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The Buckeyes were hurt by the fact that the team did not have a single girl who played goalie this year on the roster.

"Ohio did not have a senior goalie," Robinson said. "We found two brave souls who were willing to step into the net."

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Madonna's Rachel Grubbs recorded a goal and two assists and the Blue Dons' standout was named the Offensive MVP for West Virginia. Meanwhile, Oak Glen's Madison Kranis was named the Defensive MVP for the Mountaineers.

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Dale Earnhardt Jr. takes Talladega for the first time since 2004/16

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Fries stepped in as head coach of the Mountaineers when Morgantown's Joe Melia could not coach in the game due to an academic commitment.

Tyler Consolidated coach Scott Wall was also a part of the West Virginia coaching staff.

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"It was an exciting game," West Virginia assistant coach Sam Paletta, who is from Oak Glen, said. "It was great to work with the elite of the Ohio Valley. All of the players were excited to be here, and they all came ready to play."

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"It means a lot," Gill said. "It means all of my hard work has paid off. It is great way to end my season."

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