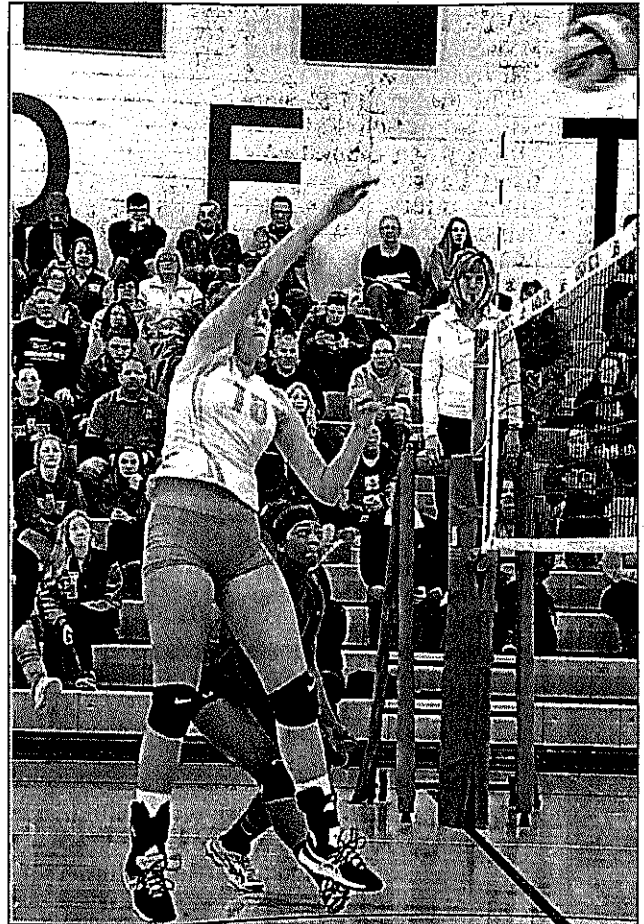
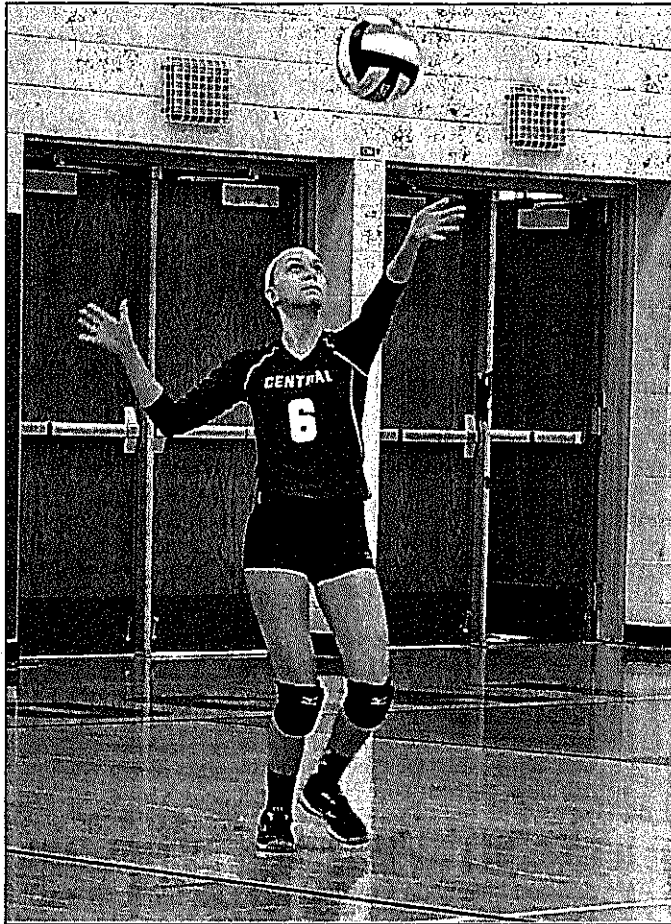


Ohio Tops W.Va. In OVAC All-Star Game



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Left: Wheeling Central's Julie Padden serves during the OVAC All-Star volleyball game on Sunday. Right: Oak Glen's Alexis Swan hits the ball at Union Local High School.

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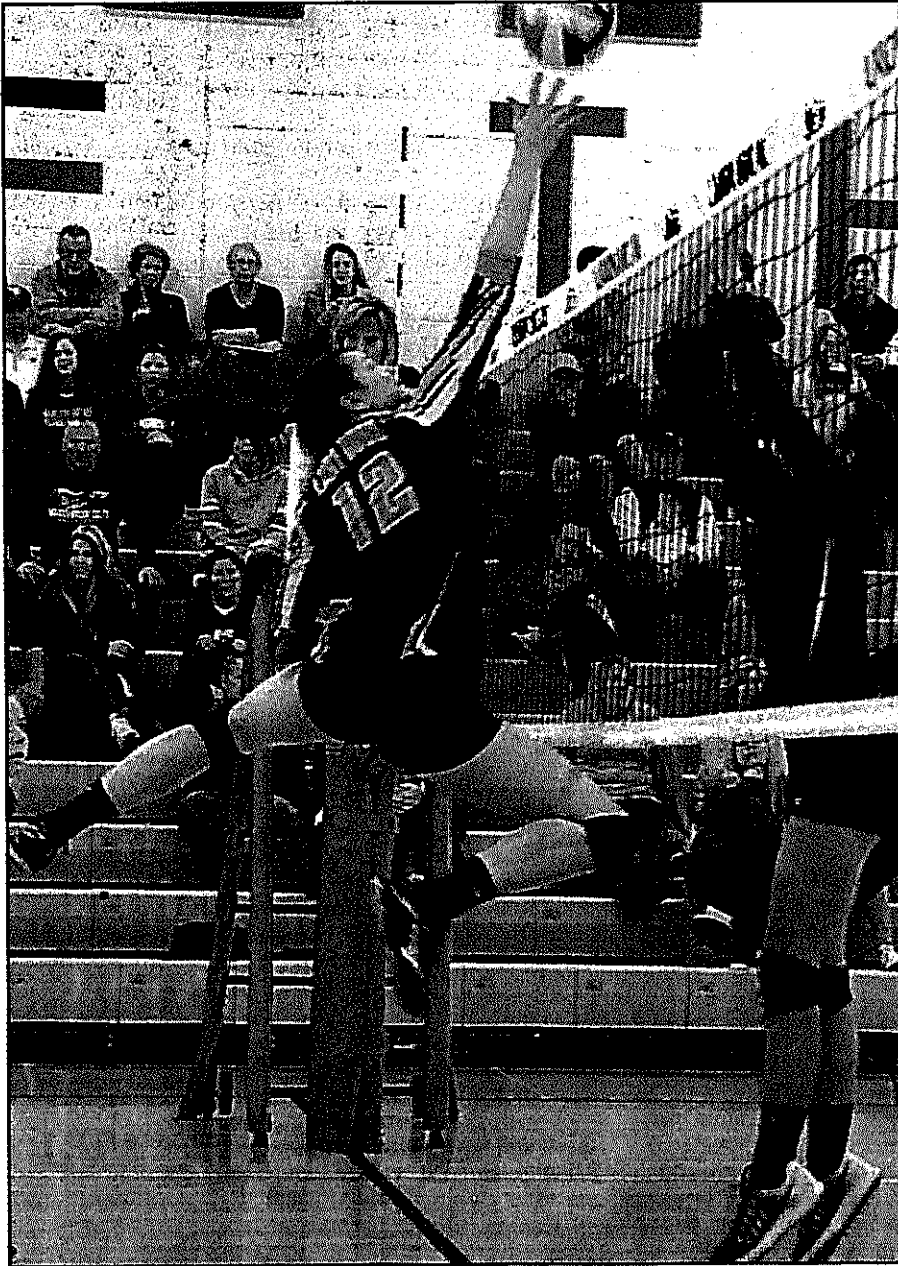
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