page 5

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victories.

This season Singleton has won the Rick Link Union Local Tournament; was third at the America's Best Value Inn Tournament in St. Clairsville; and fourth at the Doan Ford Barnesville Invitational.

"Austin has a chance to increase his finish of a year ago, but he is going to have to wrestle his best," Stephen noted.

Howler, who surprised many with his third-place finish at last season's OVAC tourney at 120, is currently 9-3, but has been wrestling at 145 for most of the early season. He was second at Barnesville and fourth at St. Clairsville this season.

Howler was 41-7 as a freshman, winning a sectional crown and going to the district.

"Hobie had a strong freshman season," Stephen said. "He needs to follow

that up with a strong sophomore year."

Other possible Shamrocks to step on the podium Saturday night are junior Collin Wilson (120) and freshmen Butch Holskey (152) and Caide Bunfill (195).

Wilson, who qualified for the district after a second-place in the sectional and a 30-9 finish, has a third-place medal from Union Local and a pair of fourths from Barnesville and St. Clairsville this season. He is 12-7.

Holskey (4-5) was fourth at Union Local, while Bunfill (10-7) placed fourth at St. Clairsville.

Rounding out the roster are freshmen Kohl Campbell (113), Eric McMillen (132); sophomore Cade Leasure (182); juniors Jordan Starr (145) and Ronnie Perdue (220); and senior Josh Schnegg (170).

Barnesville has only wrestled two OVAC dual meets, winning one and losing the other. Thus, they sit in fourth place entering the tournament.

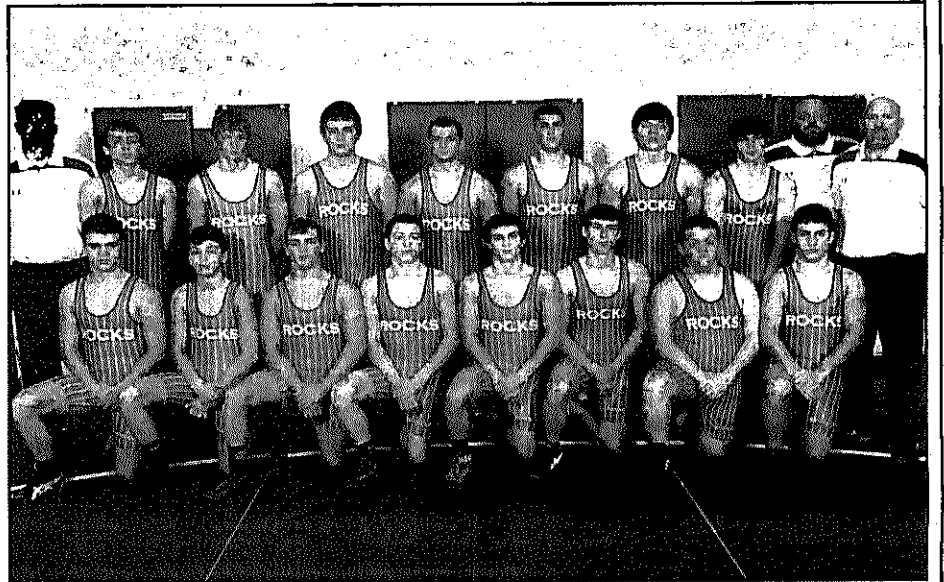
The Shamrocks won't field individuals in three weight classes, those being 106, 160 and 285.

Barnesville claimed the prestigious team crown back in 1985 under the direction of Darrell Davis. The Shamrocks finished 24th overall last year, but were second to River in Class 3-A.

Three former Shamrocks have claimed the Dave Bierkorte Award, which is presented to the tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler. They are Dan Claugus (1973), Brian Miller (1983) and Tim Moxley (1985). Additionally, Dave Kovalick was named the 1988 Mr. Mat.



BARNESVILLE SHAMROCKS



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PICTURED IS the 2013-14 Barnesville wrestling team. Butch Holskey, Kohl Campbell, Hobie Howler, Austin Singleton, Collin Wilson, Kevin Milhoan, Jeb Plumly and Jordan Starr. Back row, from left, are Head Coach Jayson Stephen, Eric McMillan, Taylor Griffin, Ronnie Perdue, Josh Schnegg, Cade Leasure, Caide Bunfill, Devin Chambers, and assistant coaches Rick Milhoan and Justin Lucas.

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Bier leading Beallsville matmen

• Blue Devils boast 11-man roster; Sefert one of the favorites at 145 pounds

By RICK THORP
Times Leader Sports Writer

When Dave Wiles was deployed to Afghanistan, Beallsville High School athletic director Jordan Stephens didn't have to go far to find someone to replace him as the Blue

Devils' wrestling coach. In fact, he simply had to look on Wiles' staff.

Ted Bier was ready, willing and able to assume the duties as the Blue Devils' mat boss. And when Beallsville enters WesBanco Arena on

Thursday night for the annual Ron Mauck OVAC Tournament, Bier will be filled with plenty of optimism about what his team could accomplish.

"We'll try to place three, for sure," he said. Beallsville have a small,

but determined squad. Bier has 11 wrestlers on the roster, but what he lacks in quantity is made up in quality.

"I'm looking for (Bruce) Sefert to win at 145 (pounds) and my son, Preston, to place again this year," Bier said. "And Jeremy Brown, at 106, there's no reason why he can't place.

"We don't really have the numbers and the experienced wrestlers to place as a team, but we ought to be able to compete for places individually."

Sefert, a senior, enters the tournament with a 15-2 record. He's wrestled at 152 for most of the season, but will drop down to 145 for OVACs.

"He lost to (University's Ryan) Lopez at Union Local and he's ranked pretty high and he'll be wrestling at 152 at OVACs."

As for Preston Bier, he

was eighth last season at OVACs. He's 9-6 this year.

"He's in that weight class where anything can happen," Ted Bier said. "It's a real even weight class."

Brown, a senior, is 10-6. "He definitely has an opportunity to place in every event he goes to," Ted Bier said.

At 113, Beallsville is represented by Zach Raines, a junior who is 8-10.

"He's another real good kid," Ted Bier said. "He's right there on the edge, but can't seem to get over it."

Zac Daugherty carries a 9-6 mark into this week's event.

"He's a real good wrestler," Ted Bier said of the junior. "He's another guy who's right on the borderline of placing and can't seem to get over the hump."

Luke Craig, a sophomore, will move to down to 138 from his usual spot at 145. He is 1-8.

Levi Phillips will com-

pete at 152 after wrestling at 160 for the bulk of the season. He's 5-5.

"He's a real experienced wrestler," Ted Bier said of the sophomore. "He has the experience, he just hasn't hit that maturity level yet."

Senior Cole Beckett will fill the 182-pound slot for the injured Mark Shaffer. Beckett is currently 6-10.

Freshman Cody Potts (2-12) will compete at 220, while David Taylor (6-6) rounds out the lineup at heavyweight.

"He's a real good kid and might be one that surprises some people," Ted Bier said of Taylor. "He went to a meet the other day against Monroe Central and went in as an underdog and pinned a kid."

Ted Bier hopes his kids take that same positive attitude into Wheeling this week.

"They're a fun group," he said.



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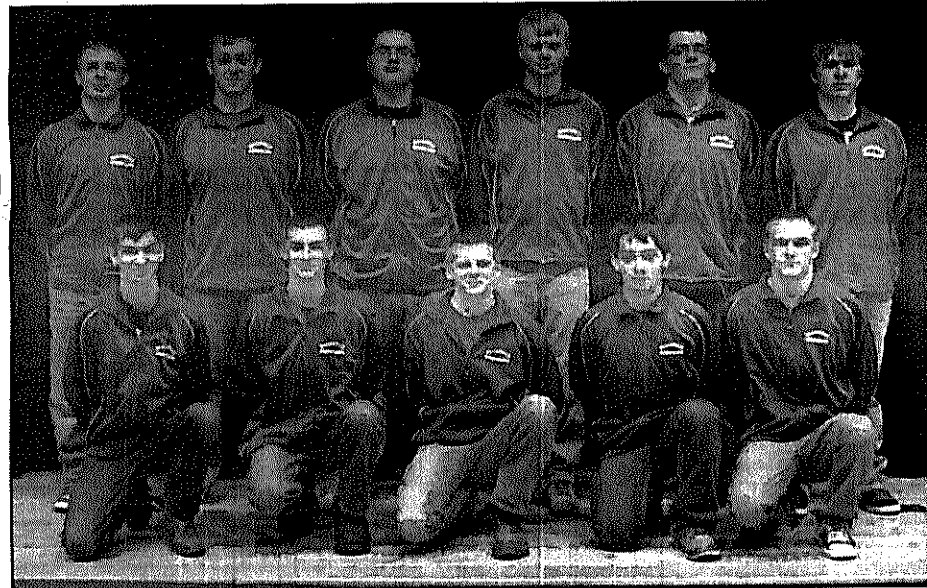


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PICTURED IS the 2013-14 Beallsville wrestling team. Front row, from left, are Jeremy Brown, Zach Raines, Zac Daugherty, Luke Craig and Shane Moore. Standing, from left, are Bruce Sefert, Preston Bier, David Taylor, Levi Phillips, Mark Shaffer and Cole Beckett.



T-L Photo/MIKE PALMER

BEALLSVILLE'S Preston Bier is one of the entrants that the Blue Devils are high on to place. Bier is a returning OVAC placer and comes into this year's event with a 9-6 record. Bier's father, Ted, is the team's head coach.

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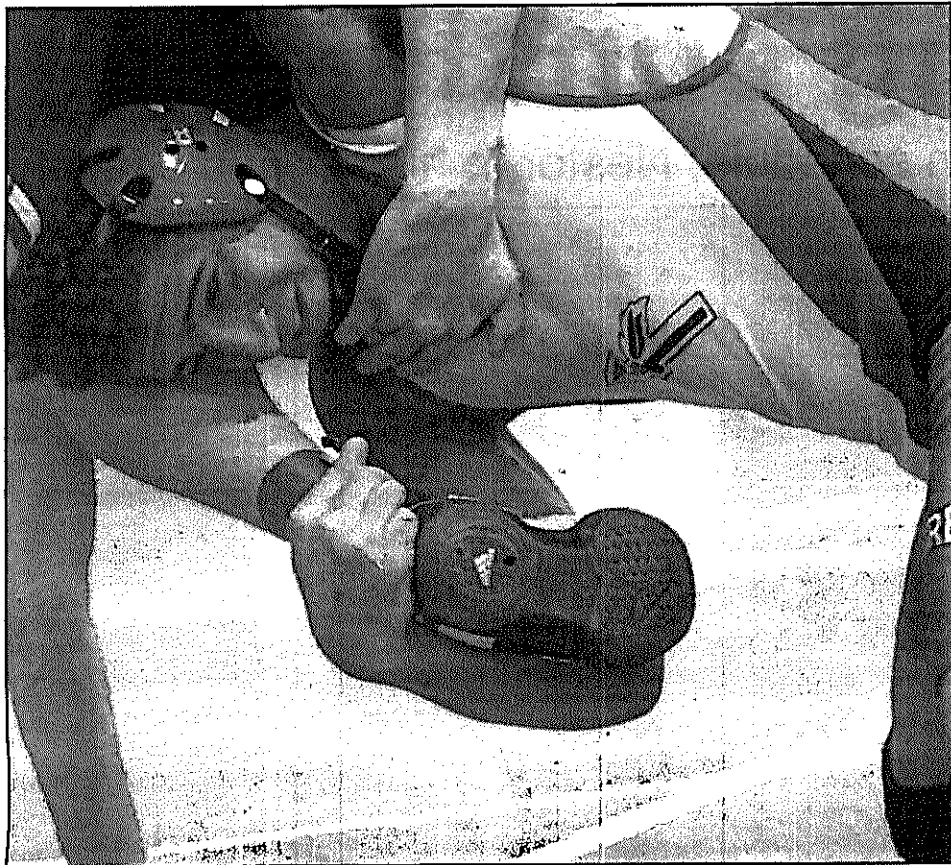
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OVAC WRESTLING



BELLAIRE'S Myliek Green will be one of the wrestlers to keep an eye on in this weekend's 61st annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament at 160 pounds. Green comes into the tournament with just two losses this season and a pair of tournament championships. He's also a returning place winner in the conference tournament.



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the unquestionable leader of the squad at 160 pounds. He is joined by juniors Austin McConville (152) and Brandon Laughman (170); sophomore Dylan Marling (113); and freshman Nathan Wilhelm (132).

"Bellaire High is in the process of change in the coaching staff," Nicola said. "As things settle in for the coaches, more and more will fall in place for the school, and most importantly, the kids.

"We have a younger group that is very motivated, so by channeling the energy of the younger group, we plan on making some noise in a couple of

years." Green, who placed sixth at 170 at last season's See, **BELLAIRE**, Page 7.

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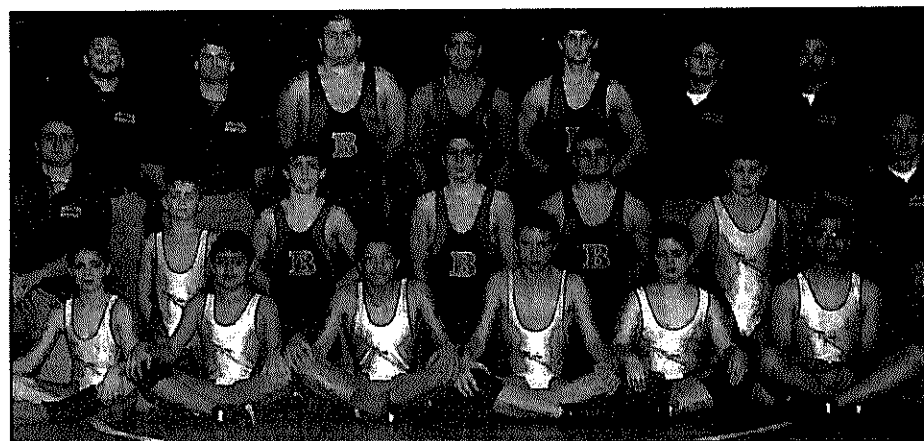


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PICTURED IS the 2013-14 Bellaire wrestling team. Front row, from left, are Isalah Wilhelm, David Monge, Chance Darrah, Hobert Baker, Nick Becket and Gabriel Monge. Second row, from left, are Coach Andy Church, J.C. Spears, Dylan Marling, Nathan Wilhelm, Brandon Laughman, Joe Hoepfner and Coach Justin Cunningham. Standing, from left, are coach Zack Kosky, head coach Mick Nicola, Cody LaRoach, Myliek Green, Austin McConville, coach Josh Davis and coach Justin Myers.

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Buckeye seeking consistency

• Panthers have faced rugged early season schedule; Nestor in his second season

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

With the second half of the prep wrestling season about to get under way, second-year head coach Guy Nestor believes his Buckeye Local Panthers are ready to turn the corner.

After battling through a myriad of lineup changes due to injuries and other reasons, the Panthers are hoping to find a level of consistency and what better time to do that than during the 61st annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling

Tournament, which opens Thursday and runs throughout the weekend at WesBanco Arena in downtown Wheeling.

"We're young and we've got some inexperienced guys in the lineup, but we've been learning as the season's gone along and we're getting better," Nestor said. "The kids are starting to show signs of improvement and are really believing what we're teaching. It was a bit difficult and somewhat frustrating at the beginning because of the holes we had to fill."

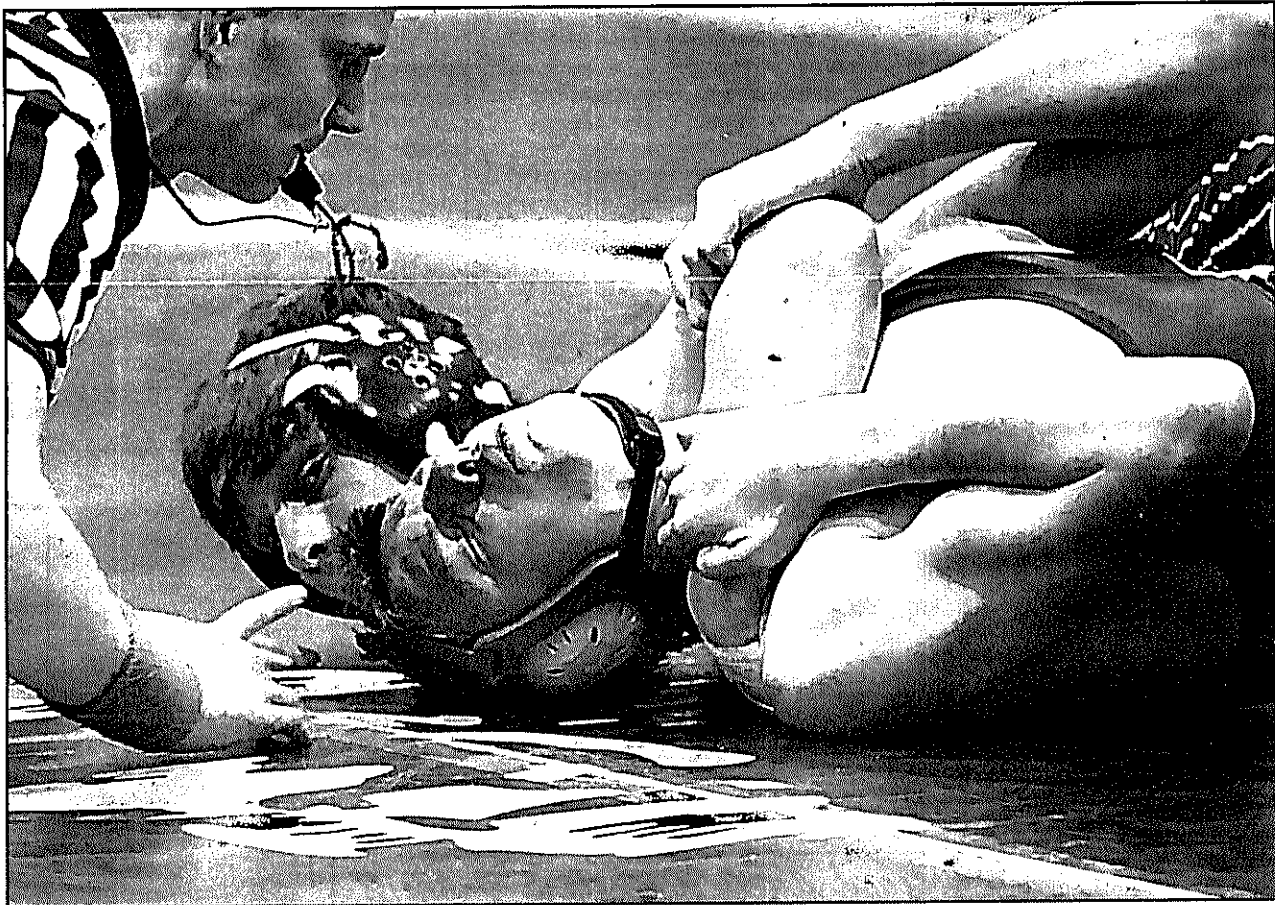
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- Guy Nestor
Buckeye Local Head Coach

The Panthers lost a trio of OVAC Tournament placers to graduation, including Sam Ronevich, J.P. Soloman and Nathan Kirk, who is enjoying a solid start to a collegiate wrestling career at Mt. Union.

"We certainly miss those guys, but our current guys are coming," Nestor said. "We started slowly last year, but by the end of the season we were wrestling our best and had six district qualifiers, which I think we can duplicate this season."

The Panthers have competed against some stiff



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BUCKEYE LOCAL'S Eric Williams works toward a pin during a match earlier this season. Williams is one of the Panthers' top entrants for this year's OVAC Tournament. He will carry a 9-4 record into the 152-pound weight class.

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competition throughout the month of December and into early 2014. They've competed at the Northcoast Classic in Independence, the Wheeling Park Duals and the Conns Duals at Meadowbrook. All told, the Panthers, who will not be competing in the OVAC Duals, are currently 4-12 on the season in dual matches.

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Nestor believes even though some of his wrestlers don't have the records they'd like, they could be a bit deceiving.

"I still think we wrestle the toughest schedule in the Ohio Valley," Nestor said. "Our kids have taken a beating, but they know what it's going to take to get to place in the OVAC or make it to the state tournament, which are our goals."

After the OVAC, the Panthers will compete in the Wadsworth Invitational, the OHSAA Team Tournament and also host the annual Panther Classic on Feb. 1.

Nestor doesn't think his

team has quite enough depth to make a run at the OVAC 4A title, but he does believe he has a handful of individuals who could find themselves on the podium Saturday evening.

"We have a few kids who we feel can place really high and some guys who can reach the top eight and that would be a huge accomplishment for them," Nestor said.

Buckeye Local will fill 12 of the 14 weight classes this weekend. It lacks an entrant at 113 and 120 pounds.

The Panthers will be led into Wheeling by junior

Josh Sokolowski and sophomore Tristan Jones. Both of whom could warrant a very high seed.

"I am very high on those guys," Nestor said. "I really think they can win the tournament. Obviously, they'll have to wrestle well, but they've got the ability."

Sokolowski will be entered at 170 pounds and boasts an 18-3 record. He's not lost a match an OVAC wrestler. All of his setbacks came at the Northcoast Tournament where he finished eighth.

"Josh is very quick and great on his feet," Nestor

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said. "He's beaten some ranked kids and should be right in the thick of it (this weekend)." Jones, meanwhile, gets the call at 182 pounds. He's currently 21-3 and owns a fifth place finish at the Northcoast event.

"Neither Josh nor Tristan placed last year, so it tells you the progress they've made," Nestor said. "Tristan is a very tough competitor. He's good on his feet and he's a good defensive wrestler."

Senior Eric Williams will be entered at 152 pounds and is 9-4 on the season. He's battled his way back into the lineup after an injury cost him some time early in the season.

"He doesn't have the amount of matches as our other guys, but he's coming

along quite well," Nestor said.

"He's very good at getting off the bottom."

One area that's a concern for this year's tournament, but a positive for future OVAC Tournaments is the balance of the Panthers team is either a freshman or a sophomore.

Sophomore Brian Morrow is the entrant at 160 pounds. He's already won 12 matches this season after capturing just 11 all season in 2012-13.

Freshman Jake Miller (6-7) gets the call at 106 pounds. Danny Callarik is progressing after dropping weight.

He started the season at 138, but has been grappling at 126 the last couple of weeks and has fared much better.

Sophomore Austin Mosser is a first-time wrestler. He owns a 5-5 record and will enter at 195 pounds this weekend.

Sophomore Simeon Smith is expected to be entered at 285 pounds. He came on last last season and earned a trip to the Division II district tournament.

The balance of the Panthers roster includes: senior Matt Miller (195), Jordan Hilliard (132), David Anderson (138), Jason Einkiewicz (145) and Joe Otto, who has been out with an injury.

Nestor has a quality coaching staff working along side of him. Former Panthers' head coach Nate Skrzypek, Mike Slaga, Jay Woodward and Jason Merryman comprise the staff.

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OVAC Tournament, has won 17 of his 19 matches thus far, including the championship at the Rick Link Union Local Invitational, as well as the the Doan Ford Barnesville Invite. He was second at the America's Best Value Inn Tournament in St. Clairsville.

"Myliak is embarking upon his final season of high school wrestling, and he has adapted some ways of wrestling that could sometimes help him or hurt him," Nicola said of Green, who starred as an inside

linebacker on the Big Reds Division VI playoff football team last fall. "Staying motivated and dedicated to the sport over these next two months is key for the success in this athlete. Taking sixth as a junior, we are hoping to have a solid tournament while coming home with some big wins."

McConville, who is 12-11 so far, is another individual who Nicola thinks can reach the podium, if he wrestles up to his abilities.

"Austin is on a slow rise to becoming a very competitive athlete in this sport,"

Nicola said of the Big Reds' cornerback. "He has a great work ethic and a tremendous attitude about what needs to be accomplished. Keeping this pace will do wonders for his accomplishments in the next two years."

Laughman, who transferred from Martins Ferry during the summer, is 4-3 in limited action. He ran for nearly 700 yards as a full-back for the Big Reds despite sitting out the mandatory five games, according to OHSAA rules.

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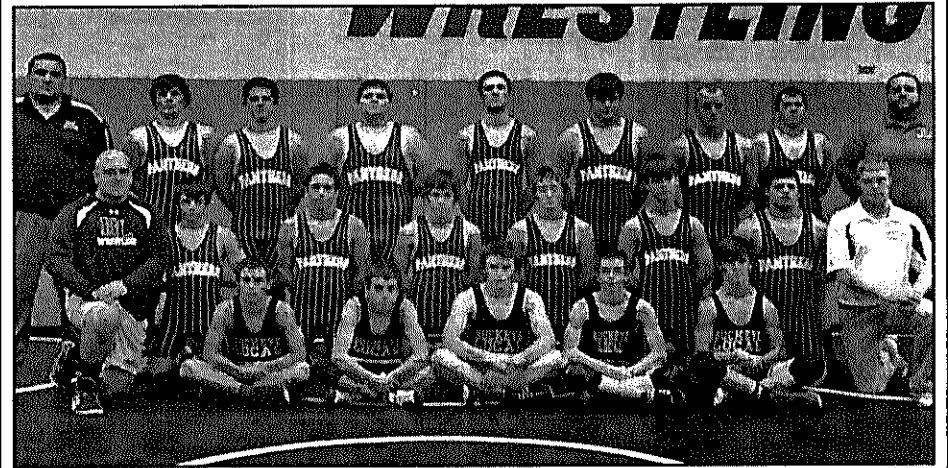


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Numbers growing at Bridgeport

• Bulldogs will enter five into the tournament; Tomolonis back at 170 after placing seventh

By KIM NORTH
Times Leader Sports Writer

The numbers are still down at Bridgeport, but head coach David Nelson is confident that his young Bulldogs can hold their own this weekend.

Bridgeport has five wrestlers entered in the 61st annual Ron Mauck Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling tournament at downtown Wheeling's WesBanco Arena.

Action gets started Thursday at 6 p.m. with Olympic-style opening ceremonies. It concludes with Saturday night's championship finals, which are slated to begin at 6:30.

"As a team, a year ago with three wrestlers we had one placer and won one other match," Nelson said. "This year we should be able to improve on that, hopefully getting at least two placers if not more and

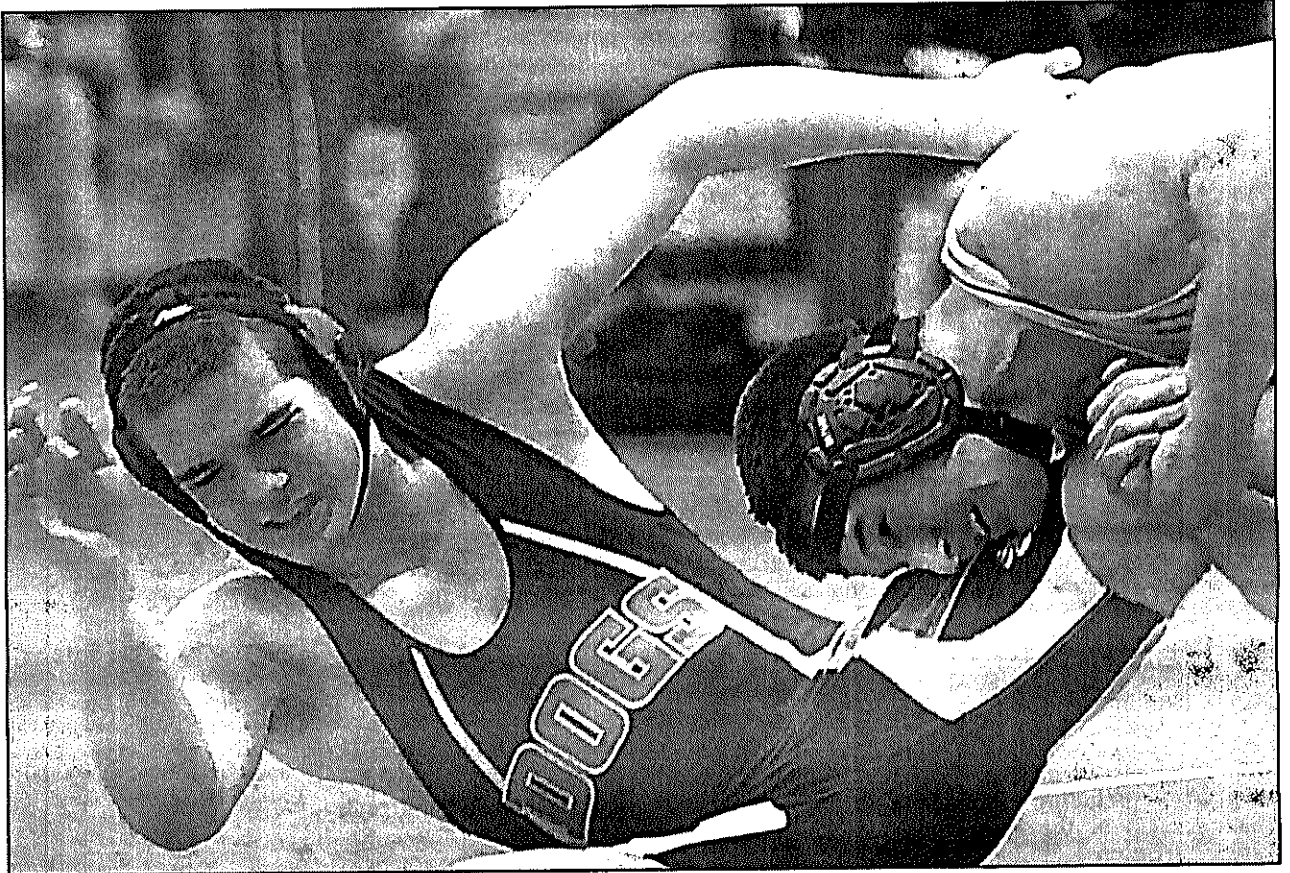
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- David Nelson
Bridgeport Head Coach

winning more matches."

The aforementioned placer is senior Brad Tomolonis (16-2) who finished seventh last year at 170 pounds, the same weight class he will compete in this weekend.

So far this season, Tomolonis has placed first at Tyler Consolidated, second at the America's Best



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BRIDGEPORT'S Brad Tomolonis is off to a strong start at 170 pounds for the Bulldogs. He's currently 16-2 on the season. He won the individual title at the Tyler Consolidated Tournament and placed second at both St. Clairsville and Shadyside tournaments. He was seventh in the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament a season ago in the same weight class he'll compete in this weekend.

Value Inn Tournament in St. Clairsville and second at Shadyside's Last Man Standing Tournament.

"I expect Brad to finish in the top 5 this weekend with a chance to win it," Nelson explained. "He has only lost two times all year, the first a close match to the Frazier kid from Philo and he got pinned by Leo Herrmann of Steubenville Central

Catholic.

"Brad should get a high seed for the OVAC tournament, and hopes to place even higher than a year ago," Nelson continued. "He has shown the ability to compete with anybody, and if he wrestles well, has a chance to compete for a title."

Other Bulldogs entered are freshmen Jason Miles (106) and Emilio Saldana (138); sophomore Carlos Kusic (182); and senior Ian Hammer (132).

Of those four, Kusic has the best opportunity to reach Saturday night's podium as he is 15-4 so far this season.

He has placed fourth at Tyler Consolidated and third at the America's Best Value Inn Tournament in St. Clairsville. Carlos lost a close 1-0 match to Cole Howes of Harrison Central at St. Clairsville.

"I was unsure of how the weight gain would affect Carlos this season because he wrestled at 152 last season," Nelson said. "Carlos has put on a lot of muscle and really grown into the weight class. He struggled at the beginning of the year against the better kids at this weight, but has made a lot of progress and his last two losses coming by only one point each.

"I think Carlos has a good chance at sneaking into a low place in a weight class that is not loaded. He has to wrestle good against tougher competition, but has not been able to pull out the win. If he can finish of all his matches, I expect big things from him this weekend."

Hammer, 10-6, has been hampered by a couple injuries this season, forcing him to default out of two tournaments. He placed fourth at the America's Best Value Inn Tournament in St. Clairsville.

"Ian will be healthy and

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Linsly wrestling on the rise in its second year

By RICK THORP
Times Leader Sports Writer

Like anything in its infancy, there will be growing pains.

Such has been the case with the wrestling program at Linsly.

But as the latest incarnation of the Cadets heads in to the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament on Thursday night, head coach Brian Valentine says he's leading a squad that's wise beyond it's years.

In other words, don't let the fact that Linsly's program is only in its second year fool you. There's talent on this team and they're eager to show it.

"We have a lot of kids that work hard, and that's all I could ever ask of them," Valentine said.

Valentine graduated from Linsly in 2002 and wrestled for the Cadets. He returned to his alma mater three years to serve as a physical education teacher.

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should do well at the OVAC tournament," Nelson said. "Ian won one match last year at the OVAC tournament, and I am expecting him to do better this year."

Saldana, 14-5, placed fourth at Tyler Consolidated and sixth at St. Clairsville.

"Emilio has wrestled tough against better wrestlers, but seems to make a lot of mistakes. If he can cut back on the mistakes during his matches and wrestle smart, he has a good chance at placing this weekend," Nelson noted. "I believe that he will catch some people by surprise and

"Some of the kids had heard I wrestled and wanted to know if I could get a program going," Valentine said.

One thing led to another an, with a tremendous amount of support from Linsly's administration, wrestling returned as a varsity sport to the Woodsdale campus.

"We went from 15 kids last year to 24 this year," Valentine beamed. "It's just been a great experience for me to come back and do something I like so much.

"To me, it's the toughest sport there is."

And, perhaps, the most rewarding.

"We're doing really well so far this season," Valentine said. "Our dual meet record is 4-2 and every tournament we've been in we've placed well.

"Our enthusiasm has been great. I couldn't ask for anything more."

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could pull off a couple upsets to place at the OVAC tournament.

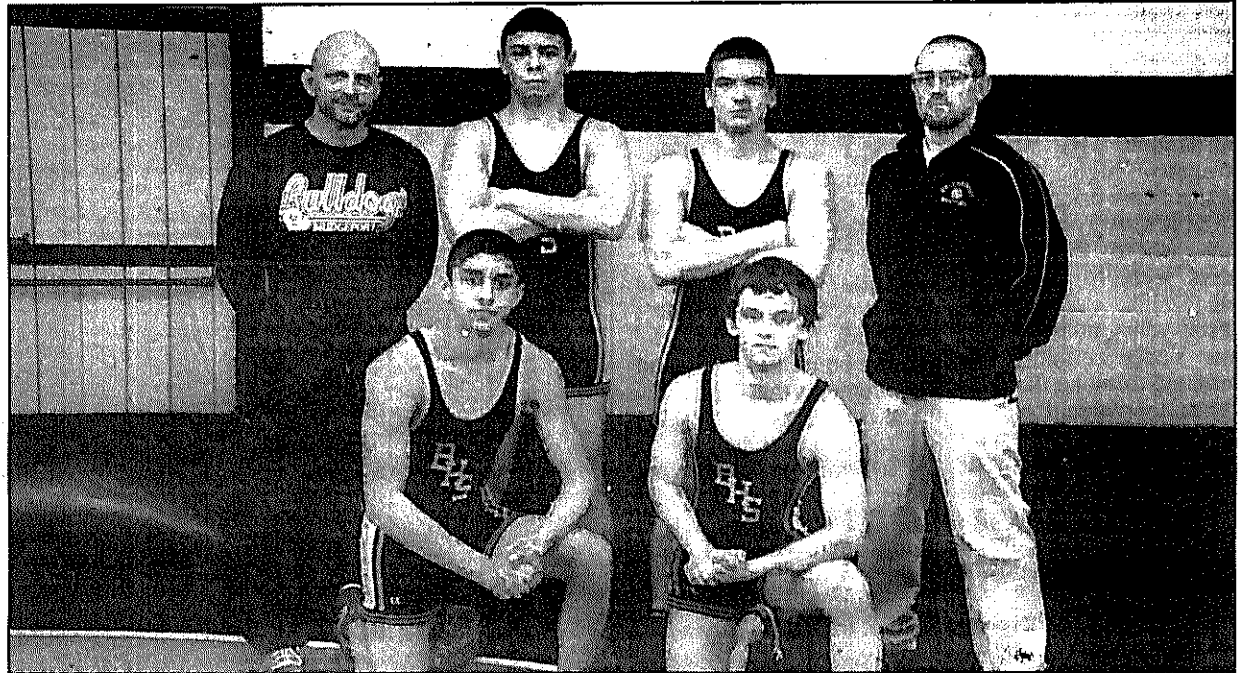
Miles has had a rough season competing between 106 and 113, running into some tough competition.

"Jason was also sidelined for two weeks in December will an illness. He has shown a lot of growth over the past couple of weeks and we expect big things from him heading forward," Nelson added.

"He is in a tough weight class this year in the OVAC. Jason will really need to work hard to win a couple matches at the tournament."



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T-L Photo/KIM NORTH
PICTURED IS the 2013-14 Bridgeport Wrestling team. Kneeling, from left, are Emilio Saldana and Ian hammer. Standing, from left, are assistant coach Rod Hammer, Carlos Kusic, Brad Tomolonis and head coach David Nelson. Missing is Jason Miles.

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Yoder now leading Ferry matmen

• Purple Riders fill 12 of the 14 weight classes; Coleman, Bodkin are off to strong starts

By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Editor

It doesn't matter the year or the coach, the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament is always extremely high on the Martins Ferry priority list.

And it's always a tournament where the Purple Riders seem to fare quite well.

First-year head coach Chas Yoder certainly has continued to make the conference tournament a high priority. And he's certainly hopeful that the trend of doing well continues as the three-day mat extravaganza opens Thursday night at WesBanco Arena in downtown Wheeling.

"We always say there are two tournaments and two times a year we want to peak," Yoder said. "We train through the rest of the season to prepare for the OVAC and the postseason.

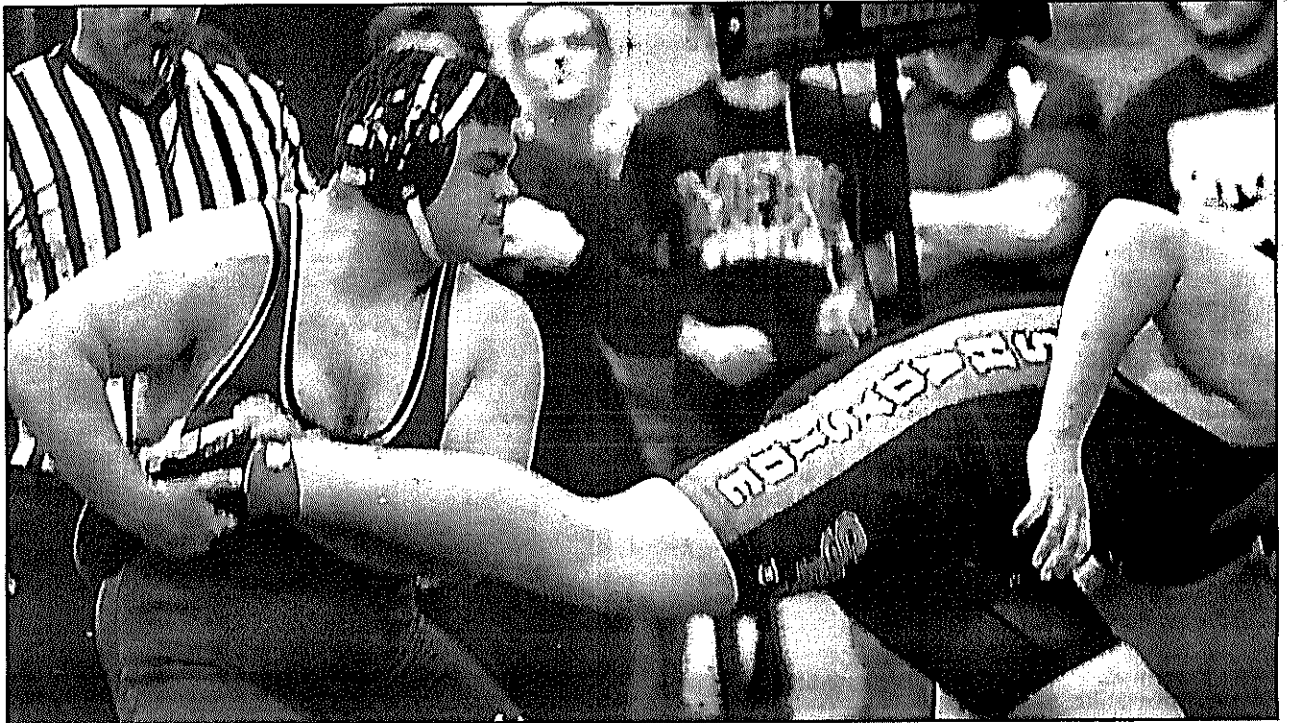
If we place well in the other tournaments, that's great, but our top two priorities are OVAC and postseason. All of the rest is preparation."

Yoder was hired at his alma mater a few weeks before the start of practice after Scott Roth stepped down.

While the wrestling aspect of things hasn't changed for Yoder, the other commitments and requirements that fall on the head coach have caused the biggest adjustment.

"It's gone well so far, but I am still learning," Yoder said. "There are a lot of things involved that I really didn't realize in terms of scheduling and conflicts and all that."

On the mats, the approach hasn't changed too much. Yoder's approach is similar to those who have come before him at the helm of the Riders'



T-L Photo/MIKE PALMER

MARTINS FERRY'S Jonathan Bodkin is off to a strong start this season at 285 pounds. He's currently 16-1 on the season and is expected to be a strong competitor in this weekend's annual Ron Mauck OVAC Tournament. Bodkin missed last year's tournament.

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program.

"Practices are ran the same way since I was in high school," Yoder confirmed. "We've kept the same routine and the kids

are really comfortable with that."

As the work leads up to Thursday's opening round, Yoder likes the direction his young squad is headed.

"Our kids are wrestling well and improving little by little every day," Yoder said. "We've got a few guys out on the mats for the first time and it's always a tough transition to go from junior high to high school. But, our guys are gaining confidence."

The Riders have prepared and gained experience in the first portion of the season by competing at the Barnesville Invitational, the

America's Best Value Inn Tournament at St. Clairsville and the Conns Duals at Meadowbrook. All told, the Riders own a 2-5 dual record.

"We have seven freshmen in our lineup, so they're learning and improving each time they go on the mat," Yoder confessed. "They're still getting nervous before they go on the mat, but we're confident that once it clicks, it'll click for these guys."

As for what lies ahead, Yoder can foresee a handful of his grapplers being on the awards' stand come Saturday night.

"I expect our upperclassmen to do well," Yoder said. "We're hoping our younger guys can win as many matches as possible. We're just going to go over and compete as best we can. Obviously, the 4A division

is tough with Steubenville, Oak Glen and the other teams."

The Purple Riders have 13 on the roster and will fill all but 126 and 132 pounds this weekend.

"We don't have many guys, but we got lucky with how their weights fell," Yoder said.

"We're getting a lot of kids a lot of experience and we've got some good kids coming in our junior high program."

A pair of juniors will the way for the Riders this weekend.

Jonathan Bodkin, who didn't take part in last year's conference tournament, will be one to watch at 285 pounds. He's currently 16-1 on the season and his only loss was in a tie-breaker at St. C.

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"Jonathan will be ready to go," Yoder said. "He's tough, in shape and strong. He actually only weighs about 225 pounds, so he's a lot quicker than he's been. I think he has a good chance at placing high."

Bryce Coleman is a returning OVAC placer and hopes to improve on that at 152 pounds this season. Coleman comes to the tournament with a 16-3 mark. He was second at Barnesville and third at St. Clairsville.

"Bryce is a really good wrestler on his feet, but we want him to get to his offense a little bit more," Yoder said. "We expect him to place high. He's wrestling well."

Another junior to keep an eye on is Thomas Campbell at 106 pounds. He's currently 12-3 on the season and has a second-place finish at Barnesville and third-place award at St. C. on his resume.

"He didn't wrestle after our first tri last season, but he came back out and is wrestling well," Yoder said. "Thomas is competing with the top-level guys, even after taking a year off."

Junior Theodore Zoumpolidis, who qualified to the Division III state tournament last season, is the entrant at 120 pounds. He's off to an 8-7 start after jumping up two weight classes from a season ago.

"Theo's off to a slow start, similar to last season," Yoder said. "He seems to wrestle his best at the bigger tournaments. He had a good OVAC Tournament last year, finishing eighth, so we expect a lot from him."

Senior James Wise is 14-6 on the season at 145 pounds. Two of his losses have been by one point. He was fifth place at St. Clairsville.

Senior Ja'Vaughn Wade is new to the Riders' program after transferring from Wheeling Park. He's currently 7-7 on the season and

Yoder has been impressed by the steady progress he's made.

Freshman Anthony Blankenship is entered at 113 pounds. Sophomore

Trevor Neavin will be called upon this weekend at 138. Sophomore Andrew Hython and freshman Drake Rice are entered at 160 and 170 pounds, respectively.

Freshmen - Nick Cummings and Jerry Jarman - are entered at 195 and 220, respectively. Both have four wins.

Freshman Dom Wallace

is Bodkin's backup at 285. After the OVAC Tournament, the Riders will take part in the OHSAA Dual Tournament, the OVAC Duals, if they quali-

fy, New Lexington Invitational and Buckeye Local Invitational.

Yoder's coaching staff is comprised of Chad Ware and Taylor Yoder



MARTINS FERRY PURPLE RIDERS

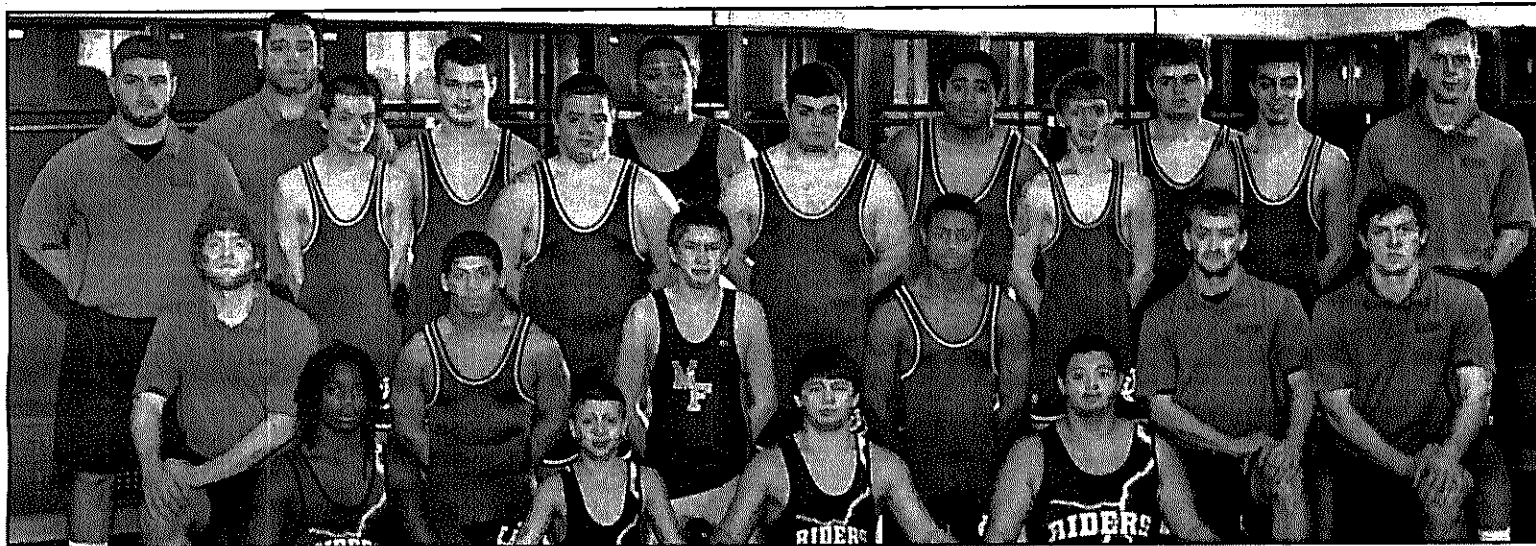


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PICTURED IS the 2013-14 Martins Ferry wrestling team. Front row, from left, are Nate Boxley, Mason Kuneff, Dalton Hoover and Hunter Bodkin. Middle row, from left, are Coach Mike Rose, Bryce Coleman, Trevor Neavin, Andrew Hython, Coach Mike Shreve and Coach Taylor Yoder. Third row, from left, are Head Coach Chas Yoder, Anthony Blankenship, Jerry Jarman, Jon Bodkin, Thomas Campbell, Theo Zoumpolidis and Coach Chad Ware. Back row, from left, are Coach Jim Hoover, Drake Rice, Dom Wallace, Ja'Vaughn Wade and Nick Cummings.

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River hopes to challenge in 2A

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

The River Pilots made an early season statement when they captured the team title at the Doan Ford Barnesville Invitational.

Unfortunately, for head coach Eric Rosen and company, the injury bug has taken a bite out of the Pilots

since then.

"That (win at Barnesville) has been the high point of the season," Rosen said. "We've had injuries and some other issues that are keeping guys out of the lineup, but our goals remain the same."

The Pilots expect to be as close to 100 percent as they've been since early

December this weekend when the 61st annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament opens at WesBanco Arena Thursday evening.

"For the most part, we'll be healthy," Rosen said. "The biggest issue for us is making up for the lost mat time and our conditioning. We're going to go over and

"FOR THE most part, we'll be healthy. The biggest issue for us is making up for the lost mat time and our conditioning. We're going to go over and do the best we can."

- Eric Rosen
River Head Coach

do the best we can."

The Pilots captured the OVAC 3A Tournament title and eventually won the dual crown as well last season, but they've since dropped back down to 2A, which is a very deep field, according to Rosen.

"We hope to be competitive," Rosen said. "If we had everyone healthy and performing like we did early in the season, I think it could have been a really competitive race. It's going to be a dogfight because I know Shadyside, Caldwell and Toronto all have solid teams."

Rosen believes he has a handful of wrestlers who should be in the thick of a chase of a place, but continually stresses that wrestling is a team sport.

"Last year, it came down to everyone having to win matches," Rosen said. "Obviously, it's an individual sport to an extent, but the (consolation) matches are important. Plus, we tell our kids pin to win because you need the maximum amount of points out of each match."

On top of their showing at Barnesville, the Pilots have put together a 5-3 dual record. They also took part in the Shadyside Invitational earlier this month, finishing eighth despite missing several competitors with injuries.

"Even with the minor injuries, the season has been fun," Rosen said. "We have seven seniors, who are the leaders of our team and they're doing a good job."

Despite having 24 on the roster, the Pilots will only fill 12 of the 14 weight classes this weekend. The Pilots will lack an entrant at 106 and 113.

"We're going to need guys to step up and be competitive this weekend," Rosen said.

The Pilots will be led into the OVAC by senior Brett Rosen at 195 pounds. A cousin of the head coach, Rosen was the champion at Shadyside and runnerup at Barnesville. That loss is his only setback of the season. He was sixth in the OVAC last year.

"Brett's done well," Rosen said. "He sets the example in the weight room and in the practice room. He's earned everything he's gotten."

Senior Dakota Dunn is off to an 11-4 start this season. He owns a second-place finish at Barnesville and fourth-place medal at Shadyside. He edged out Brandon Reusser in a wrestle off for the 182-pound spot.

Senior Kole Smith gets the call at 170 pounds. He was the champion at Barnesville and fourth at Shadyside after suffering an injury. He was a district qualifier last season.

"Kole is one of the captains and leaders of our team," Rosen pointed out. "He works hard and is a good role model for our younger guys."

Senior Jordan Sapp is a

"sleeper" at 160 pounds, according to his head coach. Sapp is 12-3 on the season and finished with a bronze medal at Barnesville.

Junior Loren Thomas has been solid at 132. He was third at Barnesville and is a competitor that Rosen thinks "can come out of nowhere" to steal a place.

"Loren can really turn it out and surprise some people, but 132 is a tough weight class," Rosen continued.

Sophomore Chase Schultheis is 7-7 at 120 pounds. Junior Josh Stewart holds down the fort at 126 pounds. He's 7-6 on the season.

Senior Bailey Reusser is 7-6 and will enter at 138 pounds, while senior Chase Young is 4-2 and has battled back from some injuries at 145 pounds.

Junior Michael Taylor is entered at 152. He's a first-year wrestler.

Two freshmen - Collin Huffman and Broc Miracle - are battling in 220 and 285 pounds, respectively.

"Getting our kids in a position on the bracket to win a few matches will be critical for us," Rosen said.

After the OVAC, the Pilots host their own invitational, compete in the Beallsville Invitational, OHSAA Duals, OVAC Duals and then the post-season.

Graduation claimed only J.D. Dotson, who placed fifth in both the OVAC and state tournament, and Hank Goebel.

The balance of the Pilots roster includes: Matthew Alleman, Tucker Boggs, Oliver Cummins, a foreign exchange student from Denmark; Jonah Danver, Beau Harden, Hunter Harris, Luke Matusik, Nathan Rainey and Dakota Smith.

Rosen's coaching staff is comprised of Chuck Baker, John Talbott, Paden Stewart and Eric Stephens.



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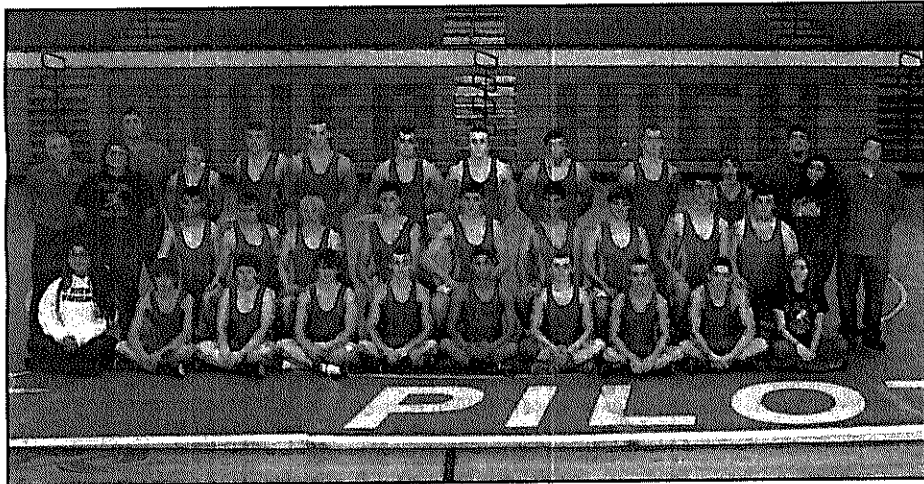


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PICTURED IS the 2013-14 River wrestling team. Front row, from left, are Skylar Clark, Dakota Smith, Hunter Harris, Nathan Rainey, Bailey Reusser, Loren Thomas, Josh Stewart, Chase Schultheis, Chase Young and Jessica Gendenning. Second row, from left, are Coach Chuck Baker, Cattle Ritchie, Michael Taylor, Cody Binni, Cody Saksa, Beau Harden, Luke Matusik, Tucker Boggs, Jonah Danver, Oliver Cummins, Collin Huffman, Taylor Biesel and Coach John Talbott. Back row, from left, are Coach Eric Stephens, Zac Talbot, Broc Miracle, Kole Smith, Brandon Reusser, Dakota Dunn, Brett Rosen, Jordan Sapp, Kit Veulich and Head Coach Eric Rosen.

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61st annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Championship (at WesBanco Arena) First-Round Pairings

106 — Greg Quinn (Shady) vs. Jason Miles (Bpt); Bye vs. Austin Vanderborne (IC); Bye vs. Timmy Young (SCC); Adam Schockling (Cald) vs. Quinton Bookman (Beav); Ryan Debee (OG) vs. Josh Kleiner (Ed); Bye vs. Jeremy Brown (Bealls); Cole Harris (Tor) vs. Brandon Kaiser (Steub); Ben Pratt (Tyler) vs. Thomas Campbell (MF); Tommy Curtin (Lins) vs. Chase Whitely (UL); Trinton Jett (Mag) vs. Chase Stephens (Meadow); Hunter Cline (PS) vs. Bye; Damen Pucci (Wells) vs. Logan Ball (Camb); Cody Holmes (JM) vs. Jake Miller (BL); Jamey Creer (StC) vs. Bye; Michael Reordan (Brk) vs. Bye; Jacob Syppolt (U) vs. Alex Potts (EL).

113 — Tariq Wilson (Steub) vs. Thomas Mosman (Lins); Bye vs. Kohl Campbell (Barnes); Bye vs. Collin Hunter (Shady); Bye vs. Riley Nice (Mag); Daniel Hague (IC) vs. Dylan Marling (Bell); Bye vs. Alex Anderson (Tor); Isaac Kierdowski (SCC) vs. Bye; Anthony Blankenship (MF) vs. Jack Dawson (Beav); Danny Wyke (OG) vs. Matt Gorby (Morg); Bye vs. Mark Jones (Ed); Dakota Ice (EL) vs. Bye; James Parsons (WP) vs. Alex Timko (StC); Brandon Bertant (JM) vs. Bye; Brandon White (HC) vs. Bye; Devon Clark (Shen) vs. Bye; Mateo Biatore (U) vs. Logan Ball (PS).

120 — Dallas Baclak (WP) vs. Trent Snyder (BD); Evan Snook (Shen) vs. Donte Vincenzo (StC); Bye vs. Chase Schulteis (Riv); Jeff Henrich (U) vs. Colten Nangle (PS); Donald Starkey (Tor) vs. Tyler Johnson (Tyler); Collin Wilson (Barnes) vs. Jordan Ball (Camb); Zach Ray (Morg) vs. Robert Bozek (OG); Michael Max (Brk) vs. Josh Kahl (Shady); Dakotah Goff (Steub) vs. Brandon Grow (CB); Brandon Logan (Ed) vs. Luke Cbniker (SCC); Dustin McAtee (IC) vs. Doug Riter (Mag);

Tanner Strain (UL) vs. Tyler Wiley (Cald); Rodney Richter (MC) vs. Kove Richardson (Meadow); Tim Sarge (EL) vs. Bye; Theodore Zoumpolidus (MF) vs. Dustin Martsoff (Beav); Maurice Sattenwhite (Lins) vs. Dalton Wood (Cam).

126 — Tyler Jenkins (Meadow) vs. Nick Spalla (Cam); Brady Nanners (Lins) vs. Jason Allen (Cald); Bye vs. Josh Stewart (Riv); Josh Rine (JM) vs. Mike Jones (U); Austin Harris (PS) vs. Marc Porter (Steub); Bye vs. Derek Patterson (Camb); Wyatt Skapik (Shady) vs. Maury Gamble (Brk); Tyler Gaydosh (UL) vs. Josh Cornell (OG); David Forrester (HC) vs. Jayson Jones (Mad); Robert Daley (Ed) vs. John Howell (UL); Kirk Moore (Morg) vs. Brandon Mitchell (Tor); Jonathan Skeens (WP) vs. Austin Singleton (Barnes); Cody Otter (EL) vs. Shamus Thompson (StC); Zac Daugherty (Bealls) vs. Bye; Clay Adams (Mag) vs. Danny Callarik (BL); Brody Watson (CB) vs. Jason Keyes (Beav).

132 — Isiah Hood (U) vs. Tristan Sanders (Morg); Skyler Yoho (Mag) vs. Ian Hammer (Bpt); Bye vs. Phillip Thrasher (Wells); Nick Addy (Beav) vs. Avery Flowers (OG); Kolby Rayner (Cald) vs. Nathan Wilhelm (Bell); Colton Stevens (StC) vs. Lane Weaver (Ed); Billy Johnson (Shady) vs. Loren Thomas (Riv); Miles Mazik (IC) vs. Jake Hubbard (Steub); Bobby Stewart (UL) vs. Ralph Dunlap (JM); Kyle Schlieper (Cam) vs. Phillip Good (Mad); Joey Eaton (Brk) vs. Evan Reed (Camb); Stanley Czaharoski (WP) vs. Blake Kiedrowski (SCC); T.J. Lambiotte (PS) vs. Eric McMillan (Barnes); Chase Cooper (Tyler) vs. David Anderson (BL); Brady Bower (Lins) vs. Kris Bailey (EL); Jerry Savage (Tor) vs. Hunter Pizzino (HC).

138 — Kameron Rayner (Clad) vs. Dustin Dayton (Ed); Chase Street (Mag) vs. Brian Ferguson (Steub); Bye vs. Cedro Parise (SCC); William

Chapman (Tyler) vs. Austin Digiandomenico (WP); Hobie Howler (Barnes) vs. Daniel Monte (Wells); Nick Wright (UL) vs. Cody Hawthorne (Shady); Chase Carothers (MC) vs. Anthony Risley (HC); Luke Craig (Bealls) vs. Dylan Hall (JM); Cody Hamlin (U) vs. Zach Lowman (Morg); Billy Law (Camb) vs. Bailey Reusser (Riv); Emilio Saldana (Bpt) vs. Cody King (Tor); Josh Chandler (Brk) vs. Tyler Winland (PS); Nick Tice (OG) vs. Jameson Mascara (Lins); Crawford Hall (StC) vs. Nick Utt (IC); Michael Starcher (Cam) vs. Timothy Hall (CB); Trevor Neavin (MF) vs. Daniel Hasson (Beav).

145 — Dylan Taylor (WP) vs. Hunt/West; Logan Thompson (StC) vs. Joseph Layman (Mag); Jason Binkiewicz (BL) vs. Zack Myers (U); Tyler Knox (TC) vs. Zac Sowers (UL); Hunter DeLong (PS) vs. Blake Pickenpaugh (Cald); Colton Kirby (CB) vs. James Wise (MF); Tristan Gross (Morg) vs. Cyle Riedel (HC); Joseph Laiply (Shen) vs. Logan Hickenbottom (Camb); Shawn Livingston (Steub) vs. Derrick Martin (Cam); Tyler McAtee (IC) vs. Jonathan Ekey (Mad); Nick Fisher* (Ed) vs. Chase Young (Riv); Patrick Craig (MC) vs. Brett Kahl (Shady); Bruce Seferl (Bealls) vs. Hunter Brown (Lins); Patrick Arneault (OG) vs. Max Tice (Tor); Clay Davis (Beav) vs. Jordan Starr (Beav); Dashawn Golding (EL) vs. Bailey Jenkins (Meadow).

152 — Jonny Davis (WP) vs. Devore/Thomas; Michael Taylor (Riv) vs. William Law (Brk); Joey Kelly (Mag) vs. Dylan Alwine (StC); Tyler Forquer (CB) vs. Mack Lawrence (Morg); Bryce Coleman (MF) vs. Laine Cade (Ed); Nate Ketchum (EL) vs. Devin Crum (UL); Charles Ross (Tor) vs. Jonathan Wood (Shen); Levi Phillips (Bealls) vs. Dylan Alexander (PS); Kevin Scrudders (Camb) vs. Benton Nanners (Lins); Austin Adams (Beav) vs. Trevor Stevens (Meadow); Eric Williams (BL) vs. Cody Davis (Cald); Austin

Allen (Shady) vs. Mike Crosby (SCC); Niko Moray (Steub) vs. Wyatt Mackey (Cam); Alex Shuman (OG) vs. Austin McConville (Bell); Dustin Shramko (Wells) vs. Kyle Dodds (HC); Fields/Holskey vs. Ryan Lopez (U).

160 — Eric Bank (WP) vs. Ronald Gray (Tor); Chris Zonker (Brk) vs. Ryan Morrow (BL); Michael Wells (Ed) vs. Jordan Sapp (Riv); Jacob Parr (Weir) vs. Josh Barber (Beav); Damon Gandee (PS) vs. Pat Hemon (SCC); Brad Zerkle (Shen) vs. Mike Paynter (UL); Will Andrews (Morg) vs. Josh Ruble (Tyler); Andrew Wanat (JM) vs. Cole Skaggs (StC); Eric Fox (Camb) vs. Andrew Hython (MF); Jake Duvall (Shady) vs. Paden McConaughy (Mag); Hunter Haines (Cam) vs. Richard Ramage (Meadow); Blake Johnston (Wells) vs. Austin Deffenbaugh (Steub); Liam Bat (U) vs. Jim Lisk (EL); Gage Giovengo (Lins) vs. Will Hogan (OG); Seth Williams (IC) vs. Hammer VanScyoc (CB); Joao Erlo (HC) vs. Myllek Green (Bell).

170 — Brandon Jones (Steub) vs. Preston Miller (Cam); Stephen Webster (U) vs. Devon Chadwick (OG); Bye vs. Joe Abdalla (Wells); Josh Schnegg (Barnes) vs. Matt McFarland (UL); Matthew Dixon (PS) vs. Michael Millhom (Ed); Brandon Laughman (Bell) vs. Jake Wensyel (WP); Matt Carnes (StC) vs. Drew Lowery (Tor); Garrett Finsley (Brk) vs. Brad Tomolonis (Bpt); Josh Sokolowski (BL) vs. Jacob Wounaris (IC); T.J. Love (Meadow) vs. George Pahoundis (Camb); Van Wooding (Lins) vs. Chad Reed (EL); Drake Rice (MF) vs. Kole Smith (Riv); Garrett Wotring (Morg) vs. Malcomb Boyer (IC); Mark Parr (Weir) vs. Bye; Tyler Kelly (Beav) vs. David Freeman (Shen); Joel Hatfield (Mag) vs. Leo Hermann (SCC).

182 — Mitchell Wells (Ed) vs. Cole Beckett (Bealls); Trey West (Meadow) vs. Mario Harvey (Steub); Bye vs. Devin Silis (Shen); Dakota Dunn (Riv) vs. Cole Howes (HC); Logan

Wotring (Morg) vs. Ify Chima (Lins); Cade Leasure (Barnes) vs. Morley Marsden (Beav); Tommy Ricker (WP) vs. Devon Losee (Tor); Tyler Kelly (Wells) vs. Caleb Nice (Mag); Justin Altman (PS) vs. Ja Vaughn Wade (MF); Sheldon Archer (Cald) vs. Noah Flowers (OG); Lucas Borden (SCC) vs. Matthew Dell (Brk); Josh Taylor (UL) vs. Waylon Miller (Cam); John Mercer (Camb) vs. Gabe Clegg (Tyler); Austin Mayfield (EL) vs. Bye; Carlos Kusic (Bpt) vs. Sam Robinson (IC); Patrick McCoy (Weir) vs. Tristan Jones (BL).

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Shadyside seeks repeat in 2A

• Grinch now in charge of a Tigers squad that features just one senior in the starting lineup

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

Shadyside had an OVAC Tournament to remember in 2013.

Not only did the Tigers win the Class 1A/2A team title, they produced three individual champions, which was the second most of any school in the conference.

However, Ian Baker (145), Alex Quinn (152) and Chase Kinemond (160) all graduated last spring. Along with them, head coach Scott Kinemond stepped down after a highly successful stint.

Despite those losses, new head coach Sean Grinch doesn't think his youthful squad is one to be counted out come Saturday night when the points are being calculated at the 61st annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament, which opens Thursday at

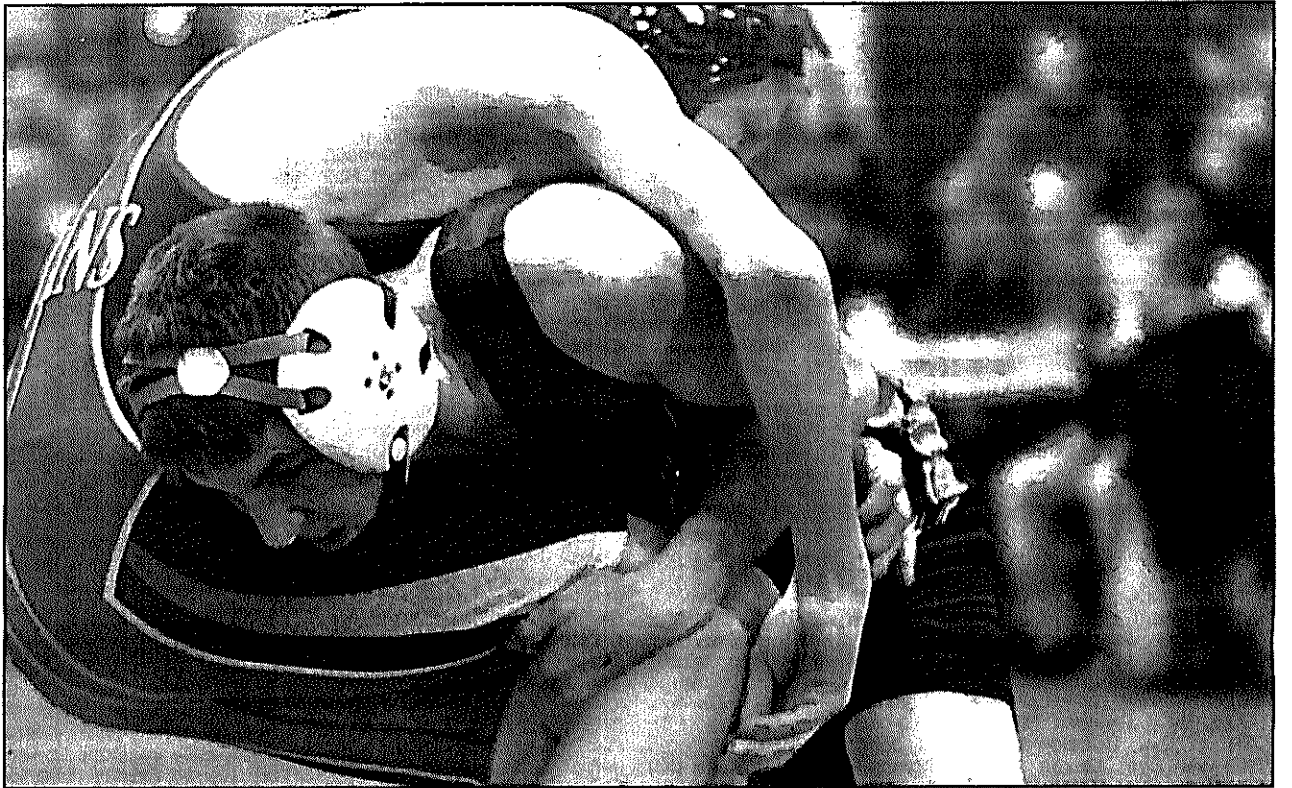
WesBanco Arena in downtown Wheeling.

"We've had some ups and downs against tough competition and I think, from top to bottom, we've improved," Grinch said. "The OVAC Tournament is such a grind. And the 2A division is very competitive again."

The Tigers' aforementioned trio all went on to earn all-Ohio status, including Quinn completing the undefeated season with a Division III state championship.

"Obviously, it would be really nice to have those guys back," Grinch offered. "They were huge assets to the team. I think they scored enough points by themselves to win the 2A title last year."

With a relatively young squad, featuring only one senior in the starting lineup, Grinch knows the battle for this year's team crown will



T-L Photo/MIKE PALMER

SHADYSIDE FRESHMAN Greg Quinn works for control of an opponent during a tournament last month in Barnesville. Quinn enters his first OVAC Tournament with a 22-0 record. He's not had a match reach the third period this season.

require scoring from his entire lineup, which will only fill 11 of the 14 weight classes.

"Bonus points will be key and when guys get in the consolation bracket, we'll need to battle and wrestle tough because those wins are very important," Grinch confessed. "We have to continue to get better each week because we're so young. Our guys have wrestled tough."

Grinch couldn't put a number on how many plac-

ers he expects because some of the weight classes are so wide open.

"Some of these weight classes are going to come down to what kid gets hot that week," Grinch said. "We could have someone go 0-2 or that same kid could make the top four. It's going to be really interesting to see how it plays out. Placement on the bracket will be important and whether or not kids wrestle true to seeds. We're excited and looking forward to the challenge."

Shadyside has prepared for the OVAC Tournament by taking part in the Barnesville Invitational, the Wheeling Park Duals and it won its own 'Last Man Standing' Tournament ear-

lier this month.

At the Park Duals, Shadyside, which was one of the smallest schools taking part, finished 4-4 and faced the likes of Massillon, Cincinnati St. Xavier and Steubenville.

"The competition was tough there and we took some beatings along the way," Grinch said. "We grew up some, though, and that was good to see from our kids."

Currently, the Tigers own an 8-5 dual record and will take part in the OHSAA Duals, a tournament at Dublin Jerome, the OVAC Duals and battle Wheeling Park in a dual at Wheeling Jesuit after the conference tournament.

The Tigers, who won't

have an entrant at 170, 182 and 195 pounds, have 18 on their roster.

"We just have a logjam of kids in our low or middle weights," Grinch said. "We really didn't have anyone to go there."

One of the top Tigers' entrants is freshman Gregory Quinn at 106 pounds. Quinn, who is Alex's brother, is 22-0 on the season and owns titles at both Barnesville and Shadyside. He was the most outstanding wrestler at Shadyside and won an award for most pins at Barnesville. He's also not had a match go into the third period this season.

"Greg's been around the sport his entire life, trav-

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elled to find the best competition (in the offseason) and it's showing by the way he's wrestling now," Grinch said.

"I don't see why he can't be in the mix Saturday night. Obviously, it gets tougher from here on out, but I think he's ready for it."

Freshman Josh Kahl gets the call at 120 pounds. He was the champion at Barnesville and was named most outstanding wrestler after winning gold despite being unseeded. He's currently 18-3 on the season and was second at Shadyside after having to injury default in the title bout.

"Josh is a hard-nosed kid," Grinch said. "I think he surprised some people at Barnesville. He has a high motor, works hard in the (practice) room and he's very focused. He's in a very deep weight class."

Sophomore Brett Kahl is another to keep an eye on this weekend. He's currently 17-5 on the season and will enter at 145 pounds. He was the champion at Shadyside and third at Barnesville.

"Of his five losses, a few are heartbreakers to good kids," Grinch said. "I think

Brett's really battle tested. He feels like he has something to prove and he's in a weight class where he could have a good weekend."

Jake Duvall is one of only two seniors on the team. He'll enter at 160 pounds with an 13-8 record. He was third at Shadyside.

"Jake started the season at 170 and has really done better since dropping down," Grinch said. "He went 4-1 at our tournament and wrestled well. He's a smart kid who could possibly sneak into a place."

Freshman Billy Johnson (10-7) has yet to break through for a tournament placing, but Grinch is high on him.

"One thing that's hurt Billy is he's ran into some upper classmen who are more mature and have some strength on him. He's another guy who, if he's wrestling well, could place."

Sophomore Collin Hunter is 9-5 and will be entered at 113 pounds. He was third at Shadyside.

"Collin's first matches were at Park and he's steadily improving," Grinch said. "He has losses to quality kids, so we hope he con-

tinues to wrestle well."

Grinch held wrestle-offs for the 126 pound and 138 pound spots.

Juniors Zach Vaughn (6-1) and Wyatt Skapik (9-8) have gone back-and-forth most of the season. Vaughn has battled back from early season injuries.

Skapik won a wrestle off late last week and will be in the field for the OVAC Tournament.

At 138, freshman Cody Hawthorne (9-4) and senior Jake Haswell (6-8) locked horns for the spot on the bracket.

Sophomore Austin Allen holds down the fort at 152 pounds, but is giving up some weight to go to that class. He's currently 5-8.

Sophomore Dante DeFelice is 8-11 and making steady improvement at 220-pounds.

Freshman Donnie Meadows (2-5) holds down the 285-pound weight class for the Tigers.

The balance of the Tigers' squad includes: freshman Will Brown (106), Bailey Chaplin (132), sophomore Matt Shaw (132), sophomore Zane Merryman (138) and sophomore Eli Karkowski (285).

"We're really young with some scrappy kids," Grinch said. "A lot of our guys have been wrestling for a lot of years and have a good background in the sport. There will probably be some nerves this weekend, but that's natural and there's nothing wrong with that. We're focused on taking it one match at a time." Grinch, who is a

Shadyside High graduate, had served on the coaching staff at Indian Creek before landing the Tigers' post. His father, John, served a lengthy tenure as the Tigers head coach in the late 80s and early 90s.

"Being a head coach is everything I thought it would be," Grinch said. "It's a lot of hardwork, but I've got really good people

around me in terms of the administration, the assistant coach and a good group of parents. They all really make things easier."

Grinch's coaching staff consists of Kurt Glasser, Jesse Irwin and Luke Burkhardt, all of whom were standouts in the Orange & Black. Baker is guiding the junior high program.



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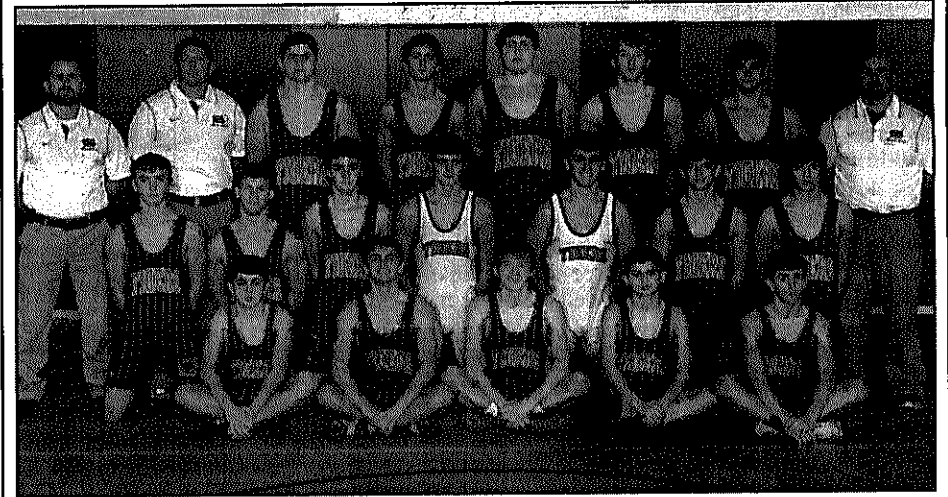


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PICTURED IS the 2013-14 Shadyside wrestling team. Front row, from left, are Collin Hunter, Zach Vaughn, Josh Kahl, Will Brown and Greg Quinn. Second row, from left, are Matt Shaw, Cody Hawthorne, Billy Johnson, Jake Haswell, Jake Duvall, Wyatt Skapik and Zane Merryman. Back row, from left, are assistant coach Jesse Irwin, head coach Sean Grinch, Donnie Meadows, Bailey Chaplin, Eli Karkowski, Brett Kahl, Dante DeFelice and assistant coach Kurt Glasser.

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- 1971 - St. John Central, Dennis Bowman
- 1972 - John Marshall, Bill Hinegardner
- 1973 - John Marshall, Bill Hinegardner
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- 1976 - Weir, Charles Murray
- 1977 - John Marshall, Bill Hinegardner
- 1978 - Wheeling Park, Eric Carder
- 1979 - Wheeling Park, Eric Carder

- 1980 - Steubenville, John Craig
- 1981 - Cadiz, John Stephenson
- 1982 - Steubenville, John Craig
- 1983 - John Marshall, Ed Dugas
- 1984 - Steubenville, John Craig
- 1985 - Barnesville, Darrell Davis
- 1986 - East Liverpool, Nick Trombetta
- 1987 - Steubenville, John Craig
- 1988 - East Liverpool, Nick Trombetta
- 1989 - Steubenville, John Craig
- 1990 - Wheeling Park, Buzz Evans
- 1991 - Oak Glen, Larry Shaw
- 1992 - Steubenville, John Craig
- 1993 - Martins Ferry, Jeff Oberdick
- 1994 - Wheeling Park, Buzz Evans
- 1995 - Steubenville, Rick Camiletti
- 1996 - Buckeye Local, Dan Doyle
- 1997 - Buckeye Local, Dan Doyle
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- 1999 - Martins Ferry, Jeff Oberdick
- 2000 - East Liverpool, Scott Heimstra
- 2001 - East Liverpool, Scott Heimstra
- 2002 - Oak Glen, Larry Shaw
- 2003 - Beaver Local, Rich Wright
- 2004 - Oak Glen, Larry Shaw
- 2005 - Oak Glen, Larry Shaw

- 2006 - Wheeling Park, Gene Monteleone
- 2007 - Oak Glen, Larry Shaw
- 2008 - Wheeling Park, Sean Doyle
- 2009 - Harrison Central, Todd Duniap
- 2010 - Parkersburg South, Paul Jackson
- 2011 - Parkersburg South, Paul Jackson
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• Nine of the 12 Red Devils' competitors enter the OVAC Tournament with a winning record

By KIM NORTH
Times Leader Sports Writer

ST. CLAIRSVILLE - Every coach, no matter the sport, wants his team to peak at the right time.

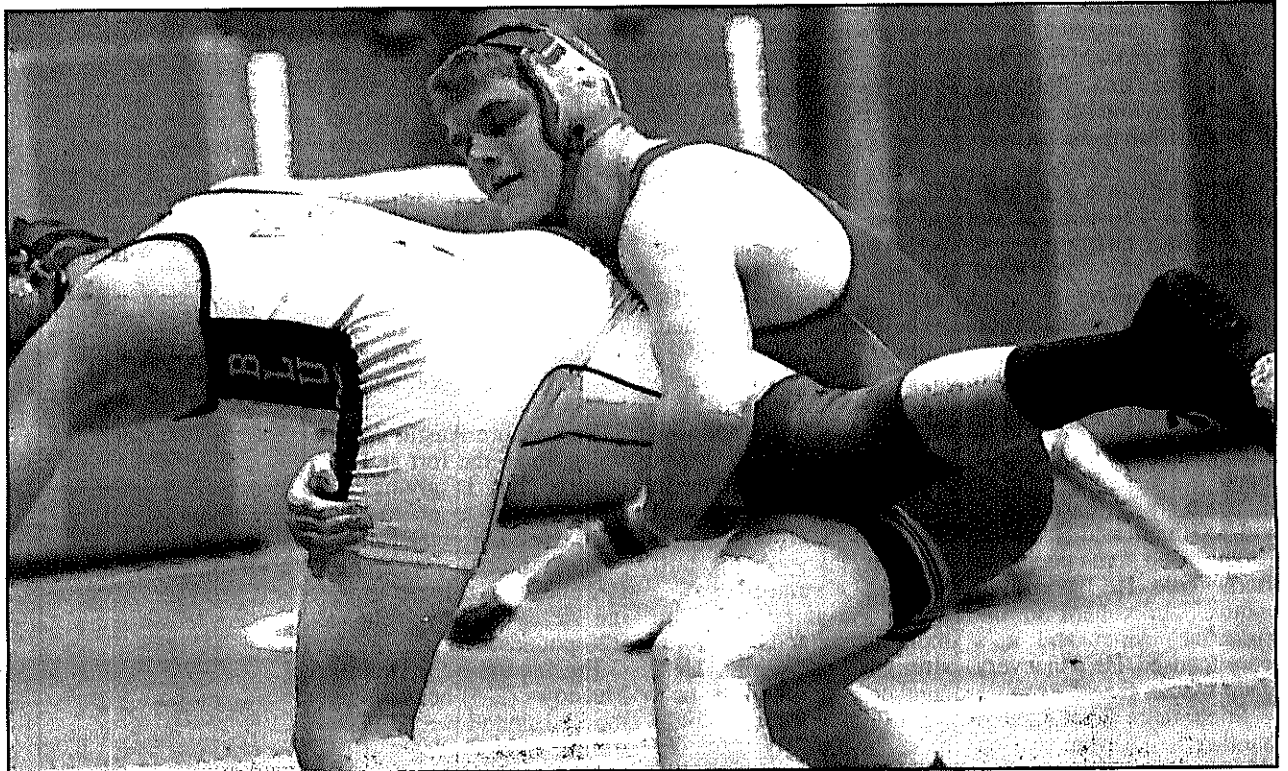
For St. Clairsville head wrestling coach Joel Sansone, that time is coming this weekend when the 61st annual Ron Mauck Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Tournament unfolds at downtown Wheeling's WesBanco Arena on Thursday night. Olympic-style opening ceremonies begin at 6 p.m. The event runs through Saturday night's championship finals at 6:30.

"Our team is very young this year, but at times you wouldn't know that as these guys have really improved their work ethic and will to win on the mat," Sansone said. "They are competing very hard against each other

in the practice room and expect it to transfer into competing at the OVACs. Every day our coaching staff discusses how the team is doing, and lately we just keep saying they are getting better every day. They are buying into what the coaching staff is teaching them.

"We are coming off our best week of practice yet, which appears to be great timing," he continued. "I was pleased to see that when we sent in our individual entries for the (OVAC) tournament, that nine of our 12 wrestlers will be bringing in winning records, which is very good considering we have only one senior and two juniors in the lineup.

"As far as the team finish, we will just have to wait and see how the kids embrace the demands of a three-day tournament," he added. "But, as most coach-



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ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S Michael Furbee will one of the top entrants at 220 pounds this weekend. He placed sixth in that weight class last year. He's currently 19-1 on the season.

es know, anything can happen, and usually does, at the OVACs. Many dreams will be shattered, while others

will become reality." Sophomore Michael Furbee is the Red Devils' lone returning place-win-

ner, as he finished sixth at 220 pounds last year. He will compete at the same weight this weekend.

"Michael is one of the harder working wrestlers, both in the practice room and, as well as outside of practice," Sansone noted. "He has set some big goals for his sophomore campaign, and is right on pace to achieve them."

Furbee, a co-captain, is a sparkling 19-1 so far this season after compiling a 39-11 mark last year when he qualified for the Division IV district tournament, where he won a pair of matches before being eliminated. He has won the Tyler Consolidated Tournament and America's Best Value Inn Tournament on his home mats, while finishing second at Nelsonville-York.

Alex Timko, the Red Devils only senior and cap-

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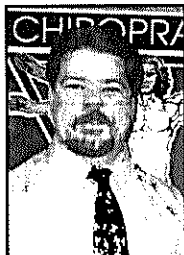
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Wheeling Park's goals never change for the OVAC Tourney

• Patriots' Taylor and Davis both seeking return trip to finals

By RICK THORP
Times Leader Sports Writer

Fresh off a huge dual-meet triumph against Steubenville last week, Wheeling Park head coach Jack Doyle is hoping the momentum gained from that victory will carry through to this week's Ron Mauck OVAC Tournament.

While the Patriots haven't carried home the championship trophy recently, they've certainly been in the mix.

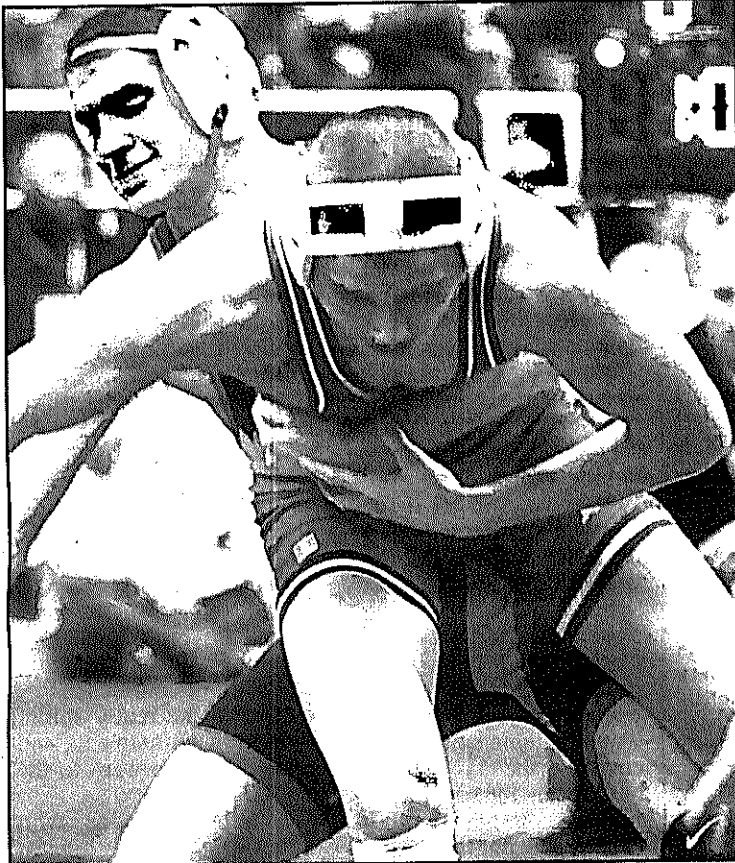
Wheeling Park, Parkersburg and Steubenville will again be among the "teams to beat" when action gets under way Thursday night at WesBanco Arena and runs throughout the weekend in downtown Wheeling.

Big Red put the brakes on South's winning streak last year and Doyle hopes this year will be the Patriots turn to bring home the gold.

"South will be pretty tough to beat," said Doyle, now in his second year guiding Park. "We saw them earlier this season in the (Park) Duals and they handled us pretty well. I don't think we brought our 'A Game' at all and I think they wrestled very well.

"They will probably place 12-14 kids and that right there is tough to beat whether you have champions or not.

"But one thing I think we have that not a lot of teams do is we probably have more kids that are expected to compete for titles in their



WHEELING PARK'S Johnny Davis tries to get free from Shadyside's Ian Baker during the 2013 OVAC 145-pound title match. Davis is back and will be one to watch at 152 pounds. He's currently 19-3 on the season.

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weight classes. I think that, by itself, should help us. But that, by itself, isn't going to help us win it."

Park's lineup is, again, chock full of talent from top to bottom.

"Our goal is to compete to win the overall title as a team and for our individuals our goal is to win and stand atop that podium every year."

The Patriots have enjoyed another strong start, even with some key parts coming on late due to

Park's football team reaching the state semifinals.

One of those wrestlers who got a late start - Jeremy Paige - sports an 11-1 record at 220 pounds.

"He's probably one of our biggest leaders, hands down, from both how he wrestles and in the practice room," Doyle said of Paige, the winner of West Virginia's Huff Award in football.

"He really tries to get the best out of his teammates."

One of Paige's signature

victories this season was against John Marshall's Cullen Ebbert.

"It's a quality weight class," Doyle said.

The 195-pound slot is filled by sophomore Isaiah Myers (12-5).

"He's a grinder," Doyle said. "He's not flashy at all. He'll win the close matches. Very rarely will he lose a one- or two-point match. He knows those matches are his to win."

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tain of the squad, is currently 19-3 on the season at 113 pounds. He was finished first at the Tyler Tournament and third at both Nelsonville-York and the America's Best Value Inn event.

"Alex was one win away from placing at last year's OVAC Tournament, losing that match in three overtimes," Sansone recalled. "He is bound and determined to make the podium in his final chance."

Timko was second in the Division III sectional a year ago, and sixth at the district.

The remainder of the team is comprised of four freshmen, four sophomores and a pair of juniors.

Freshman Jamey Creer will take the mat at 106. He placed second at the Tyler Consolidated Tournament.

At 120 will be classmate Donte Vincenzo, who is 9-8 thus far. He has placed third at Tyler Consolidated and sixth at Nelsonville-York.

Freshman Shamus Thompson is penciled in at 126, with sophomore Colton Stevens listed at 132. Stevens is 10-8 and won the 138-pound weight class at Tyler Consolidated before moving down a division.

Junior Charlie Hall will

wrestle at 138. He is 8-1 and was runnerup at Tyler Consolidated at 145 for his lone setback.

"Charlie has been in and out of the lineup this season, but he seems to have found a home at 138," Sansone added.

Logan Thompson, a sophomore, will compete at 145. He is 9-8 so far this year.

"Logan hit his stride here last year when he won three matches at the OVAC," Sansone reflected back. "He carried that momentum through the second half of the season and we're hoping for the same this year."

Freshman Dylan Alwine is no stranger to winning at OVACs as he was a Jr. High runnerup last season. He is 5-3 in limited action thus far as a frosh.

"Dylan recently earned his varsity spot just in time for this weekend," Sansone said. "He is very tough on the mat and we knew he could do some damage, but we were just waiting for him to make the transition from junior high to varsity. As of now, it appears he has done that."

Cole Skaggs, the Red Devils' 160-pound sopho-

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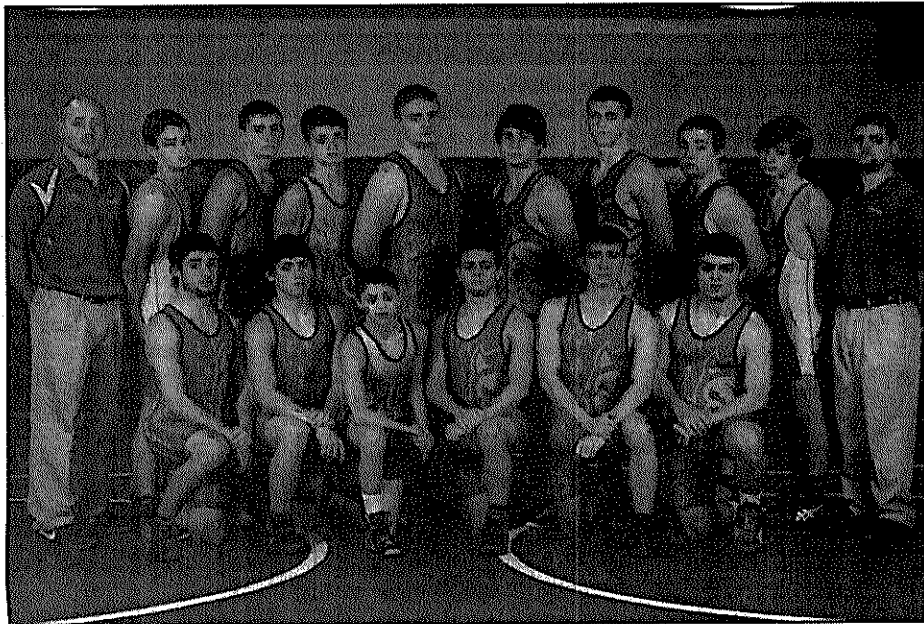


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PICTURED IS the 2013-14 St. Clairsville wrestling team. Front row, from left, are Austin Passmore, Shamus Thompson, Jamey Creer, Alex Timko, Jon Bartolo and Charlie Hall. Back row, from left, are Head Coach Joel Sansone, Thal Le, Logan Thompson, Donte Vincenzo, Michael Furbee, Logan DeLong, Cole Skaggs, Matt Carnes, Dylan Alwine and assistant coach Ethan Dray.

John Marshall looks forward to OVAC

By RICK THORP
Times Leader Sports Writer

"WE HAVE a few holes in our lineup where we don't have a wrestler, and that's rare for John Marshall. Numbers are down this year due to some injuries and the middle schools just not having the numbers to send up."

- Ted Zervos
JM Head Coach

Even while its numbers might be a bit lower than in past years, John Marshall still figures to play a large role in this week's Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament.

"We have a few holes in our lineup where we don't have a wrestler, and that's rare for John Marshall," Monarchs head coach Ted Zervos said. "Numbers are down this year due to some injuries and the middle schools just not having the numbers to send up."

"But we still have some pretty good individuals on the team. We have four of five kids who are pretty strong and I have some high expectations for them this week."

"Then, we have some younger boys that typically would gain some experience on the JV team but have been thrown into the fire. It's a tough way to get experience, but they'll grow from it."

When one thinks of this year's John Marshall squad all thoughts point to senior Cullen Ebbert. The 220

pounder sports a 20-1 record and is looking to win his first OVAC crown after taking second last year and fifth two years ago. Ebbert also has a second-place finish and a pair of fourth-place finishes at the state tournament on his sterling resume.

"His only loss this year was Wheeling Park's Jeremy Paige," Zervos said. "We have high expectations for him. He's been wrestling well and wrestling with a lot of confidence."

"I think he really shines in the big tournaments and he's looking forward to the OVACs."

Another wrestler who shines bright on the biggest stages is 138-pounder Dylan Hall (17-4).

"He's a tough kid and one of those kids that, when it comes down to a close

match, he comes out on top more often not," Zervos said. "He works hard and he has set goals I think he can achieve."

Hall finished fourth at OVACs last year and sixth in 2011.

Cameron Fisher, the Monarchs' 195-pounder, was seventh at OVACs last year.

"He's maturing a getting better all the time," Zervos said of the junior, now 15-5. "He's one of those guys that raises his level of wrestling when he's in a big tournament. I'm looking forward to seeing what he can do."

Zervos called freshman Cody Holmes, the team's 106-pounder, a "pleasant surprise."

"He's done a good job of growing up fast and jump-

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more, is a fine 16-1 with a championship at Tyler Consolidated.

He was also third at the America's Best Value Inn Tournament.

"Cole is wrestling very strong and is determined to make the podium at OVACs for the first time," Sansone added.

Junior Matt Carnes will fill the 170 pound weight class where he is 9-8 so far this season. He finished sixth in a very tough weight

class at Nelsonville-York, but won three matches via pin.

"Matt has brought a very hard work ethic into this season and looks to accomplish big things," Sansone allowed.

Rounding out the Red Devils' roster is 10th-grader Carson Ernest, who will be making his varsity debut this weekend.

"What better way to make a statement," Sansone said.

"Carson is a very athletic big guy and has already proven himself on the football field. Now he plans to make a name for himself on the mat."

He is the younger brother of Corey Ernest, who was an OVAC champion and Division III district qualifier at 285 pounds last year.

St. Clairsville finished a distant second to Steubenville - which was the overall champion - in the Class 4A division.

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Union Local won't peak too soon

• Jets will fill 12 weight classes in this week's OVAC Tournament; Lewis leading his alma mater

By KIM NORTH
Times Leader Sports Writer

Union Local has a dozen matmen entered in this week's 61st annual Ron Mauck Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling tournament, but head coach Jim Bob Lewis is looking further down the road.

Lewis, who claimed a state championship during his prep days as a Jet but not an OVAC crown, knows the wrestling season is a long and grueling one.

"We don't spend a lot of focus on the OVAC Tournament," he admitted. "Don't get me wrong, it is a very competitive and good tournament to be a part of, but we just don't want the kids peaking too early."

"We have went out of the area this season looking for good competition, and this is just another good, competitive tournament to help us prepare for the final journey of the state tournament."

The Union Local contingent is comprised of three seniors, a junior, four sophomores and four freshmen.

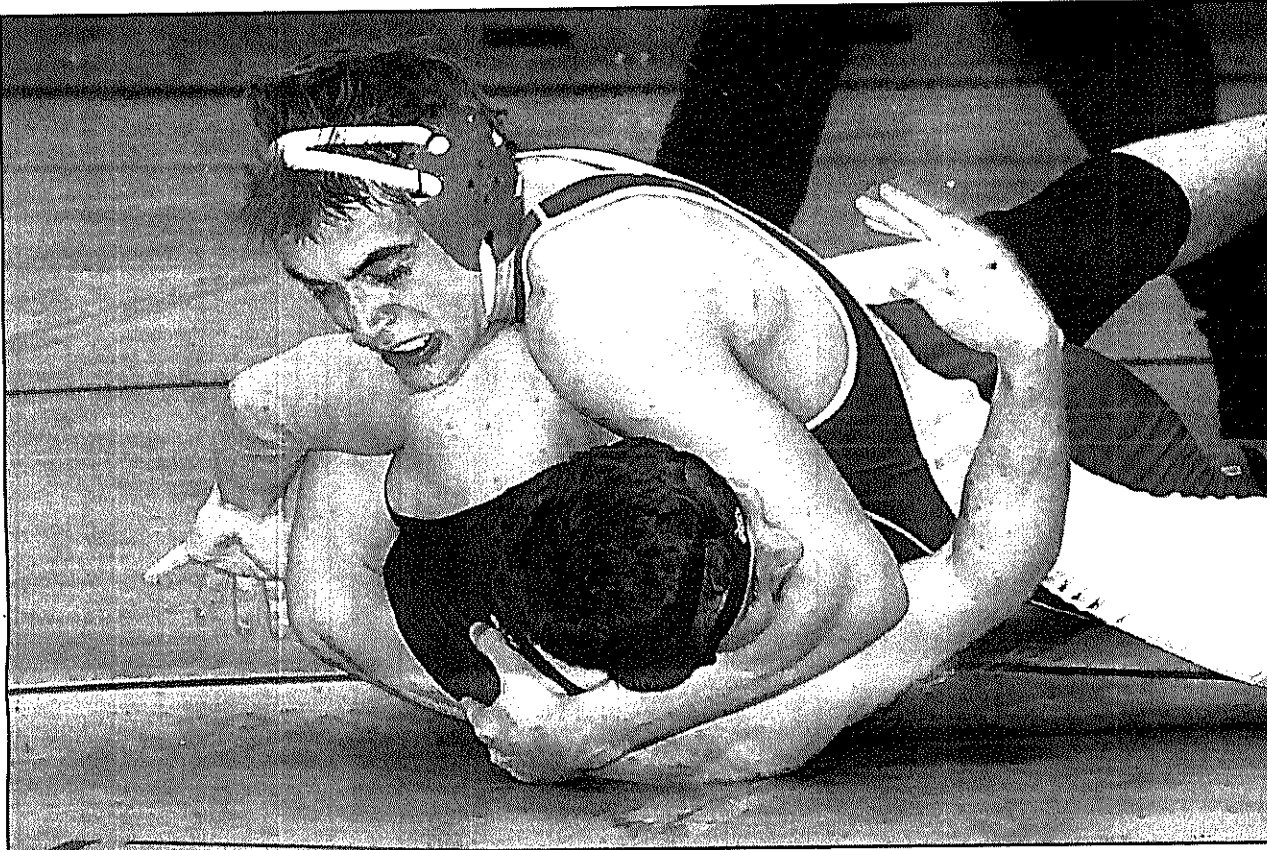
The seniors include Zac Sowers (145), Mike Paynter (160) and David Reed (220).

Sowers is currently 19-5 with second-place finishes at the Rick Link Union Local and West Jefferson tournaments. He also finished fourth at the Doan Ford Barnesville Tournament.

"I really look for Zac to turn it up being that this is his final shot to make a statement," Lewis said of his 4-year regular. "I truly believe if his mind is right that he can be competitive in the top 4."

Paynter is currently 17-11.

"Mike is another that I



UNION LOCAL'S Matt McFarland wrestles in a match last season. McFarland is currently 21-7 this year, competing at 170 pounds.

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believe can compete with anyone in his weight class if he truly believes in himself," Lewis stressed. "Like Zac, this is his final shot so he will be giving it his all. He has the most talent on the team."

Reed is 12-15 during his final season.

"David is one of those kids that just needs to push himself a little more and he'll be fine," Lewis noted.

The lone junior is John Howell, who is 16-11, at 126.

"John is wrestling fine for us," Lewis continued. "He has beat some tough

kids already this season and five of his losses have come by a single point."

The sophomore class is led by Bobby Stewart (138) and Matt McFarland (170), who have combined for a 46-12 mark.

Stewart, who is 25-5, won the West Jefferson Invitational where he beat a state qualifier from a year ago. He was also second at

the Barnesville and Union Local events, as well as fourth at Coshocton.

"Bobby is really coming on strong," Lewis added. "As 138 looks to be quite competitive, he is looking forward to the challenge."

McFarland has won 21 of his 28 matches thus far this season, finishing second at Barnesville and West

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Ron Mauck OVAC Tournament Top Seeds

106 — 1. Greg Quinn (Shady), 22-0; 2. Alex Potts (EL), 27-1; 3. Tommy Curtin (Lins), 14-1; 4. Thomas Campbell (MF), 14-3; 5. Ryan Debee (OG), 20-2; 6. Logan Ball (PS), 26-6; 7. Cody Holmes (JM), 16-5; 8. Quinton Bookman (Beaver), 16-9.

113 — 1. Tariq Wilson (Staub), 24-1; 2. Logan Ball (PS), 17-2; 3. Danny Wyke (OG), 14-3; 4. Jack Dawson (Brk), 20-5; 5. Daniel Hague (IC), 11-3; 6. Alex Timko (StC), 19-3; 7. Brandon Bertrand (JM), 17-4; 8. Riley Nice (Mag), 15-1.

120 — 1. Dallas Baciak (WP), 20-2; 2. Dalton Wood (Cam), 18-1; 3. Dakotah Goff (Staub), 21-4; 4. Josh Kahl (Shady), 18-3; 5. Donnie Starkey (Tor), 22-4; 6. Tyler Wiley (Cald), 21-3; 7. Rodney Richter (Monroe), 15-3; 8. Colten Nagle (PS), 14-6.

126 — 1. Tyler Jenkins (Meadow), 20-2; 2. Jason Keyes (Beav), 17-6; 3. David Forrester (HC), 16-4; 4. Josh Cornell (OG), 0-0; 5. Austin Harris (PS), 16-8; 6. Austin Singleton (Barnes), 16-3; 7. Cody Oiler (EL), 17-6; 8. Mike Jones (U), 18-4.

132 — 1. Isiah Hood (U), 25-5; 2. Hunter Pizzino (HC), 15-3; 3. Bobby Stewart (UL), 27-5; 4. Jesse Hubbard (Staub), 18-6; 5. Kolby Rayner (Cald), 18-2; 6. Blake Kiedrowski (SCC), 20-4; 7. T.J. Lambotte (PS), 22-6; 8. Avery Flowers (OG), 16-8.

138 — 1. Kameron Rayner (Cald), 25-1; 2. Daniel Hasson (Beav), 25-1; 3. Cody Hamlin (U), 24-4; 4. Dylan Hall (JM), 17-4; 5. Hobie Howler (Barnes), 9-3; 6. Tyler Winland (PS), 15-7; 7. Nick Tice (OG), 17-3; 8. Austin Digiadomenico (WP), 8-3.

145 — 1. Dylan Taylor (WP), 19-2; 2. Bailey Jenkins (Meadow), 18-3; 3. Shawn Livingston (Staub), 19-6; 4. Logan Hickenbottom (Camb), 25-6; 5. Hunter DeLong (PS), 14-10; 6. Brett Kahl (Shady), 17-5; 7. Bruce Siefert (Bealls), 15-2; 8. Zac Sowers (UL), 21-5.

152 — 1. Jonny Davis (WP), 19-3; 2. Ryan Lopes (U), 26-3; 3. Kevin Scrudders (Camb), 19-3; 4. Dylan Alexander (PS), 17-5; 5. Bryce Coleman (MF), 18-3; 6. Mike Crosby (SCC), 18-5; 7. Nico Moray (Staub), 17-7; 8. Mack Lawrence (Morg), 21-6.

160 — 1. Eric Banks (WP), 11-0; 2. Myliek Green (Bell), 17-2; 3. Eric Fox (Camb), 15-4; 4. Cole Skaggs (StC), 16-1; 5. Damon Gandee (PS), 14-7; 6. Austin Deffenbaugh (Staub), 17-7; 7. Liam Bal (U), 18-4; 8. Josh Barber (Beav), 22-5.

170 — 1. Brandon Jones (Staub), 21-4; 2. Leo Herrmann (SCC), 23-1; 3. Josh Sokolowski (BL), 18-3; 4. Brad Tomolonis (Bpt), 16-2; 5. Matthew Dixon (PS), 18-7; 6. Kole Smith (Riv), 12-1; 7. Garrett Woltring (Morg), 19-2; 8. Matt McFarland (UL), 23-7.

182 — 1. Mitchell Wells (Ed), 22-2; 2. Tristan Jones (BL), 23-3; 3. Justin Allman (PS), 23-3; 4. Caleb Nice (Mag), 17-0; 5. Logan Woltring (Morg), 20-2; 6. Waylon Miller (Cam), 13-6; 7. John Mercer (Camb), 25-7; 8. Cole Howes (HC), 14-8.

195 — 1. John Miscuk (EL), 17-6; 2. Isaac Sanford (SCC), 19-1; 3. Brett Rosen (Riv), 13-1; 4. Tim Albertson (Staub), 18-7; 5. Isiah Myers (WP), 12-5; 6. Cameron Fisher (JM), 15-5; 7. Anthony Frisco (U), 16-11; 8. Nick Antalis (Camb), 18-7.

220 — 1. Jeremy Paige (WP), 11-1; 2. Cullen Ebbert (JM), 20-1; 3. Seth Bloor (Wells), 15-1; 4. Michael Furbee (StC), 19-1; 5. Chimechi Oparanozie (Lins), 13-1; 6. Tanner Potts (SCC), 16-2; 7. Logan Dilliner (PS), 21-5; 8. Cody Maurin (Morg), 17-6.

285 — 1. Thomas Hall (PS), 20-5; 2. Preston Wise (Brk), 19-2; 3. Jonathan Bodkin (MF), 18-1; 4. Cody Martsoff (Beav), 21-4; 5. Chukwudl Chukwu (Lins), 14-1; 6. William Poplowski (Staub), 9-6; 7. Brenton Stull (HC), 13-6; 8. Noah Mills (OG), 13-8.

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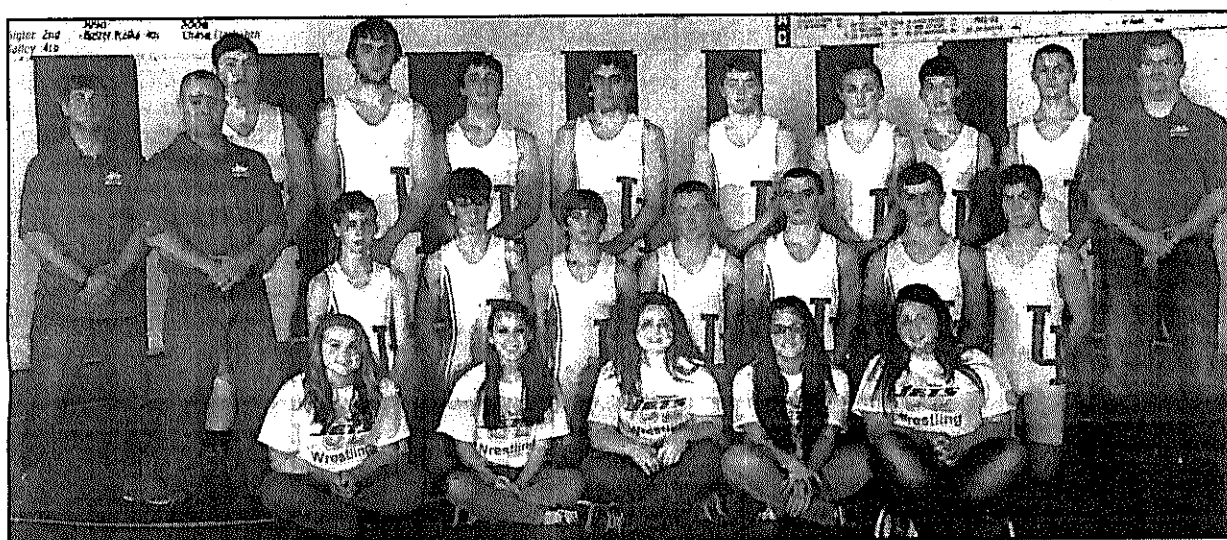


Photo Courtesy/PAUL KRAJNYAK
 PICTURED IS the 2013-14 Union Local Wrestling Team. Front row, from left, are statisticians Samantha Kovas, Serena Lodge, Jen Paynter and Reagan McAfee. Middle row, from left, are Head Coach James Lewis, Chase Whiteley, John Howell, Tanner Strain, Brian McWhorter, Zac Sowers, Bobby Stewart and Devin Crum. Back row, from left, are assistant coach Kurtis Jefferis; Cody King, David Reed, Josh Taylor, Matt McFarland, Mike Paynter, Nik Wright, Bryan May, Noah Greenwood and assistant coach Ben McFarland

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Jefferson and third at the Rick Link UL Tournament.

"Matt is a very strong competitor," Lewis said. "We have met up with some stiff competition so that's where the seven losses come into play. I am looking forward to seeing him do well this week."

Tanner Strain (120) and Cody King (285) round out the 10th-graders. Strain has nine victories so far, while King has registered seven.

"Tanner was giving up some weight early in the season, but now he is getting some quality wins," Lewis said.

"Cody is by far the most improved so far this season," Lewis commented. "He gets better and better each week."

The frosh are Chase Whitely (106), Brian McWhorter (132), Devin Crum (152) and Josh Taylor (182).

Crum has picked up the most wins of the quartet thus far with 14.

"Devin is giving up some weight but he has a huge, competitive heart," Lewis said. "He is getting better each week and we're really looking forward to what he can bring to the table."

Whitely has recorded 10 wins in his first season in the sport.

"Chase is wrestling tough for basically his first year of competition," Lewis added.

McWhorter has three wins and Taylor one.

"As a team, we're still quite young, but we are progressing," Lewis said.

Union Local will compete in next week's OHSAA Dual Tournament.

The Jets will compete in the Class 4-A division.

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Harrison trying to get healthy

• Huskies' roster features 25 grapplers, but many have missed time; Bryant in fourth season at the helm

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

Harrison Central's wrestling roster is 25 strong.

Unfortunately for fourth-year head coach Bill Bryant, the more wrestlers you have, the more chance of injury exists.

And the injury bug has bitten the Huskies seemingly time and time again throughout the first half of the campaign.

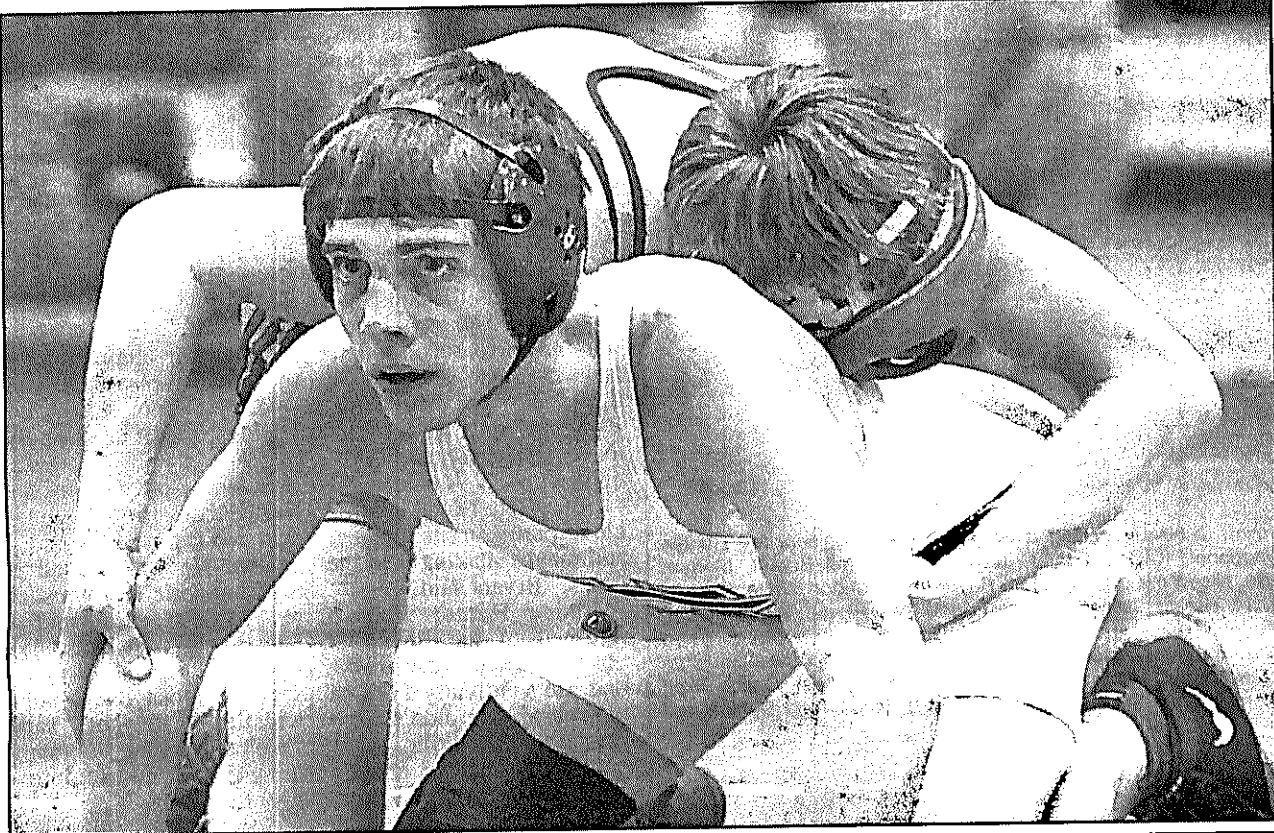
"There have been times when we've had seven starters out of the lineup," Bryant lamented. "It's just been one injury after another. I really don't know how to explain it other than it's just been one of those seasons."

The injuries stretch from a multitude of things. Some date as far back as nagging football injuries, which haven't healed properly.

"It's honestly been that kind of season where you find yourself asking, 'what's next?'" Bryant said. "Our kids are battling, but it's a matter of getting them all on the mat, so they're able to push each other and make each other better in the (practice) room."

Though they might not all be 100 percent, Bryant is expecting to have the majority of his intended lineup on the mats this weekend as the 61st annual Ron Mauck OVAC Tournament opens Thursday night at WesBanco Arena in downtown Wheeling.

"I would like to think we could walk away from down there with half-a-dozen placers, at least," Bryant said. "I would like to think that we could be in the top 10 overall if our guys wrestle how they're capable."



HARRISON CENTRAL'S David Forrester is one of the Huskies' top entrants for this year's Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament. He'll enter at 126 pounds this weekend and owns a 15-4 record on the season.

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On top of the stiff competition that comes with the conference tournament, Bryant has additional concerns.

"I am worried about our conditioning," Bryant admitted. "We've missed a lot of mat time and I am anxious to see how our guys do against quality competition and whether or not they're able to last three periods."

Harrison has faced a rugged schedule thus far. It's competed at Cambridge where it finished 10th without five starters; St. Clairsville where it finished

sixth without six starters and Shadyside where it was fourth without five starters.

On top of their tournament showings, the Huskies are 3-1 in duals and that loss came to state-ranked Claymont.

"We're hoping we're able to get some guys back and have them perform well," Bryant said. "We would like to push for top

five and I had thought that was possible, but realistically, I think top 10 is a better goal for us."

When Bryant takes a look at the 4A race, the usual names like Steubenville and Oak Glen jump out at him. After that, it appears to be wide open.

"Based on what I've seen, I think Oak Glen is a

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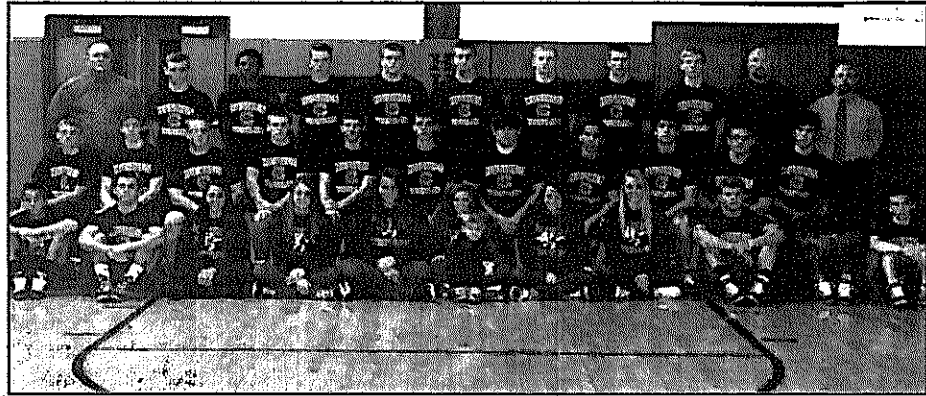


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 PICTURED IS the 2013-14 Harrison Central wrestling team. Front row, from left, are Holden Garrett, Bryson Porter, Sara Waggoner, Kaylee Toland, Joelle Jones, Cael Bryant, Morgan Beane, Macy Starr, Ashley Heavilin, Nico Williams, Malcomb Boyer and Brandon White. Second row, from left, are Anthony Heavilin, Hunter Pizzino, Westin Fogel, Cyle Riedel, Adam Fulton, David Forrester, Brenton Stull, Nurgeldi Nepesov, Joao Erlo, Clay Gilliam and Kyle Dodds. Third row, from left, are Head Coach William Bryant, Antony Risley, Danier Hunt, Felix Deutscher, Cole Howes, Giovanni Rocchi, Nate Maykowski, Hunter Clark, Shaun Logsdon, Asst. Coach Brad Bryant and assistant coach Anthony Hayes. Absent were assistant coaches Todd Dunlap and Paul Coffland.

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step ahead of us and Steubenville has some new names in the lineup, but still a lot of solid kids," Bryant said. "I would like to think we should be able to compete well in 4A, but how high? I honestly don't know."

The Huskies will not enter anyone at 106 or 170

Harrison Central is led by its trio from 126 to 138 pounds.

At 126, senior David Forrester gets the call. He's currently 15-4 on the season and owns second-place finishes at both St. Clairsville and Shadyside. However, only one of his losses came to an OVAC opponent.

"I feel like David is capable of putting a run together and maybe making it to the finals," Bryant said.

Junior Hunter Pizzino returned to the lineup at Shadyside and finished second. He's currently 11-3 on the season. He didn't compete at St. Clairsville.

"He only missed about a week-and-a-half, so we did some conditioning stuff and it's helped him," Bryant said. "He's another guy who has the potential to go out and win the tournament, but he'll have to wrestle well."

Sophomore Anthony Risley is 16-5 and holds down the fort at 138 pounds. Bryant is pleased with the progress he's making. He was second at the Shadyside tourney.

Anthony Heavilin is another who could make a run at a place at 120 pounds. Heavilin has wrestled just one match and lost to defending state bronze medalist Dustin Warner of Claymont.

"Anthony is a returning OVAC placer, so we're hoping he's ready to go," Bryant said. "A place would certainly be an accomplishment for him based on the amount of time he's had to get ready."

"BASED ON what I've seen, I think Oak Glen is a step ahead of us and Steubenville has some new names in the lineup, but still a lot of solid kids. I would like to think we should be able to compete well in 4A, but how high? I honestly don't know."

- Bill Bryant
 Harrison Central Head Coach

Sophomore Brandon White has been impressive at 113 pounds. He's currently 10-3 and was fifth at St. Clairsville and second at Shadyside.

"Brandon might be able to sneak a place," Bryant said. "He's not flashy, but he does what it takes on the mat."

Senior Cole Howes has battled back from a tough start and is now 11-7 on the season. He was second at St. Clairsville. He wrestled at 195 last season and at heavyweight as a sophomore.

"Cole looks like a solid wrestler," Bryant said. "We're working on some things with him to improve his offense."

Senior Niko Williams is out for the first time and wrestles at 195 pounds. He's picked the sport up well and is 11-7 on the season. He was fourth at St. C.

"Niko is very intimidating when he steps on the mat," Bryant offered. "His chest is bigger than most men's. He's put together, very strong and had no bad habits."

Senior Westin Fogle is the entrant at 220. He's currently 10-5 and has battled his fair share of injuries. He was fifth at St. Clairsville.

Freshman Brenton Stull is a solid 10-5 at 285 pounds. He was a junior high Ohio Valley champion and has had some high expectations. He was third at Shadyside, sixth at St. C. and didn't take part at Cambridge.

Senior Cyle Riedel has what Bryant believes is a

deceiving 11-10 record at 152 pounds. Riedel has a sixth-place finish at St. C. and fourth place at Shadyside to his credit.

"Cyle is losing some very tight matches," Bryant said. "Most of his losses are to guys outside of the area."

Also in the Huskies' lineup is senior Kyle Dodds at 145 pounds. He's in only his second year of wrestling.

Joao Erlo is one of three foreign exchange students on the Huskies' roster. Erlo, who is from Brazil, is the starter at 160 pounds, despite having never wrestled before arriving in the United States.

Freshman Malcolm Boyer starts at 170 pounds despite being undersized. Bryant spoke highly of how hard Boyer goes at every opponent he faces.

The balance of the Huskies' squad includes: freshman Holden Garrett, senior Adam Fulton, freshman Shawn Logsdon, freshman Bryson Porter, sophomore Danier Hunt, sophomore Sam Hill, junior Nate Maykowski and freshman Clay Gilliam. Also battling for matches are exchange students Nurgeldi Netesov, who is from Turkmenistan, and Felix Deutscher, who is from Germany.

After the OVAC, the Huskies won't only continue their quest for health, but they'll continue the season.

They're scheduled to take part in the OHSAA Duals, the OVAC Duals (if they qualify) and a tournament at West Holmes.

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Monroe boasts quality squad

• Muntz takes over the head coaching position; Seminoles have just seven on the roster

By RICK THORP
Times Leader Sports Writer

Robert Muntz might only be in his first season guiding the Monroe Central High School wrestling team, but he's anything but a stranger.

When the Seminoles take the mats Thursday night for the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Championships inside WesBanco Arena, they will have leading them a man who is what you might call 'a wrestling lifer.'

A 1999 graduate of Monroe Central, Muntz wrestled for four years for the Seminoles. In the years that followed he stayed close to the sport.

He helped out at all levels - pee wee, junior high, high school. You name it and Muntz has probably been involved in some form or fashion.

But this year is different. It's his first season as the head coach at his alma mater. And for Muntz, there's something special about the task.

"I've been around these kids since they've been in pee wee," he said. "I was an

assistant here last year and was the head coach at Shenandoah two years ago.

"The kids listen to me pretty well. And they know my style."

When former head coach Tyler Schumacher and his wife expanded their family, Schumacher stepped down to attend to his fatherly duties. That opened the door for Muntz.

"It's not been too bad," Muntz said. "We've taken our lumps. We're still learning. We only have one senior. We're trying to get better every weekend."

There are only seven wrestlers on Monroe Central's roster. But what the Seminoles lack in quantity, they make up for in quality.

Leading the way is junior Rodney Richter. The 120-pound junior sports a 15-3 mark one season after qualifying for the Ohio state tournament. Muntz said Richter has some extra motivation this week.

"He was injured a few weeks before last year's OVAC Tournament," he said. "He came back for the sectionals out at Barnesville.

"We're looking for big things from him this year. He's lost a few matches. But he's been doing well so far. He's a hard worker, very dedicated and is a team leader."

Muntz said Richter was third at both the Barnesville and Shadyside tournaments.

At 138 pounds, Monroe Central boasts Chase Carothers, a junior with a 5-2 mark. He finished seventh at the OVAC last season.

Muntz said Carothers had surgery to remove his tonsils and adenoids following football season and just recently returned to the line-up.

"We're hoping he'll be up to par by (this) weekend," Muntz said.

Patrick Craig will represent the Seminoles at 145 pounds. The sophomore is 6-10.

At 195 is Hunter Connor, the team's lone senior. He's 13-5.

"He didn't wrestle last year because of a torn ACL," Muntz explained. "He's a strong kid and really aggressive."

Tanner Potts is only a sophomore, but he carries a 16-2 mark at 220 pounds.

He missed last season due to a shoulder injury.

"I'm expecting to be under the radar," Muntz said.

At heavyweight, Monroe Central has junior Colton Robinson (9-5) and sophomore Justin Kilburn.

Muntz said Robinson, who was eighth at OVACs last year, will get the call this week.

"We're just taking one match at a time," Muntz said. "We're trying to get the guys to look ahead and take things as they go."

"I'VE BEEN around these kids since they've been in pee wee."

- Robert Muntz
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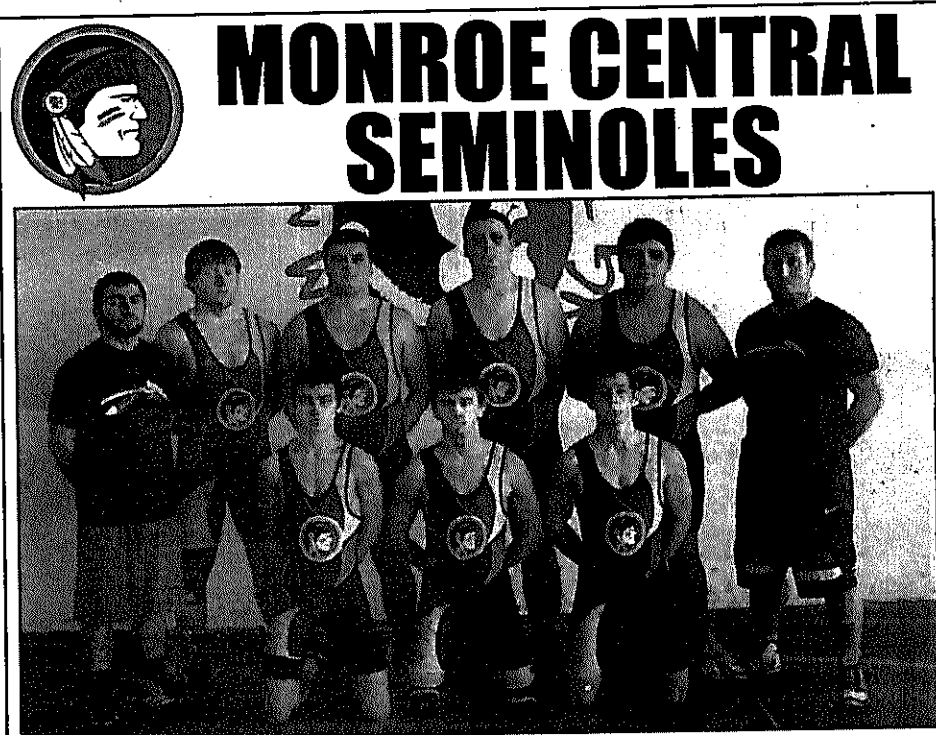


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Bryant has a quality coaching staff working along side of him. Included are four assistants who've previously served as either head coaches or worked at the college level.

Those are Anthony

Hayes, Brad Bryant, Todd Dunlap, Rich McKinney and Paul Coffland.

"All of those guys are very active in the (practice) room and active in teaching," Bryant said. "I am very fortunate to have the

coaching staff that I do."

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OVAC WRESTLING

OVAC Tournament kicks off Thursday

WHEELING — The 61st annual Ron Mauck Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling tournament will get under way Thursday at 6 p.m. inside downtown Wheeling's WesBanco Arena.

Approximately 850 bouts will be contested through Saturday night's championship finals, which begin at 6:30.

Eight mats will be utilized for most of the three-day event.

The tournament will bring some 500 matmen from 39 high schools in the Ohio Valley.

Only 14 of those competitors will be crowned as champions.

Olympic-style opening ceremonies kickoff the tournament at 6 p.m.

Thursday.

The action itself gets started at 6:30 with first round matches.

There will be few pigtail matches on the docket prior to the first round.

Friday's early session begins at noon and features second round championship bouts, as well as first- and second-round consolation matches.

Friday night's session begins at 6 and will include championship quarterfinals and third- and fourth-round consolation matches.

On Saturday, championship semifinals begin at noon, with semifinal consolation bouts also being contested. The finals ceremonies starting at 6.

The championship finals, along with matches to determine third, fifth and seventh places begin at 6:30.

Four mats will be used Saturday night.

An added feature to the standout competition has been a program initiated

by the Ohio Valley Wrestling Coaches Association to honor past champions observing their 25th anniversary.

This year the 1989 champions and coach of the team champion will be recognized before the finals and will be seated in a special area on the main floor.

Other pre-finals events are the presentation of the Directors Award; the prestigious Mr. Mat Award, which is given to the person who has made valuable contributions to the sport in the Ohio Valley.

The Assistant and junior High Coaches of the Year

awards will be presented Thursday night prior to the start of the tournament. The Coaches Service Awards will be presented Friday night, while the Project Best Pear Sadler Team Sportsmanship Award will be presented Saturday morning.

Tickets for the event are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students.

Advance ticket books, which includes tickets to all five sessions, are \$25 for adults and \$15 for students.

Single tickets for the championship finals are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students.

● JM

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ing into the starting lineup and having a good record (16-5)," he said.

"I don't know how he's going to handle the pressure of a big tournament, but I know when he's in the practice room he has a good

practice partner in sophomore Brandon Bertrand."

Bertrand, 17-4 himself at 113 pounds, is praised by Zervos for his physical skills and aggressiveness.

"He's gonna be a good one someday," he said. "I

think if he can get a placement at OVACs it will build his confidence where he'll work that much harder to move up the ladder the next couple of years."

In senior Josh Rine, the team's 126-pounder (12-9), Zervos has one of the team's most improved wrestlers.

"I'm just really pleased with the success he's had so far this year," he said.

Rounding out John Marshall's lineup are freshman Sam West (145, 1-19), sophomore Ralph Dunlap (132, 2-18), junior Richie Devore (152, 4-17), senior Andrew Wanat (160, 5-15) and freshman Nathan Simmons (285, 4-9). All five, according to Zervos, are continuing to improve and benefiting from their interaction with the veteran wrestlers.

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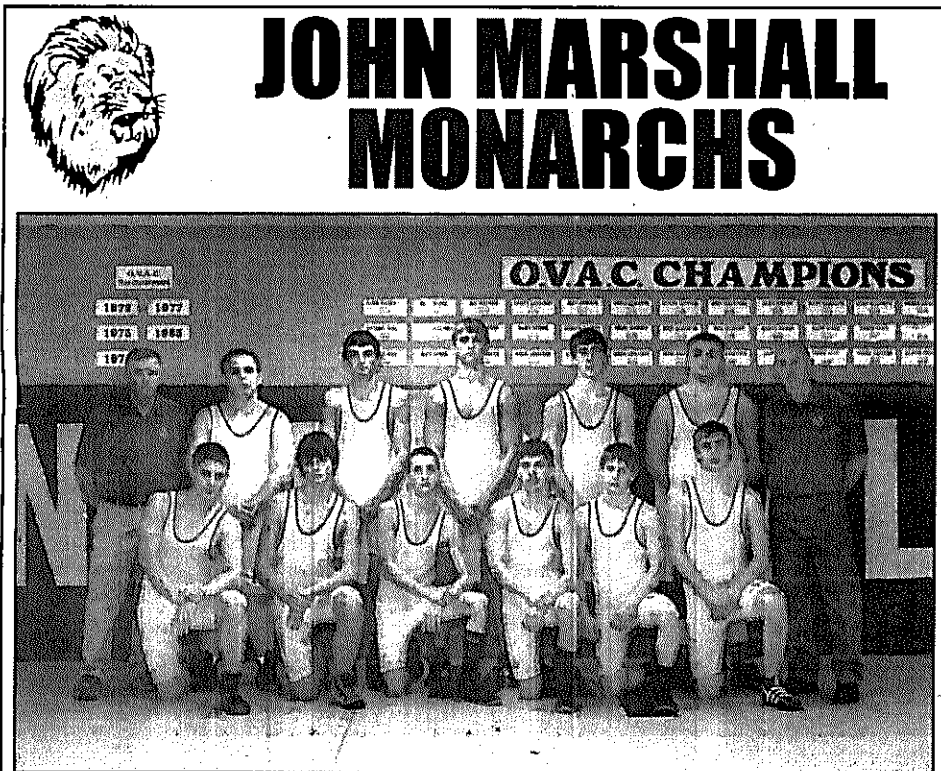


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PICTURED IS the 2013-14 John Marshall Monarchs wrestling team. Front row, from left, are Marshall Eckelberry, Sam West, Cody Holmes, Ralph Dunlap, Brandon Bertrand and Richie Devore. Second row, from left, are assistant coach Ed West, Nathan Simmons, Josh Rine, Andrew Wanat, Dylan Hall, Cullen Ebbert and Ted Zervos.

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● Linsly

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Linsly's lineup is strongest at the top and bottom of its lineup.

At 106 pounds, freshman Tommy Curtin has been a pleasant surprise, sporting a 13-1 mark behind victories in tournaments at Barnesville and Cameron.

"He's a really tough kid," Valentine said. "He should be one of the top seeds. He placed in Ohio in middle school."

Football standouts Chimechi Oparanozie and Chuckwudi Chukwu secure the backend of Linsly's lineup at 220 and 285 pounds, respectively. Oparanozie is 12-1 and won the Barnesville Invitational and finished second at Cameron.

Chukwu, meanwhile, at 13-1, won at Cameron and placed third at Barnesville.

Valentine sees the prospects for placing at OVACs high for Curtin, Oparanozie and Chukwu.

"We have a couple of kids that maybe have a shot at winning," Valentine said. "But we really don't make goals per se as to where we want to finish

individually. We'd like to finish in the top 3 in our class. That would be a big deal for us."

At 113, Linsly has sophomore Thomas Mossman (5-6), while sophomore Brady Nanners has won the job at 126 pounds. Both are first-year wrestlers.

Brady Bower, a junior, competes at 132 and is in his second year on the mats. "He's a quick learner and loves to compete," Valentine said.

Sophomore Jay Mascara (4-3) is another first-year competitor who Valentine describes as "very explosive." He wrestles at 138.

At 145 is the first of the Giovengos, Johnny. He competes at 145 and sports a 4-5 mark thus far. Gage Giovengo wrestles at 160 and he's 9-5. Both are sons

of former Linsly coach Bob Giovengo.

"I respect him a lot," Valentine said. "It's been great having him around."

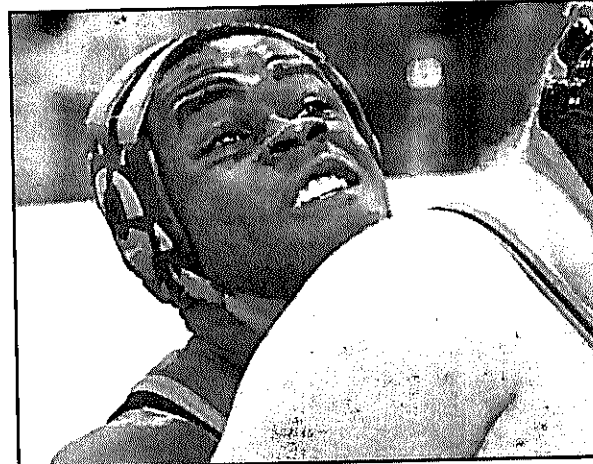
Benton Nanners competes at 152. He's a senior and is 3-5.

Another promising sophomore is Von Wooding. The 170-pounder is 9-5 and finished third at Cameron.

Rounding out the Cadets' lineup at junior Will McClure (5-8) at 195 and sophomore Ify Chima at 182. Chima is 1-1 and is coming off a injury.

"My goals were to get more kids interested and get enthusiasm up, and that's happened," Valentine said.

"Hopefully, we can place in the top 3. We have a lot of young kids wrestling hard. That would be a good finish for us."



LINSLY'S Chimechi Oparanozie will be one of the top entrants at 220 pounds. He's currently 12-1 on the season.

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LINSLY CADETS

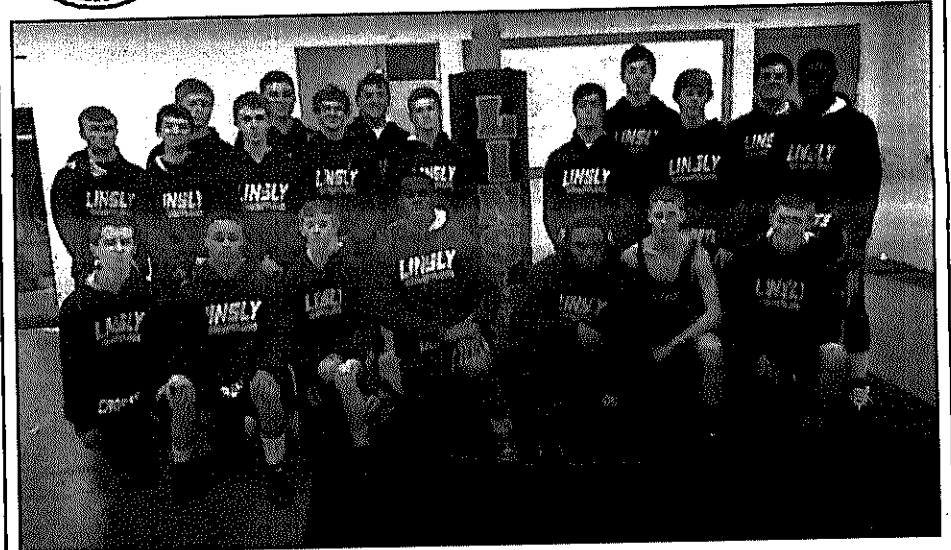


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PICTURED IS the 2013-14 Linsly wrestling team. Front row, from left, are Thomas Mosman, Maurice Satterwhite, Tommy Curtin, Chuckwudi Chukwu, Chimechi Oparanozie, Brady Nanners and Brady Bower. Second row, from left, are John Giovengo, Nick Mosman, Ronny Chico, Hudson Wagner, Benton Nanners, Jay Mascara, Hunter Brown and Ify Chima. Back row, from left, are Gage Giovengo, Jared Schacter, Will McClure, Maxim Yanovich and James Cartwright.

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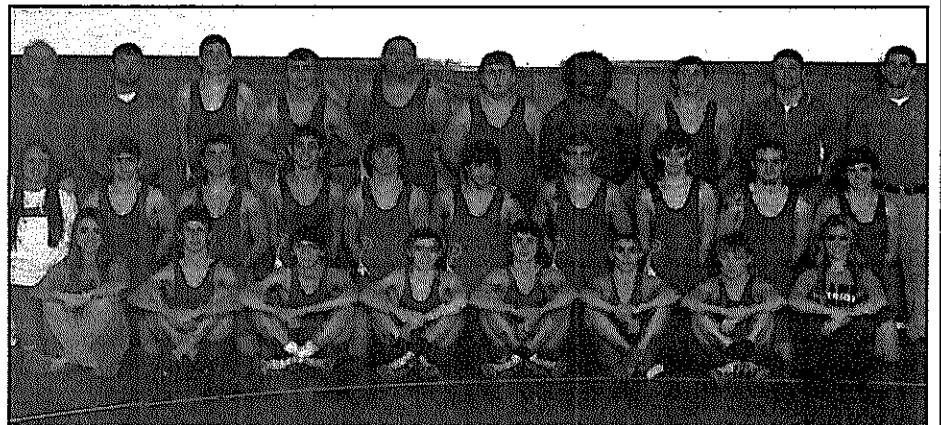


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 PICTURED IS the 2013-14 Wheeling Park wrestling team. Front row, from left, are Grace Braunlich, Brandon Foose, Chase Welker, Jonathan Skeens, Dallas Baciak, James Parsons, Charles Mirandy and June Braunlich. Middle row, from left, are Sydni Pasquale, Isaac Leech, Brady Wood, Austin DigaIndomenico, Dylan Taylor, Nick Tustin, Jonny Davis, Robbie Luchetti, Shannon Hosman and Stanley Czahoroski. Standing, from left, are assistant coach Steve Shaffer, assistant coach Clay Tucker, Jake Wensyel, Tommy Ricker, Davian Cooper, Tyler Gray, Jeremy Paige, Isaiah Myers, Justin Goneau and head coach Jack Doyle.

● Park

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Tommy Ricker, a sophomore, fills the role at 182. He's 9-7.

"He's one of the toughest kids we have and he has the work ethic that's matched by pretty much nobody that we have," Doyle said. Now, he's starting to see the rewards of it."

Jacob Wensyel, a senior, is 6-4 at 170 pounds. Doyle said he's back in the lineup after taking a few years off from the sports.

Another football player getting a late jump was Eric Banks, who is the Patriots lone undefeated wrestler, 11-0 at 160.

"He got fourth as a sophomore two years ago," Doyle said. His expectations are to be competing for a championship. He'll be tough to beat."

Johnny Davis, who picked up his 100th career victory against Big Red last week, will likely be one of the favorites at 152 after starting the season 19-3 with 10 pins.

"He's a returning OVAC

and state runner up and no matter who he's wrestling and the type of wrestler he's wrestling he will mentally-break his opponent," Doyle said. "That's his goal each match."

Junior Dylan Taylor (19-2), a defending OVAC champion, also earned his 100th career triumph last week.

"He's been awesome," Doyle said. "He has a new mindset this year where he's taking ownership of the team from a leadership standpoint. He feels he can put the team on his back. It's been awesome watching it happen."

Junior Austin Digiandomenico (8-3) is off to another solid start at 138.

"He's had big wins against Dylan Hall from JM and the Ferguson kid from Steubenville," Doyle said. "I see him placing really high."

Senior Stanley Czahoroski (6-8), competing at 132, has been battling a shoulder injury.

Jonathan Skeens (4-13), a sophomore, and James Parsons (7-11), a freshman, will represent Park at 126 and 113, respectively.

Rounding out the Park lineup at 120 is junior Dallas Baciak, who is 20-2 with 12 pins.

"He has one thing on his mind and if he doesn't win it will be a disappointing tournament for him," Doyle said.

"He was third last year and there's no reason why he shouldn't be back there again."

Park doesn't have a 106-pounder and it's 285-pounder is still to be determined.


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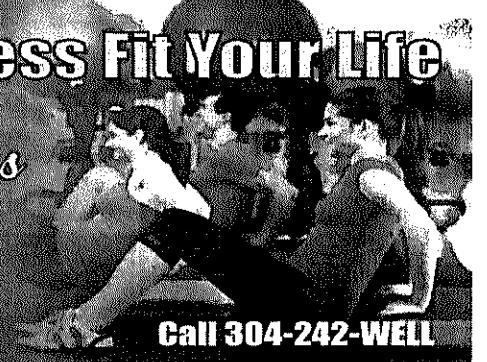


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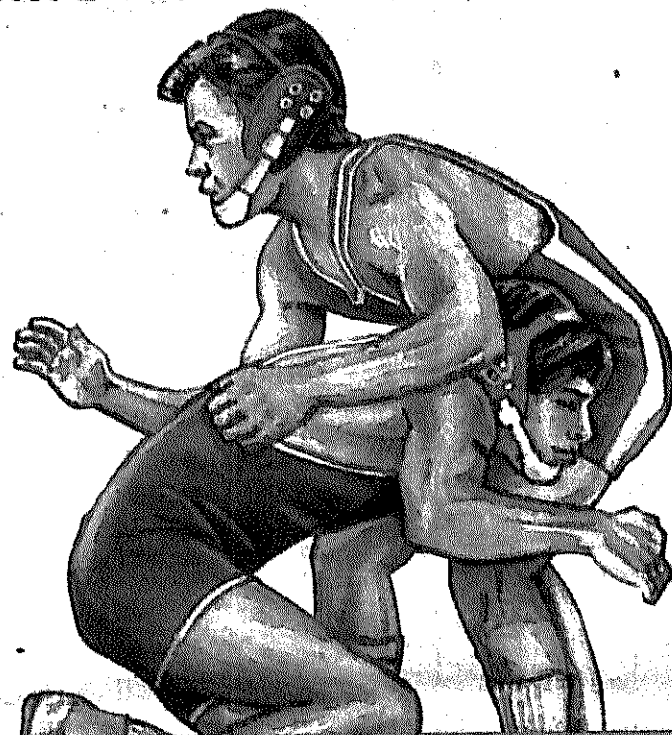
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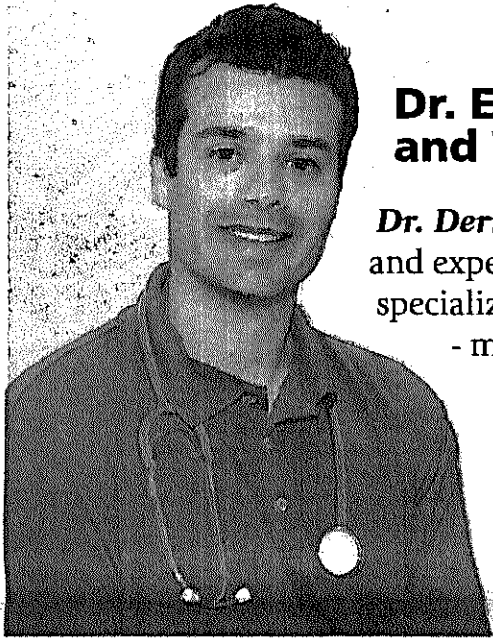
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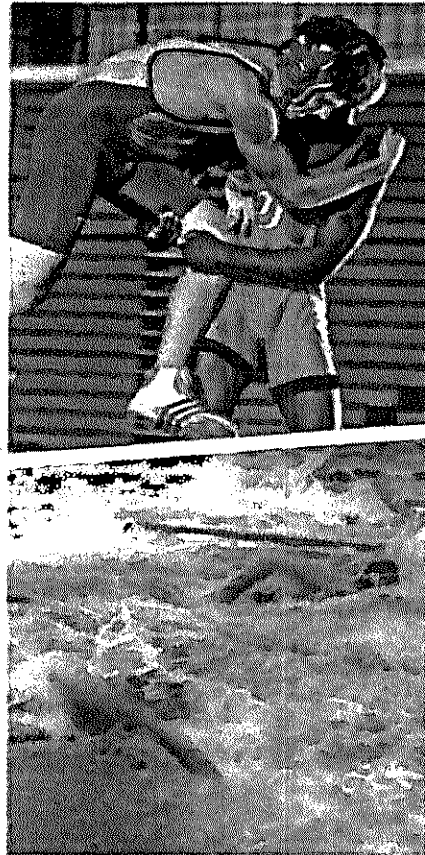
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