

# West Virginia gets past Ohio in baseball

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**WHEELING** — West Virginia came back strong after suffering a loss to the rival-state Buckeyes a year ago by delivering a 6-2 victory in the annual George Kovalick OVAC Baseball All-Star Game at the J.B. Chambers Complex on Monday.

Weir's Michael Mills led-off the second inning by smashing a fastball 387-feet over the left field wall and eight Mountaineers' pitchers pitched in to help earn the victory.

"Our pitching was excellent," West Virginia coach Tim Provenzano of Madonna said. "Everybody came in and did their job. It was unbelievable. Pitching truly wins games and Mills hitting a home run helps, too. He is a great player."

Wheeling Park's Jub Delbrugge earned the win by tossing a scoreless second inning with one strikeout in relief of starting pitcher, Austin Crebs of Wheeling Central.

Crebs tossed a scoreless first and struck

out one, just four days after pitching in the state tournament.

"It has been a crazy week with all of the publicity and everything, Crebs said. "It is really an honor to be here pitching in my last high school game. I didn't know who was starting coming into the game but it is an honor to be named a starter."

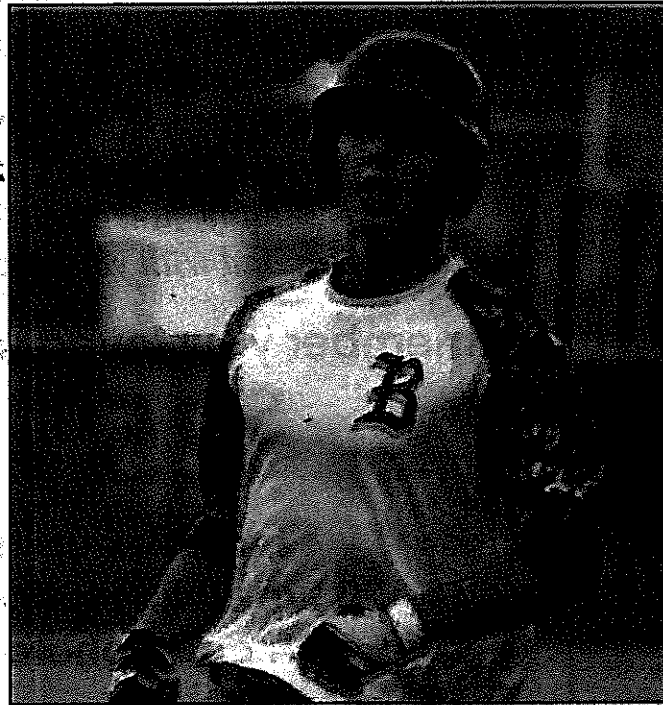
The loss went to Southern Local's Domanick Michael, despite two punch outs in two frames.

Mills' homer put the Mountaineers on the board in the second and Oak Glen's Ty Logston added another run in the stanza with a RBI single to score Wheeling Central's Isaac Rine.

"Off the bat I thought that I flew out," Mills said. "I thought my hitting coach was going to be yelling at me from the stands but it went over the fence. Running the bases felt good after hitting one out in my last game."

"This is just a great group of guys and we really had fun in the dugout."

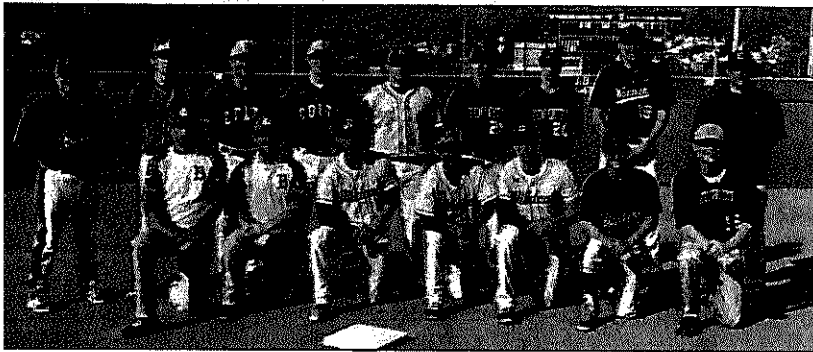
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**BARNESVILLE'S**  
Nathan Clark looks to the dugout after pulling into third base during Monday's annual George Kovalick OVAC All-Star Game held at the Chambers I-470 Complex.

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## Ohio teams set for OVAC All-Star Baseball/Softball Games



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Representing Ohio in the OVAC George Kovalick All-Star Baseball Game Monday at 6 p.m. at the I-470 Complex in Elm Grove, WV are these All-Stars. Front row, from left, Gaetan Sinisgalli and Brady Treherne of Barnesville, Larry Bielawski, Joe Nave and Dominic Rogers of Edison, Garrett Lochary of Fort Frye and Tyler Redish of Harrison Central; back row, Coach Tony Bidwell of Fort Frye, Gabe McGrew of Indian Creek, Ben Davis and Connor Roberts of Meadowbrook, Kutch Clark of Steubenville Catholic, Mike Carducci and Danny Zdinak of Toronto, Chase Weihi of Warren Local and Coach Ed Callopy of Edison. Absent were Nathan Clark of Barnesville, Tom Wallace of Martins Ferry, Domanick Michael of Southern Local, Nicky Perno, Joe Pierro and Mitchell Gulan of Steubenville, and Coach Jordan Page of Conotton Valley.

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Bishop Donahue's John Stocklask and Indian Creek's Gabe McGrew each kept the other squad off the board in the third with 1-2-3 innings.

In the fourth, Oak Glen's Noah Feicht beat out an infield single and Jub Delbrugge drove him in with a single to extend the West Virginia edge to 3-0.

"It is nice with the talent that these kids have," Provenzano said. "You can do everything with them. We played a little small ball, we used our speed and if you have speed on the basepaths, you can pressure them a little bit."

The Mountaineers delivered the dagger in the fifth when Brooke's Zac Sacripanti led off the frame with an infield single, followed by walks to Park's Collin Hlac and Linsly's Gage Giovengo to load the bases.

Mills came through in the clutch once again with a sacrifice fly to right to make it a 4-0 contest. A pair of wild pitches allowed two more runs to cross the plate, giving West Virginia a 6-0 cushion.

"It is hard to make out a lineup in this game," Provenzano said. "I did my homework and I knew we had speed so I set up the lineup for speed and it paid off. That is a good team over there in Ohio."

Ohio jumped on the board in the seventh inning as Nathan Clark of Barnesville led-off with a hit and three consecutive walks to Mitchell Gulan of Steubenville, Garrett Lochary of Fort Frye and McGrew, forced in the Buckeyes' first run. Gulan came home to score on a wild pitch to create a 6-2 contest.

"Pitching was outstanding on both sides," Ohio coach Mike Callopy of Edison said. "They just took advantage of more things than we did (Monday), but the All-Star Game is definitely more fun to watch when it is well played and competitive and this game was."

OVAC Players of the Year were recognized during the game as Paden City's Haden Hizer claimed Class A honors, Toronto's Danny Zdinak won the 2-A award, Tyler Bradford of Fort Frye earned the 3-A honors, Larry Bielawski of Edison was named for 4-A and the 5-A award went to Jordan Page of Morgantown.

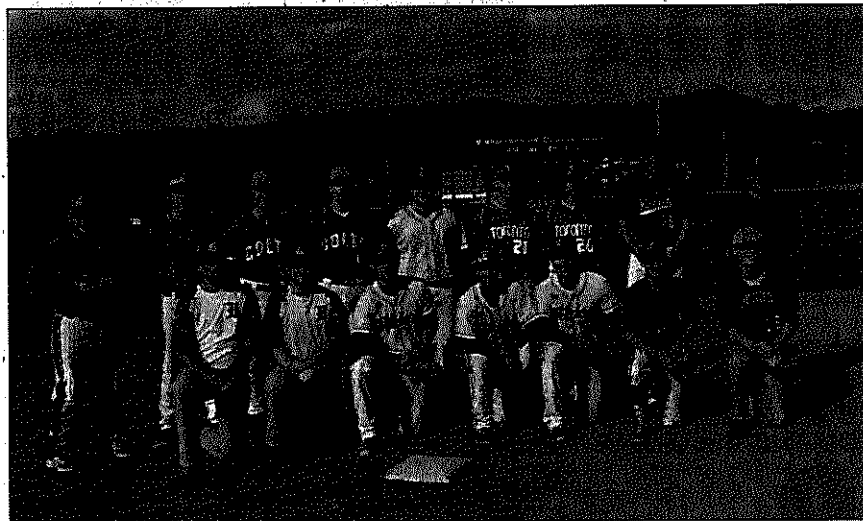
Bishops' coach Bob Kleeh was honored for collecting his 100th career win, while Callopy and Linsly's Jay Cartwright were recognized for their 200th career win.

"I am blessed to have really good assistant coaches and outstanding players," Callopy said. "It talks more towards the kids and coaches over the last several years."



**OVAC W.Va. Baseball All-Stars** Photo by Kim North

Pictured is the OVAC West Virginia Baseball All-Stars. Front row, from left, are John Stocklask (Bishop Donahue), Zac Sacripanti (Brooke), Logan Grimm (John Marshall), Noah Feicht (Oak Glen), Ty Logston (Oak Glen), Marques McHaffie (Oak Glen) and Hayden Hizer (Paden City). Back row, from left, are Colby Bucher (Valley), Austin Crebs (Wheeling Central), Isaac Rine (Wheeling Central), Tyler Riedel (Wheeling Central), Jarrett Delbrugge (Wheeling Park), Jub Delbrugge (Wheeling Park), Collin Hlad (Wheeling Park) and coach Tim Proyenano (Madonna). Not pictured are Gage Giovengo (Linsly), Jordan Page (Morgantown), Zane Gallagher (Morgantown), Jarred Wilson (Parkersburg South), Jordan Allen (Weir), Mike Mills (Weir), coaches Dave Cisar (Magnolia) and Bob Kleeh (Bishop Donahue).



**OVAC Ohio Baseball All-Stars** Photo by Kim North

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