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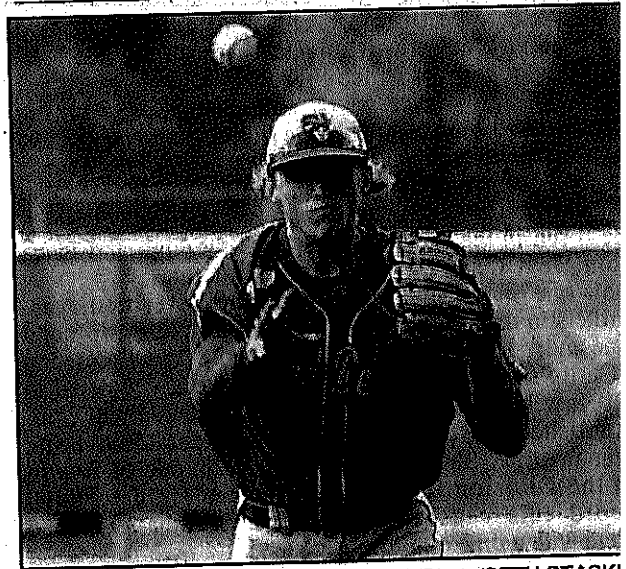
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T-L Photo/SETH STASKEY
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PICTURED ARE the players who will compete in the George Kovalick All-Star Game on Tuesday at the J.B. Chambers I-470 Complex in Wheeling. From left, Logan Goodnight (Linsly); Andrew Rush (Bishop Donahue); Chad Harper (Brooke); Tyler Anderson (Magnolia); Luke Cooper (Paden City); Ryan Clutter (Cameron); Cole Day (Parkersburg South); Blaise Robson (John Marshall); and Patrick Buchanan (St. Clairsville).

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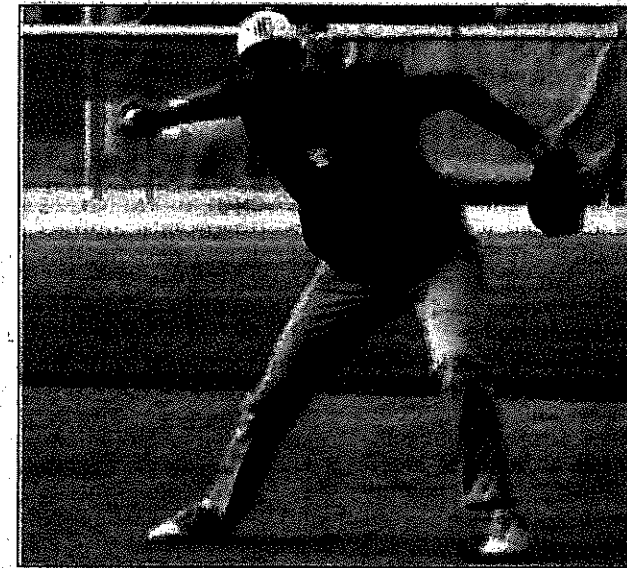


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