

64th annual OVAC Ron Mauck Wrestling Championship



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Bid to oust Young makes no sense

WHEELING — It's safe to say the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston has had better weeks.

Turmoil quickly surfaced Thursday when Diocesan officials announced the closing of Bishop Donahue High School at the end of the academic year. The news blindsided the Donahue Nation.

The move was called a merger with Wheeling Central. The Bishops got nothing out of the so-called merger except a tuition stipend. Everything else remained Wheeling Central — school colors, nickname, staff and venue.

While the Donahue community was still reeling from that life-changing edict, the Diocese wasted no time in dropping a second bombshell just a day later — terminating Wheeling Central head football coach and athletic director Mike Young.

The move was a bigger stunner in Ohio Valley circles than Donald Trump winning the presidential election.

Young is not only coach and athletic director at the East Wheeling school -- he is the face of the school. He is a born and bred Maroon Knight.

He played football for coach George Strager in 1963 and coach Andy Urbanic from 1964-66, winning state titles every year. He then assisted coach Jim Thomas on four more state title teams (1979, 2000, 2002 and 2004).

Thomas died in 2004. Young quickly and seamlessly filled the void. His tenure has been marked by great success — and doing so in class fashion. He has guided the Knights to state championships in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2010 and 2011 while accumulating more than 100 wins.

His gridiron coaching work was so highly regarded that he was featured on a recently completed school mural alongside Stager, Urbanic and Thomas. He will be a first ballot OVAC Hall of Fame selection.

There are three basic reasons you fire a head coach.

- 1... Not winning enough;
- 2... Morality issues;
- 3... Criminal activity.

Young has obviously won enough. He is morally rock-solid and has no criminal background.

So why the ill-fated witch hunt? Obviously someone in high places has some clout to go with their own agenda.

But what is refreshing about the disturbing episode is how quickly and passionately the Maroon Knight Nation rallied around Young. Assistant coaches were poised to quit as well as some booster officers. Parents and staff members were outraged.

The united outpouring of support yielded quick results. Just hours after being terminated, Young was reinstated as head coach and athletic director.

The Diocesan Superintendent of School Vincent de Paul Schmidt issued a statement about a "misunderstanding with school leadership." Where is the misunderstanding? You are either fired or not. There is no gray area.

Such a response is weak, if not laughable.

The last few days must have been bitter-sweet for Young and his family. He still has the two jobs he loves. But he also knows a person(s) close to his program is wielding a knife aimed at his back.

A new week commences with a good man and championship coach still in two positions he relishes. For those responsible for Friday's night's Maroon tumult, maybe they should be removed from theirs.

Ferry's Hoover repeats

• Purple Riders win Class 3A team title

By **KIM NORTH**
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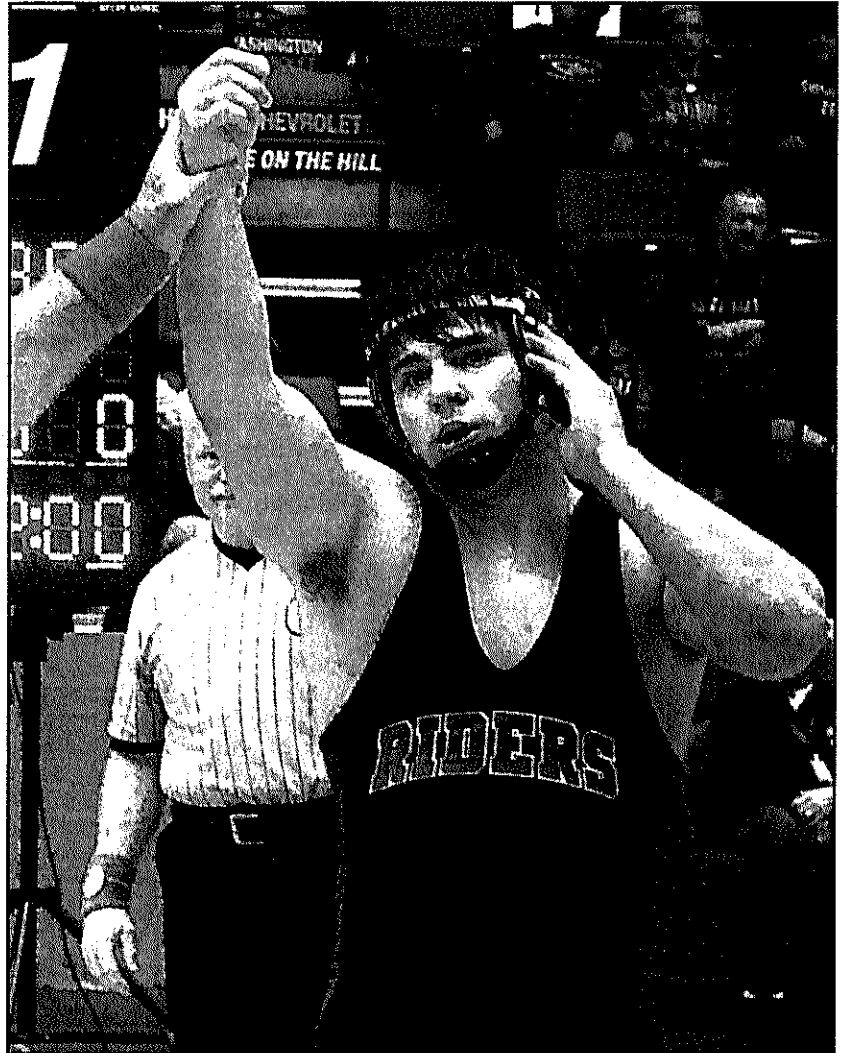
WHEELING — Martins Ferry has 329 all-time placewinners at the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling tournament — the most of any school. The final four placers helped lead the Purple Riders to their 12th Class 3A team championship late Saturday night as the 64th annual OVAC Ron Mauck Wrestling Tournament ended its three-day stay inside Wheeling's WesBanco Arena.

Martins Ferry and Linsly were locked in a battle for the title as the night wore down.

The Purple Riders' Dalton Hoover defended his 195-pound title with a 7-4 repeat victory over Parkersburg South's Justin Allman. The win gave Martins Ferry a slim lead over the Cadets with both having an entrant in the 285-pound weight class.

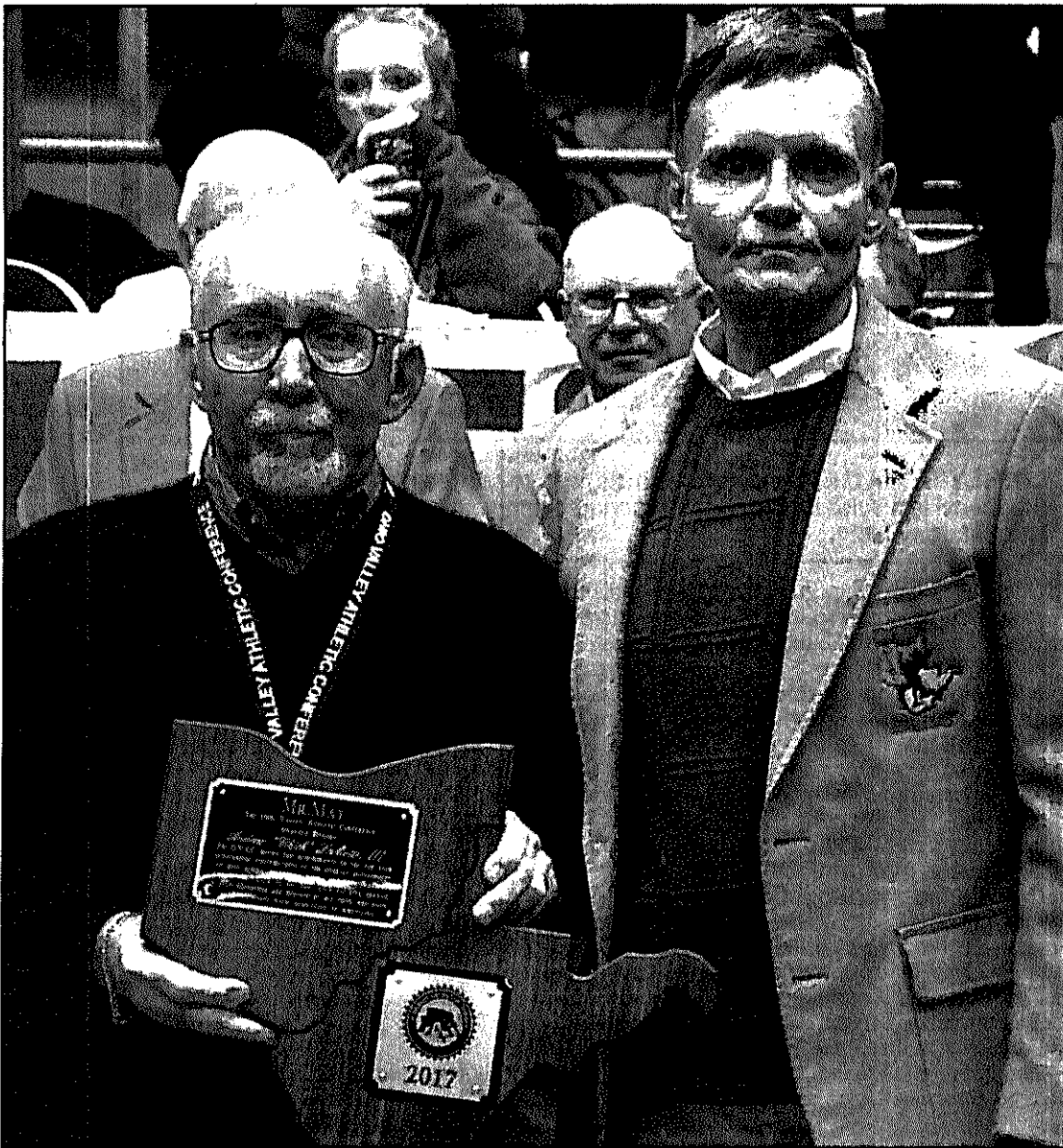
Dom Wallace prevailed 1-0 over South's Loudon Haga to claim third place. That meant Linsly's Gage Giovengo had to pin Steubenville's Tyler Ely to give his school the title. However, the Cadets senior won 4-1 to remain unbeaten in 31 matches.

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T-L Photo/KIM NORTH

MARTINS FERRY'S Dalton Hoover has his hand raised after defending his 195-pound championship Saturday night at WesBanco Arena. He defeated Parkersburg South's Justin Allman for the second straight year.



BRIDGEPORT GRADUATE Andrew "Chick" LaMotte, left, was named Mr. Mat during Saturday night's festivities. He is pictured with Steve Kish.

T-L Photo/KIM NORTH

OSU men fall to 'Cats; Buckeye women win

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Scottie Lindsey said

Record-setting day at OVAC swimming for Ferry, Linsly

sometimes you rely on one shot and if it goes off, and then, like, what happens now?

"It was really good for me to almost lose that so I know my other game is going pretty good, too."

That keeps Williams on track in her bid for an Open-era record 23rd Grand Slam title. If she gets there, the 35-year-old American will regain the No. 1 ranking as well from Angelique Kerber.

Next up, she'll face No. 9 Johanna Konta, who beat Ekaterina Makarova for the second straight year in the fourth round. The 2016 semifinalist was only broken once and broke Makarova four times in the 6-1, 6-4 win.

She's excited at the prospect of a quarterfinal with Williams, one of her inspirations as a young player.

"She's one of the few players still playing I watched growing up," Konta said.

this sport since I was a little kid. These are kind of, like, awards for all the hard work."

Williams, a possible semifinal rival, was relaxed after her match, retelling a story about her recent engagement and a trip to Rome.

"I live in a movie and in a fairytale in my mind, so I guess eventually it was bound to happen," she said, talking of the circumstances of the marriage proposal from Reddit co-founder Alexis Ohanian.

No. 3-seeded Milos Raonic advanced with a 7-6 (6), 3-6, 6-4, 6-1 win over Roberto Bautista Agut and is getting more attention now that now that No. 1 Andy Murray, the five-time runner-up, and No. 2 Novak Djokovic, the six-time champion, are out of the draw.

Raonic still has a potential quarterfinal against Rafael Nadal, if the 14-time Grand Slam-winning Spaniard can get past U.S. Open semifinalist Gael Monfils later today

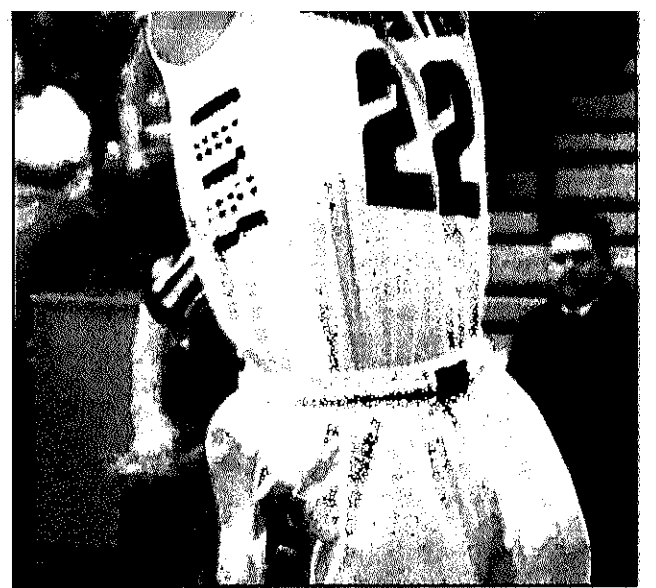
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MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Karl-Anthony Towns had 32 points, 12 rebounds and seven assists and hit the go-ahead shot with 42.5 seconds to play to lead Minnesota over Denver.

Suns 115, Raptors 103

TORONTO (AP) — Eric Bledsoe scored a career-high 40 points and had 13 assists and Phoenix handed Toronto its third straight loss.

DeMar DeRozan had 22 points for Toronto and Jonas Valanciunas added 16 points.



T-L Photo/SETH STASKEY

MARTINS FERRY'S Shane Schuster drives to the basket Saturday night against St. Clairsville inside the Tolbert Gymnasium.

Ferry boys now 12-1 after victory over St. Clairsville

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

MARTINS FERRY — To hear Derek Edwards tell it, his Martins Ferry basketball team looks at playing defense as a challenge.

It certainly answered the challenge Saturday night inside the Tolbert Gymnasium.

The Purple Riders blew open a 23-all game with an impressive second half that saw them hold St. Clairsville scoreless in the third quarter and to only one field goal, which didn't come until there were 21 seconds remaining, en route to a convincing 46-31 victory.

"We knew St. Clairsville was going to bring its best, so we had to bring out best," Edwards said. "Our guys adapted to the game and once we got our feet under us, we played very, very well."

The Purple Riders, which trailed 13-9 after one, didn't torch the nets on the offensive end themselves. But, three in double figures was more than enough.

Quite simply, the Purple did it on the defensive end. On top of that, the Riders (12-1) controlled the glass to a tune of a 28-15 edge.

"I am very proud of our defensive effort," Edwards said. "I can't ask for anymore on the defensive end. They are taking it so personally each game to lock teams down and they're doing a heck of a job of it."

While the Red Devils (6-8) were coming up empty in the third, Martins Ferry only scored six, so its two-point halftime lead was 31-23 at the final break. In that third quarter, St. Clairsville stood in a 2-3 zone and permitted the Purple Riders to run the final 2:30 off the clock before coming up empty on two chances at the horn.

"We took bad shots and didn't have very good movement, but that's what happens when you don't execute," St. C. head coach Kim Clifford lamented. "It was a perfect storm. I thought we played good enough defense throughout, but offensively, we weren't very good."

In the fourth, St. C. broke its scoreless string with three free throws by Matthew Busby with 6:06 to go. Ferry then proceeded to score the next 11 to erase any doubt in the outcome.

The Riders flexed their muscle on the interior on more than one occasion. Seniors Zac Selby and Jack Davis both turned in strong efforts. Both scored 14 points and Selby completed the double-double with 10 boards. Davis, meanwhile, had seven rebounds.

"We emphasize (rebounding) every day in practice," Edwards said. "If we can contest their shot and limit the other team to one shot per possession, we feel like we have a good shot at winning the game. Second shots kill teams and we try to eliminate teams' second-chance opportunities."

The Riders' interior players were complemented by senior guard Darius Ray's 11 points.

St. Clairsville was led by Michael Scarnecchia, Matt Greenwood and Justin Lane. Each had eight.

• Hoover

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"Dalton wrestled a great tournament," Martins Ferry head coach Chas Yoder said. "He did what he had to."

Hoover's title and Wallace's victory helped the Purple Riders edge out Linsly, 82.5-82.

"This one feels a little better because he came out for revenge and I just worked hard to get here and stay on top," Hoover, now 13-0, said of the match.

Winning the team title made it all that much better.

"A lot of people think wrestling is just an individual sport, and it kind of is, but it's also a very good team sport."

Yoder said this is a great step for his program.

"This is great for our kids. We only had eight guys in the lineup because of injuries and weight issues, so to win it with four placers, I couldn't more prouder of a bunch of guys."

Also placing for the Purple Riders were Hunter Bodkin who dropped a heartbreaker in the 220-pound finals, and Drake Dobson who finished eighth at 160.

Linsly head coach Brian Valentine was happy for his heavyweight and pleased with the runnerup trophy, although it would've been nice to win.

"He wanted to bump up to heavyweight and use his speed against the big guys," Valentine said of his 208-pounder. "He works his tail off in the wrestling room every day and it paid off here tonight."

Giovengo had to overcome a sizeable weight differential against Ely. He also sustained an ankle injury that caused him some injury time, but he gutted it out.

"I kept looking at the clock and realizing that I only so long away from making my dream a reality," Giovengo said. "I just had to suck it up and not feel the pain."

"He fought off that just like he always does," Valentine noted. "He's a tough kid."

"This is only the fifth year of the program being back in existence," he noted. "We had a pair of runnerups and a championship as a team, so we're doing pretty good."

Also placing for Linsly were Tommy Curtin who was fourth at 132 and Victor Giovengo, who finished fourth at 170.

Parkersburg South continued its stranglehold on the tournament by piling up 298 points. The Patriots, who placed 13 of 14 individuals, captured their seventh championship since they joined the 40-team conference eight years ago.

"Overall we have a good group of kids that work very hard," Parkersburg South head coach Shaun Smith said of his team's success. "We've also got a good group of coaches that push the kids to that level."

"It just seems we wrestle well up here."

Four of the placewinners stood atop the podium, led by



T-L Photo/KIM NORTH

LINSLY'S GAGE Giovengo holds on to defeat Steubenville's Tyler Ely for the 285-pound championship late Saturday night.

claiming his title.

Wheeling Park's John Nash ruled the 160-pound weight class like he did 152 a year ago. He knocked off Parkersburg South's Drew Dunbar in the finals, 7-2.

"John has an outstanding work ethic," Wheeling Park head coach Clay Tucker — one of those nine 4-time champs — said. "I try to work with him as much as I can, but he puts the time in on his own."

"He is one of the hardest working young men that I've ever been around. He trains for stuff like this so he is prepared to win."

Nash has been using the fact that he couldn't qualify for the W.Va. state tournament last season as a motivating factor. He was the top seed, but came down with an illness prior to the Class AAA regional.

"It feels about the same, honestly," Nash said after visiting the tournament training staff to get a cut under his left eye taken care off. "I just go out and do what I do. That's my push."

Steubenville and Oak Glen each had a pair of titlists. Big Red's Timmy Young (113) and Jashon Hubbard (145) each defended titles they won last season. For Hubbard, a junior, it is his third crown.

The Golden Bears champions were Peyton Hall (120) and Robert Bozek (138). Hall, only a freshman, upset top-seeded and defending champ Greg Quinn of Shadyside, 13-6. For his accomplishment, tournament coaches voted him the Bierkorte Award winner, symbolic of the event's most outstanding wrestler. It's the first time a freshman has been awarded the coveted honor.

Also winning championships were Beaver Local freshman Cole McComas (106); Madonna's Alec Cook (132), who edged Shadyside's Josh Kahl 3-2; and Brooke's Alex Edgell (220), who won in an ultimate tiebreaker against Martins Ferry's Hunter Bodkin.

Parkersburg South (5A), Steubenville (4A) and Shadyside (1A/2A) clinched team titles Friday night.

DeLong won the Hercules Award with four pins in 3:25.

• Swimming

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I are extremely proud of their efforts. They did a fantastic job and the coaches and I enjoy coaching all of them.

"The girls really dropped time (Saturday). Sarah broke two school records and a meet record. She is phenomenal."

Heilman broke her own school records in the 100 butterfly with a time of 1:00.88 and the 100 backstroke at a 59.64 pace, which was also good

enough to break the OVAC meet record.

"It feels pretty nice," Heilman said. "It is nice to get my best times at the OVAC meet and I didn't even know I broke the meet record. It took me by surprise."

Wheeling Park's top swimmer on the boys' side had a pretty strong day as well.

Schellhase delivered a masterful performance in the 200 freestyle (1:52.97)

and broke the Wheeling Park school record in the 500 (5:04.27).

"This is amazing," he said. "I didn't expect this to happen at all. I finished the 500 and I felt dead. Then, when I looked at my time, all of my energy came rushing back to me. It means a lot to me."

"We have all been working so hard at practice and all the hard work pays off."

The Purple Riders were led to victory on the girls

side by Reis, who delivered a school record in the 50 freestyle (25.78).

"This is such an amazing experience," the junior said. "It is exciting because I got third in the 50 last year and my goal this year was to get first."

"The whole team has worked so hard together and put in so many hours and it is nice when that hard work pays off."

The girls also received a victory from Alyssa Kalins-

ki who won the 500 (5:19.14).

"This is huge for us," Levi said. "We sat down at the beginning of the year and wrote down team goals and winning OVACs was high up there for the girls. Every race was crucial and every point mattered and I told the girls to respond and keep going and they did."

Perhaps the future of Martins Ferry swimming resides on the boys' side in freshman Jarrett Bolinger,

who set a new school record in the 100 (50.11) and claimed the 100 breaststroke (1:03.25).

"This is probably my best season out of any of my club swim seasons," Bolinger said.

"Our whole team works so hard and we have a great coach. It's an amazing feeling to go from watching this tournament last year and standing on the podium this year and I am excited for the future."

Doyle family makes mark on mats in Ohio Valley

By **BUBBA KAPRAL**
Executive Sports Editor

WHEELING — The OVAC wrestling family is a close-knit bunch. Retired coaches and former wrestlers stay quite active in mat circles.

No more so than when the 64th OVAC Ron Mauck Wrestling Tournament makes its three-day run at WesBanco Arena. The 63rd annual conference tourney unfolds tonight.

And while Mauck is still involved with the giant-sized event, he is no longer the director. Those duties are now in the capable hands of Dr. Dan Doyle, who excelled as a wrestler and a coach before becoming a school superintendent.

While legendary George Kovalick is the Godfather of Ohio Valley wrestling, the Doyle clan may be its first family. Dr. Dan is just one of a slew of Doyles who are ingrained in the local mat fabric.

It all started with Pat Doyle. He is the patriarch.

The Glen Dale resident is now 67 years of age. He wrestled at Wheeling Central and Bethany College. He coached wrestling in Ohio County for 20 years, including serving as Buzzy Evans' assistant at Wheeling Park when the Patriots were among the state's big-school juggernauts.

Pat has three younger brothers, all of whom made a mark on the mats.

Mike, now 64, wrestled at Central and West Liberty before embarking on a 24-year career with the U.S. Marines. After leaving the service, he coached prep wrestling in California.

Matt — nicknamed "Choo Choo" — is now 63. Following his mat career with the Maroon Knights, he grappled at West Liberty. After picking up his Hilltoppers' diploma, he coached under Eric Carder at Wheeling Park.

Dr. Dan, 61, is the youngest of the quartet of brothers. His resume, both in wrestling and the academic world, is impressive.

The Wheeling Central product was a three-time OVAC Tournament place-winner, earning an OVAC championship in 1972. He capped his Maroon Knights' career by winning the 1972 state title at 112 pounds.

He took his grappling talent to Allegheny College in Meadville, Pa. He became a Division III national tournament qualifier. Dr. Dan cut his coaching teeth at Jefferson Union before starting the mat program at Buckeye South in 1985.

South morphed into Buckeye Local where he worked wrestling wonders. He guided Buckeye Local to back-to-back overall

OVAC Tournament team titles (1996 and '97) along with a pair of conference dual meet crowns. His success yielded him district coach of the year plaudits twice and an OVAC Coach of the Year award.

He was the 2005 recipient of the Mr. Mat Award. He also served as superintendent of Noble County Schools.

Those four brothers spawned another generation of matmen.

Pat has two sons involved in the sport.

Jack, wrestled at John Marshall. He eventually became head coach at Wheeling Park and now is a current assistant in both wrestling and football for the Patriots.

Pat's other son, Danny, is in his first year as head wrestling coach at Brooke High. He previously served as an assistant at Park and John Marshall.

Mike had two sons — Bruce and Chad — who both wrestled in high school. Meanwhile, Matt's son, David grappled at Brunswick High and is a middle school coach.

Dr. Dan's son, Sean, has authored an amazing career, both as a competitor and coach.

After an ultra-successful career at Buckeye Local under the tutelage of his dad, Sean headed to Cornell, becoming a three-year

starter and a member of two Ivy League championship squads. He placed fourth in the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association in 2000 as a 133 pound wrestler.

Sean began his coaching career in 2005 at Wheeling Central. He was named head coach at Wheeling Park in 2007, leading the Patriots to a pair of state tournament team runner-up efforts. He earned the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Coach of the Year award twice and was named West Virginia Coach of the Year in 2008. Doyle coached seven individual state champions at Park.

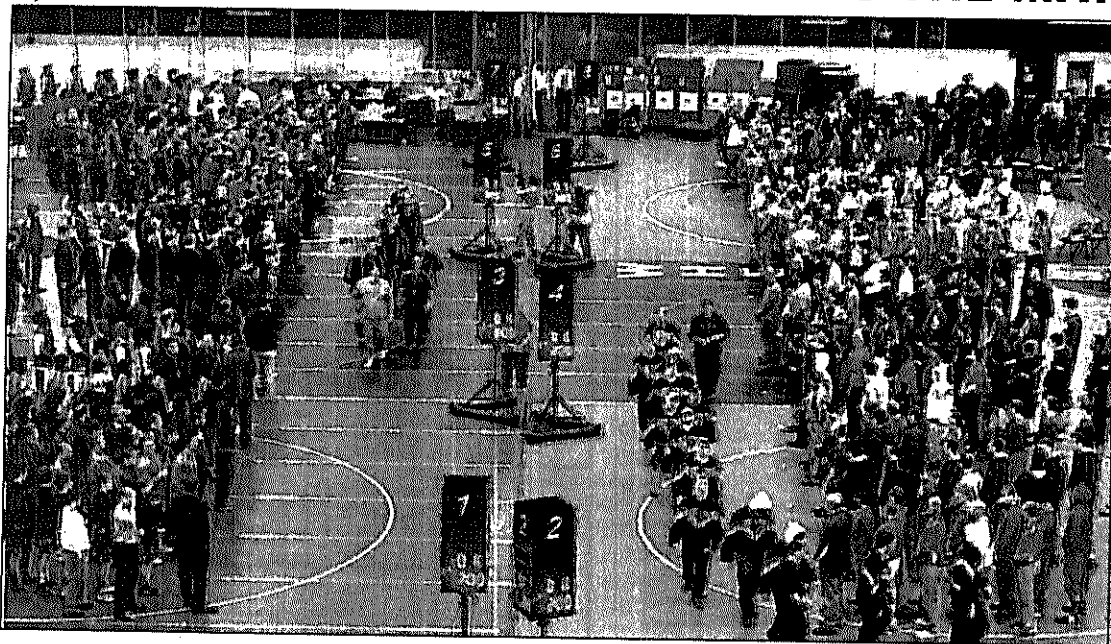
Sean was selected as Wheeling Jesuit University's inaugural head coach in 2012. He has subsequently developed the Cardinals into a Division II mat power.

Dr. Dan's grandson — Dylan Taylor — is currently wrestling for Sean at Wheeling Jesuit. Dylan collected OVAC and state championships at Wheeling Park.

"It is an unbelievable lineage. I am very proud of my family," Pat said. "We are all best friends and have great camaraderie."

"I am so busy in winter time following wrestling like crazy," he added. My wife and I take in the Jesuit matches and divide our time with the high school matches.

OHIO VALLEY WRESTLERS TAKE TO THE MAT



Wrestling teams from throughout the area gather on the floor at WesBanco Arena Thursday during opening ceremonies of the annual OVAC Ron Mauck Wrestling Tournament. See page 9 for full tournament coverage.

Photo by Scott McCloskey

Changes Come for Ron Mauck Wrestling Event

Twelve grapplers will be seeded in each class

By **KIM NORTH**
For The Intelligencer

WHEELING — For the first time in the 64 years of the OVAC Ron Mauck Wrestling Tournament, a significant change will take place as fans scan through their respective brackets.

Instead of seeding eight individuals in each of the 14 weight classes as has been done in the past, conference coaches and officials determined it was necessary to up that count to 12, with the 13th

as alternate.

"The tournament committee meets with the coaches committee of representatives that they vote on and the last couple of years this was one of the things that kept being brought up," Tournament Director Dr. Dan Doyle said. "This is an OVAC Tournament, so coaches brought that up and the committee looked at it. This year we put it into place and like I mentioned before, we'll meet again in the spring-time with them and evaluate things and see how it goes."

Doyle said Sunday's seeding meeting went great.



"We're blessed in the fact that most of the conference coaches have a wrestling background and are knowledgeable of the wrestlers," Doyle said. "When they sit down they know what they are doing ... it makes it go a lot quicker. Jim and John Rocchi really did a wonderful job handling that meeting."

Several area coaches were asked their opinion of the switch, and most were for it.

"I'm a member of the coach's com-

mittee and I'm definitely for it," Steubenville coach Mike Blackburn said. "We thought that if you're in the top 12 you have a chance at placing, so it evens things out. Everyone has a chance and then it goes by record as to where you get on the bracket."

Shadyside's Sean Grinch was also in favor.

"It's a different way to do it ... a different way in looking at it," he said. "It's the way the NCAA Tournament kind of does it. It took about the same amount of time (Sunday) as before. I thought it

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OVAC Wrestling Starts Tonight

By KIM NORTH
For The Intelligencer

WHEELING — Nine defending champions are seeking repeat performances as the 64th annual OVAC Ron Mauck Wrestling Tournament begins its three-day stay inside WesBanco Arena tonight. The Olympic-style opening ceremonies take place at 6, with action on eight mats beginning 30 minutes later.

They include Steubenville's tandem of Timmy Young (113) and Jashon Hubbard (145); Parkersburg South's duo of Luke Martin (126) and Hunter DeLong (182); Greg Quinn (120) of Shadyside; Indian Creek's Miles Mazik (145); John Nash (160) of Wheeling Park; Martins Ferry's Dalton Hoover (195); and Caleb Nice (220) of Magnolia. All are the top seeds in their respective weight classes, with the exception of Mazik who is No. 2 behind Hubbard.

DeLong is looking to become the ninth member of the elite 4-time champions club as he prevailed at 145 as a freshman, 160 as a sophomore and 182 as a junior. The other eight are Bridgeport's Bobby Douglas (1958-61); Mark Emmerling of East Liverpool (1986-89); Edison South's Kelly Shields (1990-93); Adam Hoppel of Beaver Local (2001-04); Martins Ferry's Clay Tucker (2002-05); Abby Rush of Wheeling Park and St.

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Shaffer received the Syd Stoltz Award, while Babe Sidon was presented the Larry Deaton Official of the Year Award by Clay Tucker, a former Martins Ferry teammate and currently head coach of Wheeling Park.

Deaton was honored for 50 years of service and received a plaque from Jack Regis Sr.

The OVAC Officials presented a check for \$500 to the George Kovalick Scholarship Fund. It is the second straight year they have done so. The funds were raised via a golf tournament in August.

ALL FEMALE BOUT

History was made when Indian Creek's Ellie Paterra and Buckeye Local's Jordyn Spencer met in a consolation round match. It marked the first time two females have met in the 64-year history of the tournament. Paterra won by pin.

SEEDS LIVING UP TO BILLING

There are nine weight classes in which the top 4 seeds have reached the championship semifinals. They are 106, 126, 132, 138, 145, 152, 192, 195 and 220.

WELCOME ABOARD

Crestview was competing in its first-ever tournament after joining the conference in November. Andrew Hardbrook became the Rebels first placer.

1992 RETURNING CHAMPIONS

Ten of the 13 champions from 1992 will return to WesBanco Arena tonight to be honored on the 25th anniversary of their championships.

Those making the journey are Todd Frohnappel, Bridgeport — 103; Kelly Shields, Edison South — 112; Ric Roe, Meadowbrook — 119; Gabe Frangos, Wheeling Park — 125; Chris McKeever, Cadiz — 130; R.C. Anderson, Cameron — 140; Eric Bouscher, East Liverpool — 145; Jonathan Collier, Steubenville — 152; Kelly Stevens, Cambridge — 171; and Steve Schumacher, Woodsfield — 189.

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An afternoon reception is planned for today at the arena.

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Clairsville's Zach Schuler (2003-06); and Tariq Wilson of Steubenville (2013-16).

Hubbard, a junior, is bidding for a third straight title. He won at 106 as a freshman and 132 as a sophomore.

One match of interest, should it transpire, would come at 195 where Hoover (8-0) and Parkersburg South's Justin Allman (12-0) should meet in the finals once again. Both wrestlers have been nagged by injuries sustained in football.

Hoover prevailed 3-1 last year in overtime before finishing second in Division III in Ohio.

Unbeaten

Young (18-0), Quinn (24-0), Hubbard (19-0), Weir's Caleb Rea (25-0), Chase Hickman of Barnesville (2-0) and Linsly's Gage Giovengo (26-0) join Hoover and Allman with spotless records heading into the tournament.

The Men in Charge

A dozen men in striped shirts — also known as referees — will conduct business this weekend. They include Paul Coffland, Lou Coffland, Jim Copney, Rick Crosier, Ed "Buzz" Evans, Ray Jefferis, Shane Kildow, Ray Marling, Jack Regis Sr., Babe Sidon, Joe Skoff and Ken McWilliams.

Also on hand will be Dr. Bill Welker, W.Va. rules interpreter; Ray Anthony, public relations; and Steve Kish Jr., reunion committee.

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All-Time Placemen

Martins Ferry leads the way with 325 individuals who have placed in the top 8 of the tournament. It is closely followed by Steubenville with 315. They are the only two schools to have surpassed the 300-mark.

Oak Glen (283), Wheeling Park (277) and John Marshall (275) round out the top 5 schools.

A total of 70 schools have competed in the 63 years. This year will mark 71 as Crestview joins the event.

There have been 5,161 wrestlers reach the podium all-time.

Bridgeport and Martins Ferry have each had 84 champions, while Steubenville has 67, Wheeling Park 53 and John Marshall 37.

OVAC Wrestling Tournney action

WHEELING, WV — Action in the 64th OVAC Ron Mauck Wrestling Championships got under way Thursday at WesBanco Arena.



ing the lavish opening ceremonies, first-round bouts were contested during the rapid-fire session which lasted only one hour and 34 minutes with 199 bouts contested. Of those, 124 ended in pins and 45 of those took less than a minute. There were also 17 decisions, seven technical falls and six major decisions.

Perennial champion Parkersburg South assumed the day one lead with 51.5 points, with Steubenville in second place with 46.5 points. Beaver Local (37.5) is third while the rest of the top 10 overall includes Shadyside (31.5), Oak Glen (29), Wheeling Park (28), University (25.5), Indian Creek (24), Weir (19), Barnesville (18) and Madonna (18).

South is the overall and 5A leader; Steubenville is the 4A frontrunner; Barnesville is atop the 3A division and Shadyside leads in 1A/2A.

Upsets were at a pre-

mium in the opening round, with only two seeded wrestlers suffering a defeat. One of those came at the hands of Cambridge's Anthony Porter, who beat No. 11 seed Christopher Helms of Brooke. The other was at 285 pounds where No. 9 seed Greg Hawkins of Weir was upended by Lucas Dickerson of Buckeye Local.

Today's action will include a split session, with second round bouts and first/second round consolations beginning at 12 noon while the quarterfinals and third/fourth round consolations will begin at 6 p.m.

Between sessions today, there will be a college match at WesBanco featuring Wheeling Jesuit University and Mercyhurst (Pa.) starting at 3:45 p.m.

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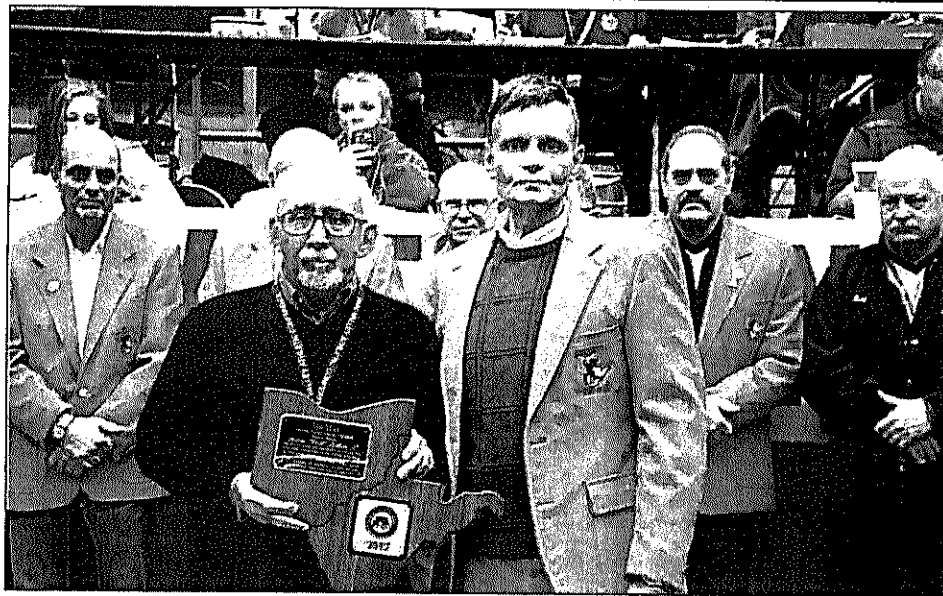


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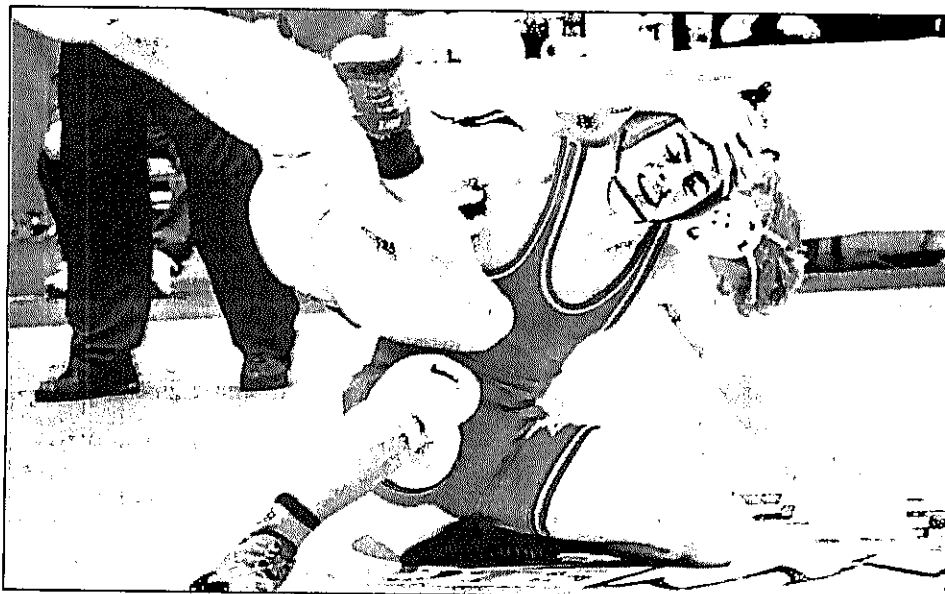


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"He is one of the hardest working young men that I've ever been around. He trains for stuff like this so he is prepared to win."

Nash has been using the fact that he couldn't qualify for the W.Va. state tournament last season as a motivating factor. He was the top seed, but came down with an illness prior to the Class AAA regional.

"It feels about the same, honestly," Nash said after visiting the tournament training staff to get a cut under his left eye taken care off. "I just go out and do what I do. That's my push."

Martins Ferry's Dalton Hoover earned his second straight championship, and it came against the very same opponent — Parkersburg South's Justin Allman — by a 7-4 count. Hoover needed overtime last year in prevailing 3-1.

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Steubenville and Oak Glen each had a pair of titlists.

Big Red's Timmy Young (113) and Jashon Hubbard (145) each defended titles they won last season. For Hubbard, a junior, it is his third crown.

The Golden Bears champions were Peyton Hall (120) and Robert Bozek (138). Hall, only a freshman, upset top-seeded and defending champ Greg Quinn of Shadyside, 13-6. For his accomplishment, tournament coaches voted him the Bierkorrtte Award winner, symbolic of the event's most outstanding wrestler. It's the first time a freshman has been awarded the coveted honor.

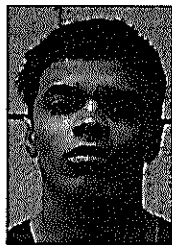
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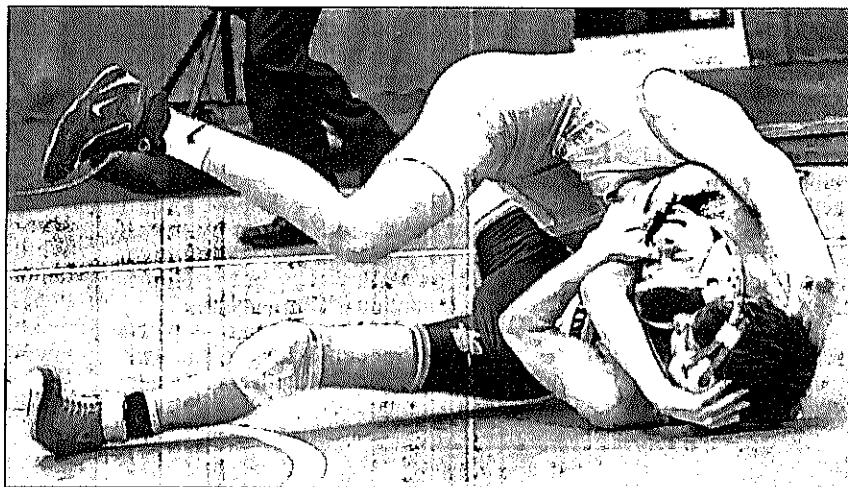


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Oak Glen's Peyton Hall, top, grapples with Shadyside's Greg Quinn during their championship match at 120.

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The Patriots, who placed 13 of 14 individuals, captured their seventh championship since they joined the 40-team conference eight years ago.

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"It just seems we wrestle well up here."

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Robert "Bubba" Kapral
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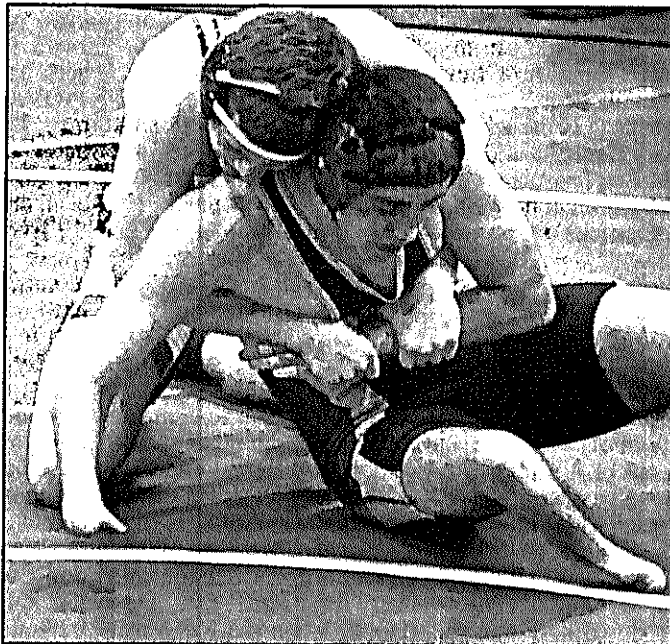
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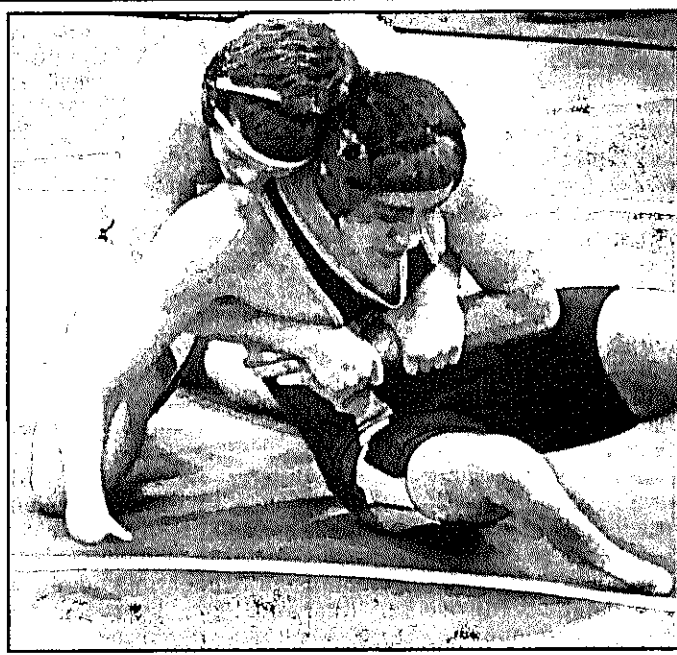
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As far as competing on the mat, they (his disabilities) prove problems for him and his opponents.

"I have to work harder in the (wrestling) room, but if I keep doing that, I'll get better."

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Number of female wrestlers rises

By KIM NORTH
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WHEELING — A family tradition. Female wrestlers are becoming more and more visible as the Olympics can attest.

The popularity of the sport is catching on locally as a record number of six girls took part in the 64th annual Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Ron Mauck Wrestling Tournament as it began a three-day stay inside WesBanco Arena over the weekend.

They included Bridgeport freshman Jessica Weires (113), Brooke freshman Rachel Clayton (120), Buckeye Local sophomore Jordyn Spencer (106), Indian Creek freshman Ellie

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All six said they started wrestling because of a family member that had wrestled.

Although five of the six dropped their first-round matches, they all said they will continue to keep on working hard.

Spencer, who is following in the footsteps of her father and brothers, might be the bravest of them all as she is competing with an inoperable brain tumor.

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Weires said her two older brothers both wrestled and she got interested

in it because of that.

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For Richter, this was her third OVAC Tournament.

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OVAC Executive Secretary Tom Rataiczak said these women are the epitome of what the conference is all about.

"Even though many of these women have been replaced, everyone of them have made a huge contribution to the tournament. The loyalty that they brought to the tournament and the friendships they have developed over the years has turned into a family reunion of sorts this weekend."

"It's a tremendous, and I don't want to sound make this sound weird, but it's a tremendous tribute to their husbands who have built this thing. When you look

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Four years ago Ian Baker, Alex Quinn and Chase Kinemond all prevailed.

The top-seeded Quinn, a defending Division III runner-up in the Buckeye State, posted a 5:01 pin of Parkersburg South's Brayden Roberts, the fourth seed. The four-time OVAC placer met second-seeded Peyton Hall of Oak Glen in the finals.

"There's really no pressure on me," Quinn admitted. "None at all."

Grinch said Quinn has put forth a workmanlike effort this weekend.

"The kid battled Greg at the Barnesville Tournament and (Parkersburg) South kids are always tough kids," Grinch said. "Greg took it to him and dominated the match."

Kahl finally got over the hump. Also a four-time OVAC placemaker, the senior had reached the semifinals three previous times only to come up short. However, Saturday afternoon was his time to shine as he outlasted Linsly's Tommy Curtin, a Bridgeport native, 5-0 in overtime.

"That was a big factor today," Kahl said of his semifinal misfortunes of the past. "I lost to him last weekend, so this was some redemption."

Deadlocked after three periods, Kahl secured a takedown that resulted in three nearfall points and a 5-0 victory.

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in it because of that. "It's been fun," she admitted. "It's hard, but I'm going to stick with it." For Richter, this was her third OVAC Tournament. "It's the hardest tournament I've ever wrestled in," she said. "My brothers all wrestled here so it's like a

family thing." Paterra and Spencer made tournament history Friday afternoon when the duo met in a consolation bout. It marked the first time two females had met. Paterra prevailed.

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gram at Bridgeport High. As a matter of fact, Coach Dave LaMotte was quoted as saying, "My older brother Chick had so much to do with introducing many members of our 1987 Ohio State Runner-up and 1988 Ohio State Championship Teams to the sport of wrestling as youngsters." While coaching at Bellaire's St. Johns Central Catholic High School, Coach Andrew "Chick" LaMotte won two OVAC Division Titles in 2004 and 2006. His 2006 squad won the Eastern District Team Championship where Chick was named district coach of the year. Not only did this

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• Lewicki

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THE PULSE OF

64th annual OVAC Ron Mauck Wrestling Tournament

Top seeds still alive in chase for OVAC title

• South leading; Shadyside has clinched 1A/2A crown

By KIM NORTH
Times Leader Sports Writer

WHEELING — Parkersburg South and Steubenville are waging a battle for the overall title as the 64th annual OVAC Ron Mauck Wrestling Tournament heads into the final day of action inside WesBanco Arena. The three-time defending champion Patriots have amassed 165 points in two days, while Big Red has 145.5. The two perennial powers have already captured their classes, 5A and 4A, respectively.

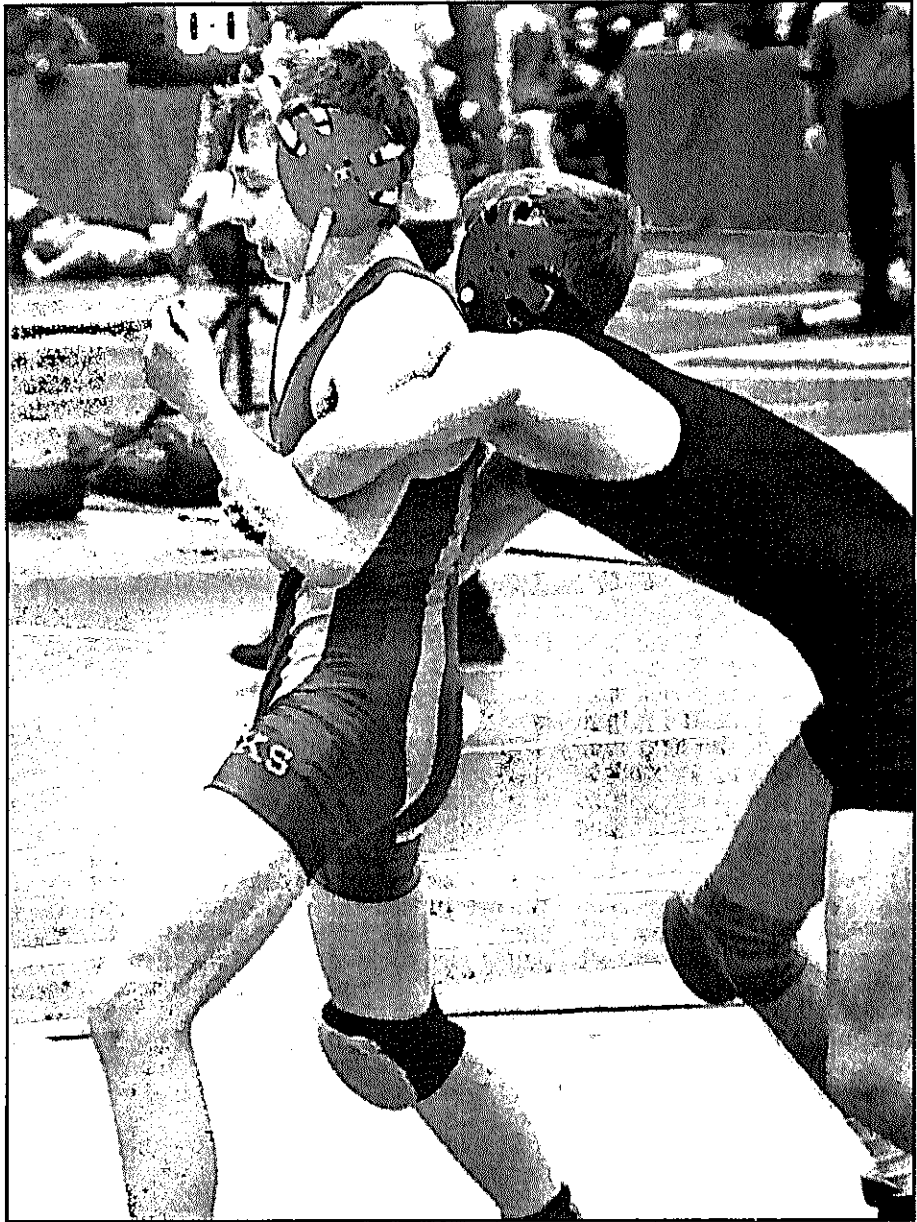
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Steubenville checks in with half-a-dozen semifinalists, including two-time champ Jashon Hubbard (145). Timmy Young (113) looks to defend his championship.

Meanwhile, Shadyside has also defended its Class 1A/2A team title as the Tigers have prowled their way to 82.5 points, which is good enough for seventh overall and a sizeable lead over Madonna (55.5) in the small class.

Today's OVAC Schedule

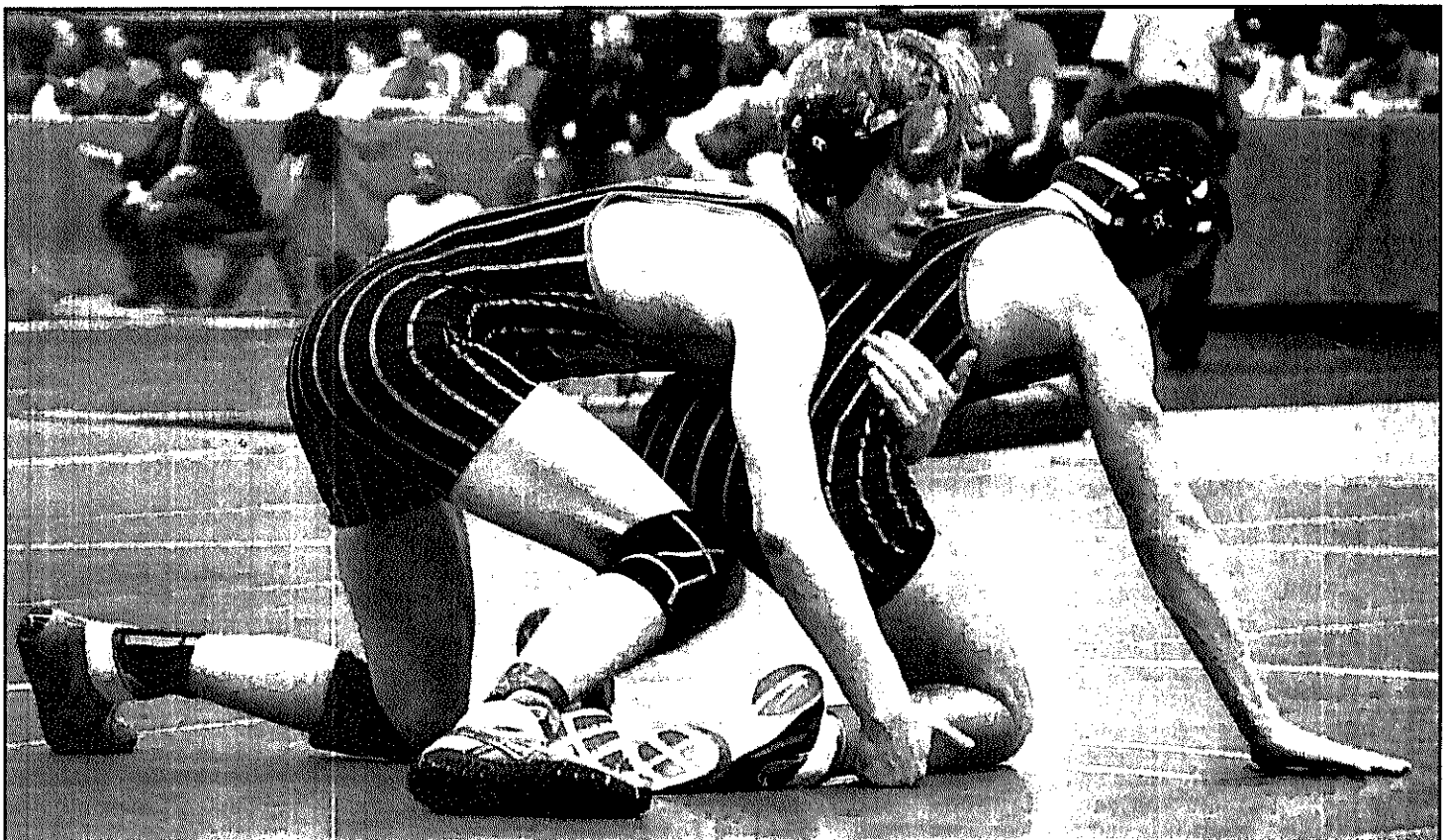
Noon -- Championship semifinals, Consolation quarterfinals and semifinals
6 p.m. -- Opening Ceremonies
6:30 p.m. -- Place Matches



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BARNESVILLE'S Brayden Reynolds works for an escape from Harrison Central's Owen Ott during their 113-pound quarterfinal match Friday night at WesBanco Arena. Ott prevailed, 10-5.

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During his tenure, the 1972 John Marshall graduate has officiated 30 West Virginia state tournaments, but has not done one in Ohio. He has worked the OVAC Tournament 30 years, something that he is proud of.

"I've also done numerous regionals, districts and sectionals in both states," he said.

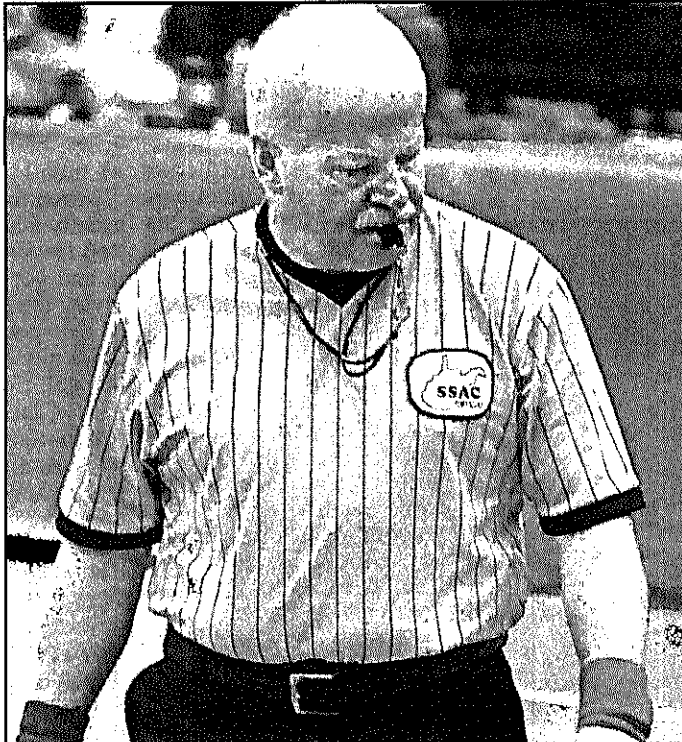
He said he got his start in officiating because he was a "mediocre" wrestler when he competed under head coaches Bill Hinegardner and Ed Dugas.

"I was just arrogant enough to think I could do a better job than the referees back then," he noted.

"The wrestlers and coaches are great. I know that's a cliché, but it's the truth," he continued.

When asked about his officiating brotherhood, he couldn't say enough about them.

"I couldn't ask to work with a better bunch of officials," he praised. "These guys are serious and highly competent. They are



LONG-TIME OVAC mat official Ray Marling works a match at the OVAC Ron Mauck Friday afternoon. Marling has decided to hang up the whistle after 30 years of calling the action.

Photo/SCOTT McCLOSKEY

sincere when they compliment and they are serious when they criticize. Trust me, if I messed up somewhere along the line, they will be the first one's to let me know.

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SPECIAL AWARDS

Former Wheeling Park standout wrestler and former Bellaire head coach Shane

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The Class 3A race could wind up coming down to the final match of the night as four schools are within five points of each other.

Linsly, with a trio of semifinalists, leads the pack with 55 markers. Barnesville, which has one individual in the semis, is second at 53.5. Newcomer Crestview has 51.5 but doesn't have anyone left in the championship bracket, while Martins Ferry has 50 points and three semifinalists.

"If our guys go out and wrestle the way they are capable of, we should have three champions," Martins Ferry head coach Chas Yoder said of defending champion Dalton Hoover (195), Hunter Bodkin (220) and Dom Wallace (285).

The Cadets counter with Tommy Curtin (132), Victor Giovengo (170) and Gage Giovengo (285), while the Shamrocks' Caide Bunfill (220) is a semifinalist.

Shadyside has four individuals in the semifinals in defending champion Greg Quinn (120), Jacson Muldrew (126), Josh Kahl (132) and Billy Johnson (170).

"Those guys were all seeded, so it's expected," Shadyside head coach Sean Grinch said. "We lost some tough matches today, but I'm proud of the way the kids battled. We showed a lot of heart. We had some tough quarterfinal matches, but we found a way to win them."

Indian Creek has three semifinalists in defending champion Miles Mazik (145), Nathan Thomas (182) and unseeded Sam Robinson (285). Robinson knocked off third-seeded Loudon Haga of Parkersburg South in the afternoon session before topping No. 11 Kade Clark, 6-3, in the quarters.

John Marshall, Madonna, Oak Glen and Wheeling Park all have a pair of semifinalists.

The Monarchs are represented by Austin Love (126) and Anthony Carman (138), while the Patriots have defending champion John Nash (160) and Kaleb Simpkins (170).

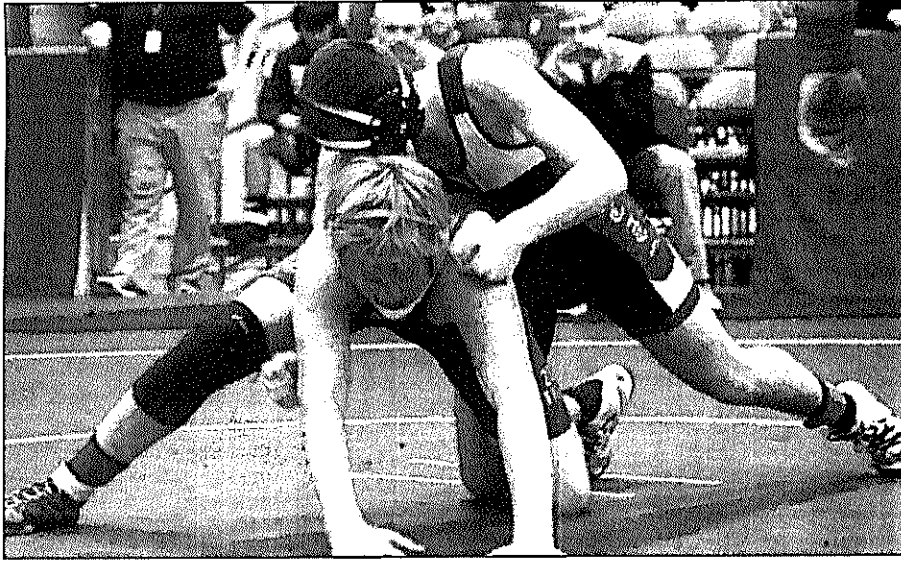
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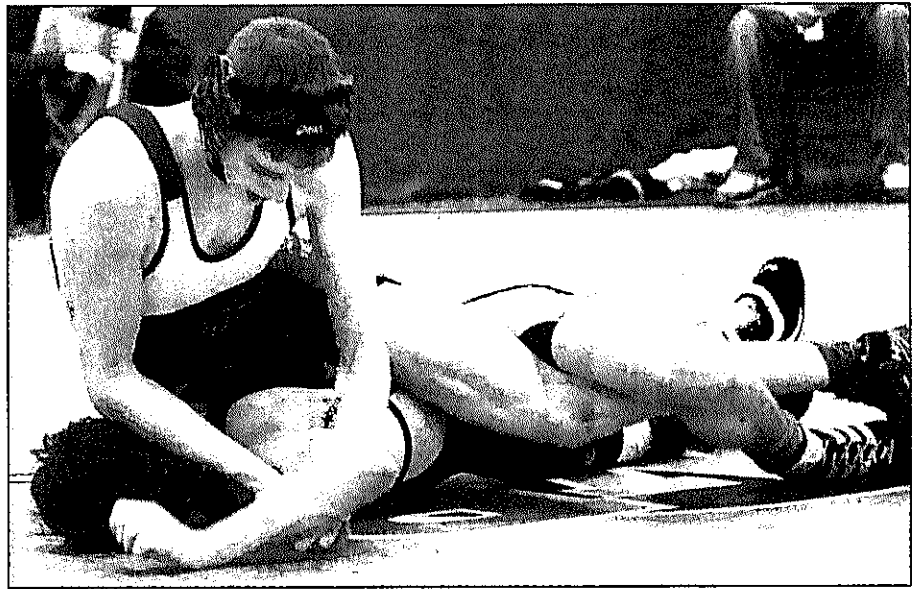
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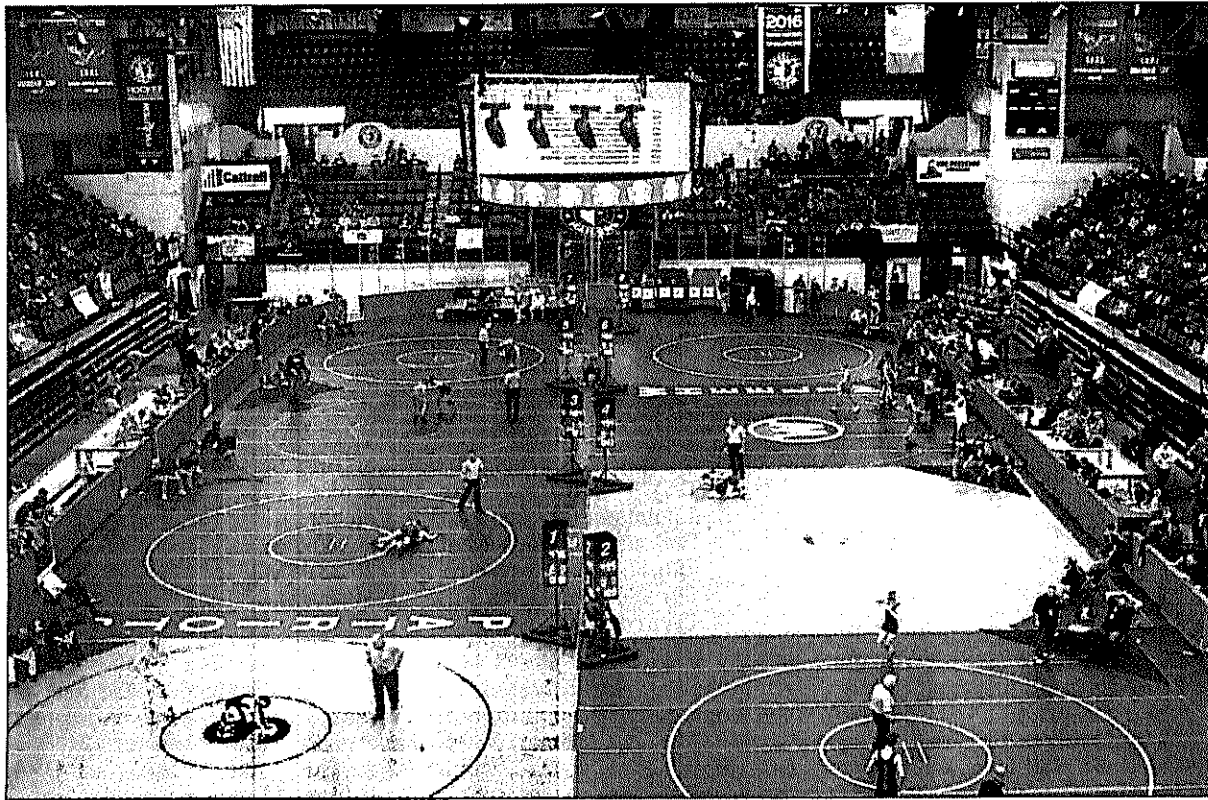
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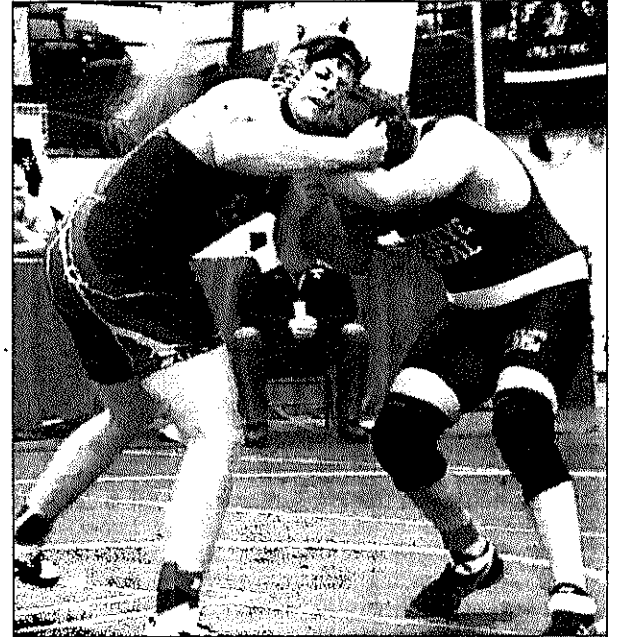
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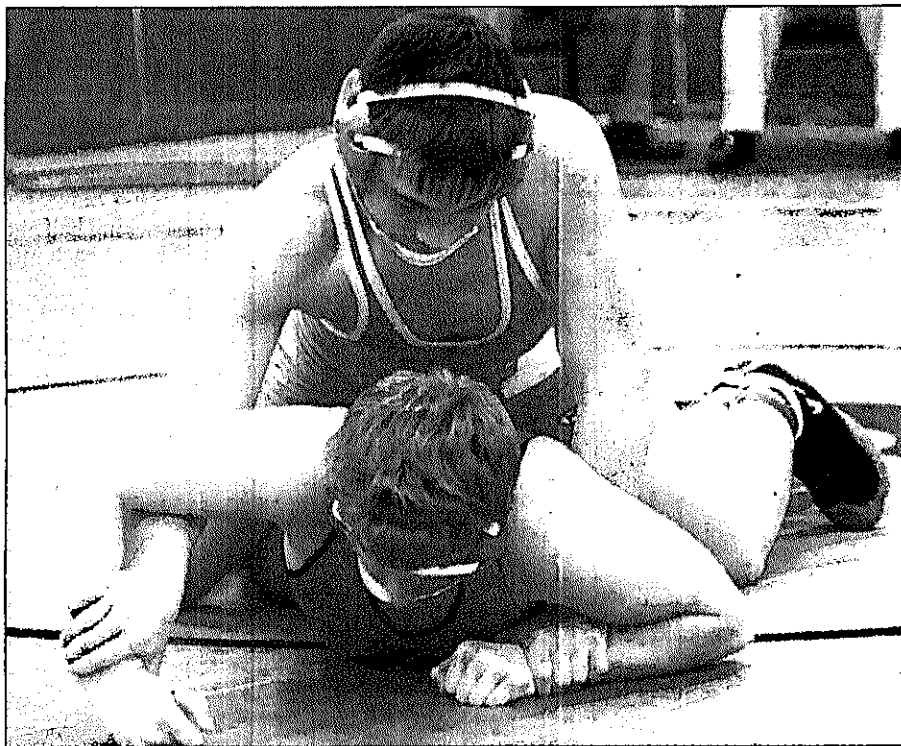
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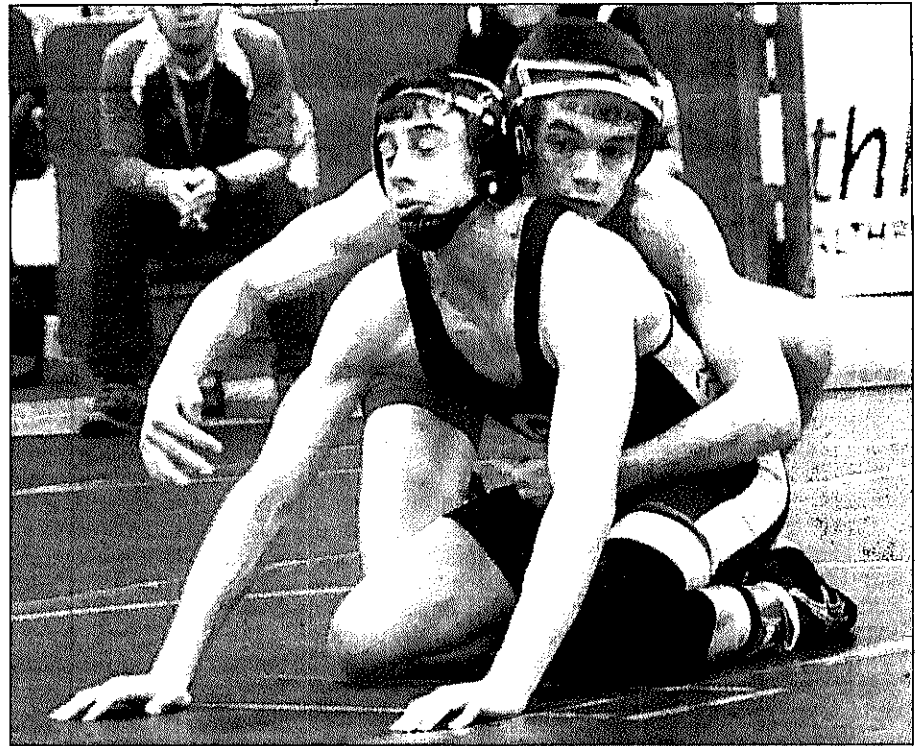
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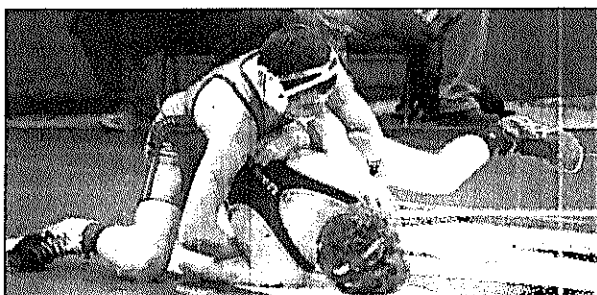
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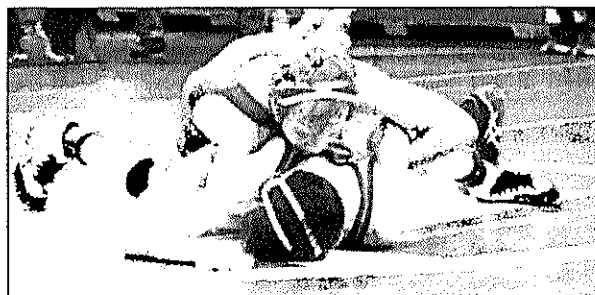
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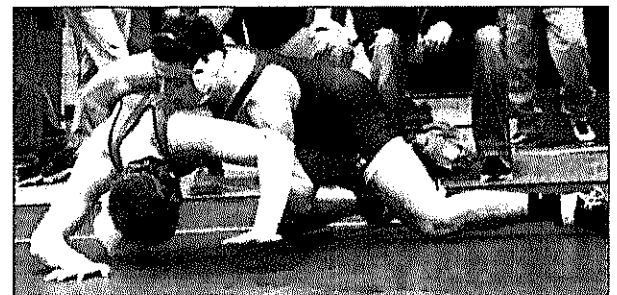
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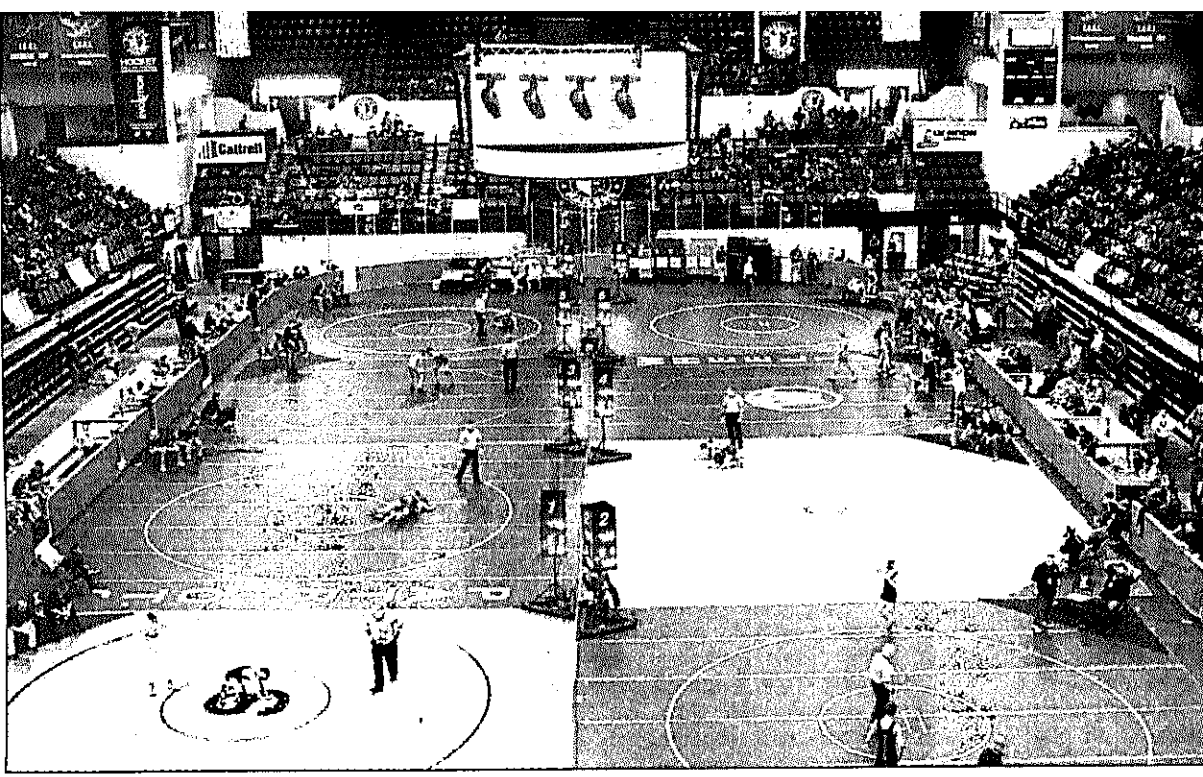
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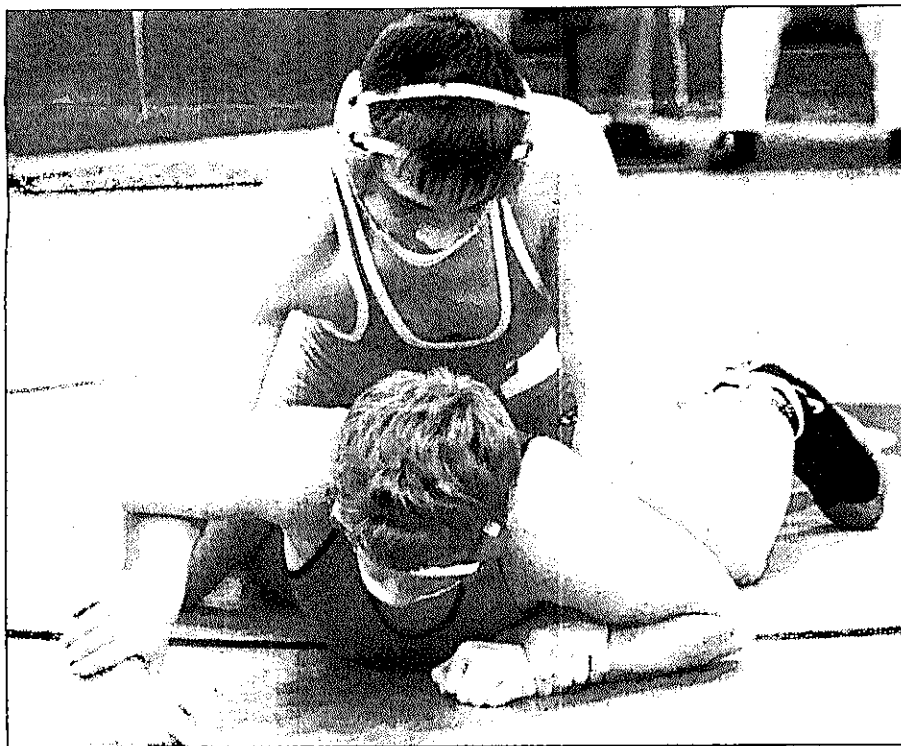
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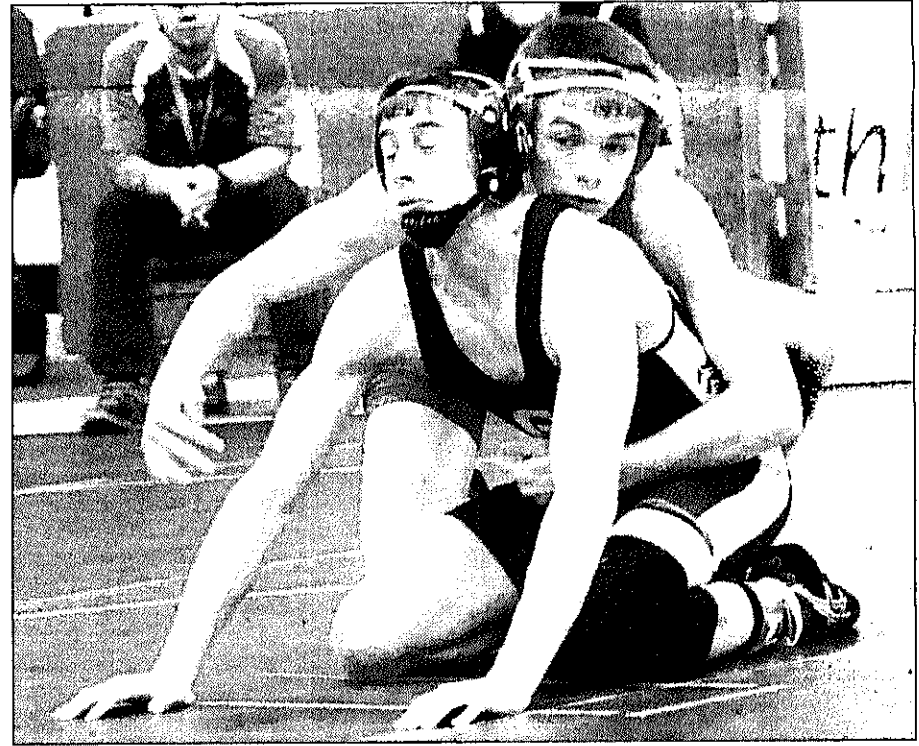
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An overview of action at the 64th OVAC Ron Mauck Wrestling Championships at Wes Banco Arena in Wheeling.



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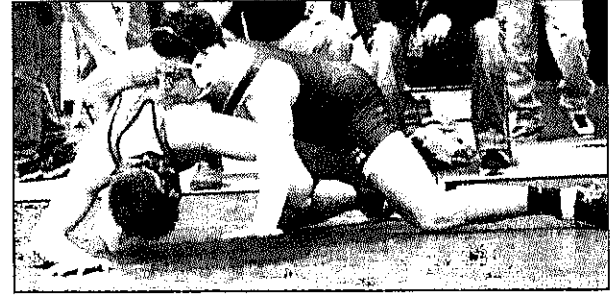
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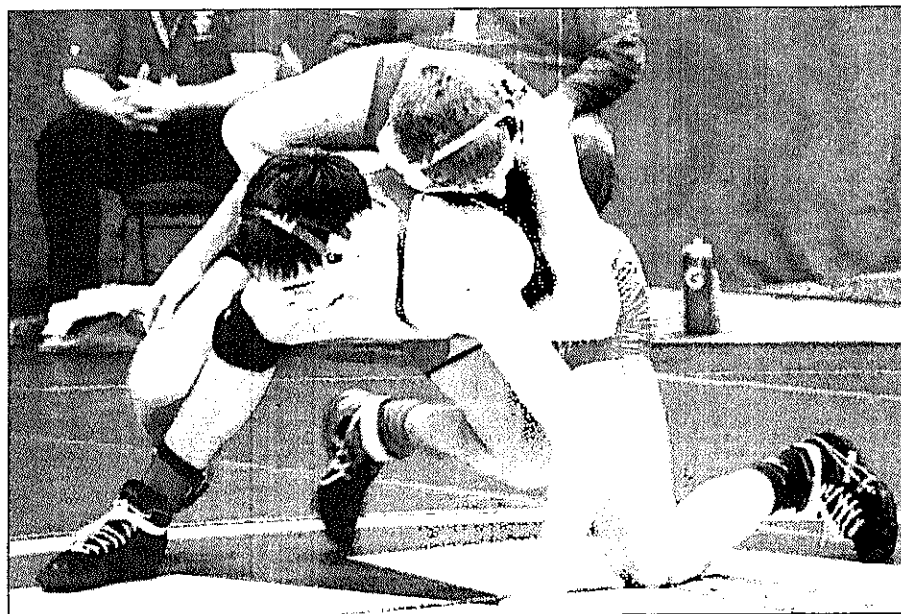
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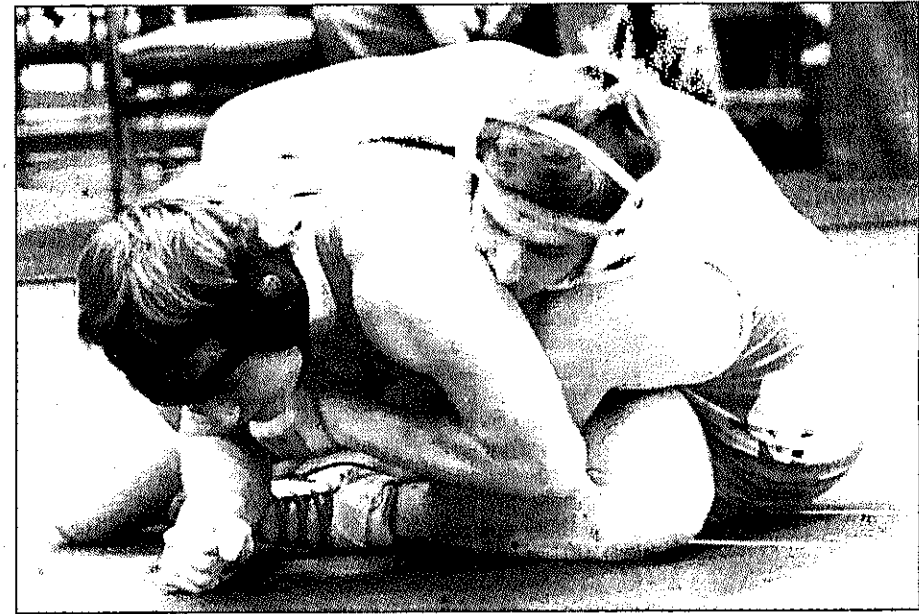
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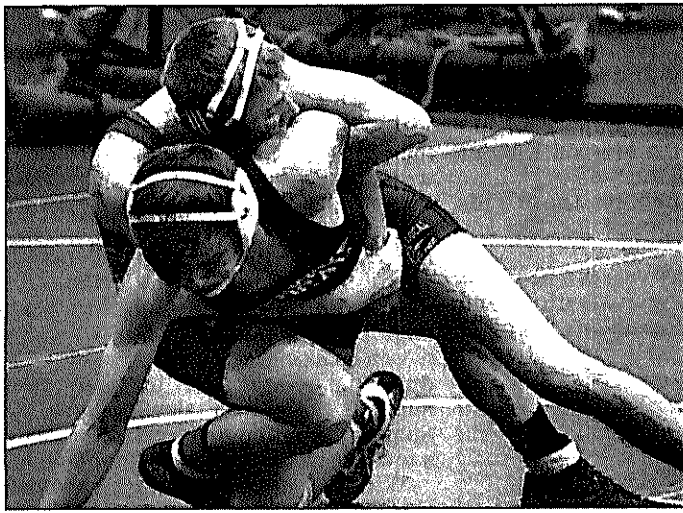
Caldwell High's Blake Pickenpugh takes on Noah Smith in a 138-pound bout during the OVAC Ron Mauck Wrestling championships at WesBanco Arena in Wheeling.



Meadowbrook High's C.J. Moore takes on Toronto's Bryce Haight in a 152-pound bout during the OVAC Ron Mauck Wrestling championships at WesBanco Arena in Wheeling.

Wheeling Park's Maison Richardson, top, grapples with Buckeye Local's Travis Light during their 120-pound match at the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament.

Photo by Scott McCloskey



South Leads After Day 1

By KIM NORTH
For The Intelligencer

WHEELING — The movie "Fast and Furious" had nothing on the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament on Thursday night as the 64th annual event took just one hour and 34 minutes to complete 199 first-round matches inside WesBanco Arena.

Of those bouts, 124 ended in pins and 45 of those occurred in less than a minute. There were also 17 decisions, seven technical falls and six major decisions.

Parkersburg South, which has won six overall team titles in seven appearances, leads the team race with 51.5 points. The Patriots advanced all 14 individuals, including senior

Hunter DeLong (182) who is seeking his fourth championship.

Also moving on for Parkersburg South was defending champion Luke Martin (126).

Steubenville is second with 46.5 while Beaver Local is third at 37.5. Shadyside, which moved all but one of its nine competitors to the second round, is fourth with 31.5. Oak Glen (29) and Wheeling Park (28).

"It was definitely a good start. We got some bonus points along the way," Shadyside head coach Sean Grinch said. "I think we had seven pins and a technical fall, so it was definitely a good start to the tournament."

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ON THE LINE

Today's Results:
Q. Will you attend the OVAC Wrestling Tournament?

Yes: 45%

No: 55%

Tomorrow's Poll:
Q. Is Wheeling Jesuit and West Liberty the best rivalry in the MEC?

Tell us what you think.

Register your answer at
www.theintelligencer.net

(The results of this poll are not scientific and represent only the opinions of Internet users who have chosen to participate.)

SOUTH

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"Our seeded guys came through with falls and Will got a pin, so it was a good night all around. We just need to continue taking one match at a time. (Today's) a big day."

Winning by falls were defending champion Greg Quinn (120), Jacson Muldrew (126), Josh Kahl (132), Collin Hunter (138), Cody Hawthorne (145), Will Brown (152) and Josh Robinson (285). Billy Johnson (170) scored a technical fall. Quinn (0:20), Muldrew (0:55), Kahl (0:24) and Hunter (0:14) all recorded lightning-quick pins.

Falling into the consolation bracket was Taylor Prickett as he was pinned by DeLong.

"He had a tough draw right out of the bat," Grinch noted. "However, we look for him to bounce back."

Wheeling Park advanced nine wrestlers to the second round, led by defending champion John Nash (160). The senior flattened his opponent in a mere 10 ticks. Kaleb Simpkins took just four ticks longer to win his match.

"That's kind of what we expected," Wheeling Park coach Clay Tucker, one of eight four-time champions, said. "The guys that we put in places to win matches are

winning matches, so we just have to take it one match at a time and go from there.

"John and Kaleb both had pins in less than 20 seconds and I think the whole team sees that and feeds off of it. It kind of pumps up the whole team and sets the tone. Those two are our leaders and we expect that from them."

Also moving on for the Patriots are Isaak Murphy (106), Canon Welker (113), Maison Richardson (120), Jeremiah Timberlake (138), Mason Miklas (182), Austin Loew (195) and Dylan Wood (220). Richardson, Timberlake, Miklas, Loew and Wood all recorded pins. Murphy and Welker advanced via byes.

Martins Ferry's Dalton Hoover, a defending champion, had the quickest pin when he flattened his opponent in eight seconds.

The seeding committee, which upped the number of seeds in each weight class to 12 instead of the customary eight, knew what it was doing as only a pair of upsets occurred, and they were minor ones.

At 145, Cambridge's Anthony Porter edged No. 11 Christopher Helms of Brooke, 3-2; and Buckeye Local heavyweight Lucas Dickerson decisioned No. 9 Greg Hawkins of Weir, 5-1.

All nine defending champions advanced easily.

The three-day extravaganza continues today with action beginning at noon with second round championship matches. Action continues throughout the day and concludes with championship quarterfinals tonight, beginning at 6.

In between sessions, Wheeling Jesuit University will host No. 10 Mercyhurst in an NCAA Division II match. It is slated to start at 3:45 p.m.

TOURNAMENT NOTES

■ Union Local freshman Logan Amos became the first blind wrestler to compete in the OVAC Ron Mauck Tournament. He wrestled at 106.

■ Coach of the Year awards were handed out prior to the start of the tournament. The recipients were: Class 1A — Ray Pernell (Madonna); Class 2A — Sean Grinch (Shadyside); Class 3A — Jayson Stephen (Barnesville); Class 4A — Brandon Pendleton (Indian Creek); and 5A — Mike Blackburn (Steubenville).

■ Indian Creek assistant coach and River High grad Doug Knight was presented with the Assistant Coach of the Year award.

■ Six females took part in the tournament, which is also a record number.

OVAC mat tournament gets under way tonight

By KIM NORTH
Times Leader Sports Writer

WHEELING - Nine defending champions are seeking repeat performances as the 64th annual OVAC Ron Mauck Wrestling Tournament begins its three-day stay inside WesBanco Arena tonight. The Olympic-style opening ceremonies take place at 6, with action on eight mats beginning 30 minutes later.

They include Steubenville's tandem of Timmy Young (113) and Jashon Hubbard (145); Parkersburg South's duo of Luke Martin (126) and Hunter DeLong (182); Greg Quinn (120) of Shadyside; Indian Creek's Miles Mazik (145); John Nash (160) of Wheeling Park; Martins Ferry's Dalton Hoover (195); and Caleb Nice (220) of Magnolia.

All are the top seeds in their respective weight classes, with the exception of Mazik who is No. 2 behind Hubbard.

DeLong is looking to become the ninth member of the elite 4-time champions club as he prevailed at 145 as a freshman, 160 as a sophomore and 182 as a junior. The other eight are Bridgeport's Bobby Douglas (1958-61); Mark Emmerling of East Liverpool (1986-89); Edison South's Kelly Shields (1990-93); Adam Hoppel of Beaver Local (2001-04); Martins Ferry's Clay Tucker (2002-05); Abby Rush of Wheeling Park and St. Clairsville's Zach Schuler (2003-06); and Tariq Wilson of Steubenville (2013-16).

Hubbard, a junior, is bidding for a third straight title. He won at 106 as a freshman and 132 as a sophomore.

One match of interest, should it transpire, would come at 195 where Hoover (8-0) and Parkersburg South's Justin Allman (12-0) should meet in the finals once again. Both wrestlers have been nagged by injuries sustained in football.



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Hoover prevailed 3-1 last year in overtime before finishing second in Division III in Ohio.

Unbeaten

Young (18-0), Quinn (24-0), Hubbard (19-0), Weir's Caleb Rea (25-0), Chase Hickman of Barnesville (2-0) and Linsly's Gage Giovengo (26-0) join Hoover and Allman with spotless records heading into the tournament.

The Men in Charge

A dozen men in striped shirts - also known as referees - will conduct business this weekend. They include Paul Coffland, Lou Coffland, Jim Copney, Rick Crosier, Ed "Buzz" Evans, Ray Jefferis, Shane Kildow, Ray Marling, Jack Regis Sr., Babe Sidon, Joe Skoff and Ken McWilliams.

Also on hand will be Dr. Bill Welker, W.Va. rules interpreter; Ray Anthony, public relations; and Steve Kish Jr., reunion committee.

1992 Returning Champions

Ten of the 13 champions from 1992 will return to WesBanco Arena Saturday night to be honored on the 25th anniversary of their championships.

Those making the journey are Todd Frohnappfel, Bridgeport - 103; Kelly Shields, Edison South - 112; Ric Roe, Meadowbrook - 119; Gabe Fran-

gos, Wheeling Park - 125; Chris McKeever, Cadiz - 130; R.C. Anderson, Cameron - 140; Eric Bouscher, East Liverpool - 145; Jonathan Collier, Steubenville - 152; Kelly Stevens, Cambridge - 171; and Steve Schumacher, Woodsfield - 189.

Not being able to attend are Pete Lovejoy, East Liverpool - 135 and John Gibeaut, Union Local - 160. Bellaire heavyweight Norman Ayers is deceased.

An afternoon reception is planned for Saturday at the arena.

All-Time Placewinners

Martins Ferry leads the way with 325 individuals who have placed in the top 8 of the tournament. It is closely followed by Steubenville with 315. They are the only two schools to have surpassed the 300-mark.

Oak Glen (283), Wheeling Park (277) and John Marshall (275) round out the top 5 schools.

A total of 70 schools have competed in the 63 years. This year will mark 71 as Crestview joins the event.

There have been 5,161 wrestlers reach the podium all-time.

Bridgeport and Martins Ferry have each had 84 champions, while Steubenville has 67, Wheeling Park 53 and John Marshall 37.

64TH ANNUAL OVAC RON MAUCK WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

(at WesBanco Arena)

TEAM SCORING

1. Parkersburg South 51.5; 2. Steubenville 46.5; 3. Beaver Local 37.5; 4. Shadyvale 31.5; 5. Oak Glen 28; 6. Indian Creek 24; 9. Weir 19; 10. (tie) Barnesville, Madonna 18; 12. Caldwell 17.5; 13. (tie) Crestview, John Marshall 17; 14. (tie) Linley 16; 15. (tie) Brookwood 15.5; 17. St. Clairsville 12.5; 18. (tie) East Liverpool, Edison, Harrison Central, Magnolia, Martins Ferry, Meadowbrook, Taylor Consolidated 12; 25. Cambridge 9; 26. (tie) Bellaire, Bridgeport 8; 28. Toronto 7; 29. (tie) Buckeye Local, Union Local 6; 31. (tie) Cameron, Morgantown, River, Shenandoah 4; 35. Fort Frye 3.5; 38. Southern Local 3; 37. Steubenville Catholic 2; 38. (tie) Clay-Battle, Monroe Central, Wellsville 0

FIRST ROUND

106: McComas (BvL) p. Amos (UL), 0:23; Ty Logston (UG) p. William Moore (Shen), 1:02; Tucker Windland (PS) p. Jordyn Spencer (BvL), 1:02; Terry Gatrell (Meat) p. Kelli Corrao (Tor), 0:50; Marshal Niswonger (Cald) f. Dylan Rourke (Brk), 15:0; Peyton Blasko (Steub) f. Justin Buchelt (EL), 15:0; 113: Owen Ott (HC) p. Cole Girod (Weir), 0:44; Jake Staud (U) p. Kason Delancey (FF), 0:53; Cole Harris (Tor), 3:38; Ian Irizarry (PS) p. Nicholas Hall (Mag), 1:24; Shawn Moore (OG) d. Miles Babinchuk (JM), 8-4; Abe Frizzell (Meat) p. Jessica Weira (Bpt), 0:34
120: Greg Quin (Shady) p. Rachel Clayton (Brk), 0:20; Mason Richardson (WP) p. Travis Light (BvL), 1:23; Peyton Hall (OG) p. Jake Finoglia (IC), 1:06; Brayden Roberts (PS) p. Hunter Thompson (Tor), 0:28; Skylar Lasura (BvL) p. Eric Shriver (Morg), 5:09
126: Caleb Rea (Weir) p. Kyra Smith (Tor), 0:59; Luka Martin (PS) p. Seth Richardson (BvL), 0:27; Riley Nice (Mag) p. Zane Everhart (HC), 1:41; Austin Love (JM) md. Isalah Wilhelm (Bell), 13-2; Jason Muldrew (Shady) p. Tino Kayafesa (WP), 0:55; Collin Wiley (Cald) p. Quintin Elerick (STC), 1:02; Zane Minella (Steub) md. Julian Giovengo (Lin), 18-8
132: Quinton Bookman (BvL) p. Nathaniel Fuller (Morg), 0:55; Mikey

Shamblyn (PS) p. Renee Richter (MC), 1:45; Clayton Moore (Bell) p. Johnathan Simmons (JM), 1:18; Braedeg Paulay (U) d. Jack Booth (Mag), 4-1; Michael Gray (Staub) p. Michael Brinsky (ED), 2:50; Tommy Curtin (Lin) p. Bryce Utter (UL), 0:40; Bryce Farrabee (Barn) p. Jesse Fulton (Tor), 5:50; Andrew Hardenbrook (Crest) d. Charles Mirandy (WP), 9-2; Alex Cook (Meat) p. Cody Hunter (TC), 1:50; Josh Kahl (Shady) p. Anthony Blankenship (MF), 0:24; Blaze Cain (Weir) p. Colin Stanley (OG), 3:38; Parker Mazik (IC) p. Bryce Wade (HC), 0:29; Dylan Milhoan (BvL) md. Brandon Harrison (JM), 18-8
138: Mitch Wukelic (IC) p. Jesse Law (Brk), 1:09; Robert Bozek (OG) p. Alexander Lude (MF), 0:32; Blake Pickenpugh (Cald) d. Logan Mackey (Cam), 4-2; Anthony Carman (JM) p. Jayden Porter (Shen), 1:43; Isaac Rickerts (Crest) md. Robert Frank (SL), 11-1; Griff Heathenington (Bell) p. Arch Newman (BvL), 3:40; Colton Fynn (Shady) p. Collin Kovaca (UL), 0:14; Austin Rourke (U) f. Justin Sarge (EL), 17-2; Jeremiah Timberlake (WP) p. Cooper Kerns (Camb), 5:58; Vince Pulice (mad) d. Elliott Dean (Bpt), 6-2; Noah Smith (BvL) p. Gage Oliver (Meat), 1:54; Dante Vincenzo (STC) md. Zach Marbala (HC), 16-5; Landon Fynn (PS) f. Colton Mead (TC), 18-2; Dylan Glatfely (Barn) d. Dustin Langley (Weir), 9-5; Anthony Rice (Steub) p. Gage Modra (MC), 0:22
145: Jashon Hubbard (Steub) p. Skylar Hatten (BvL), 0:22; Cody Hawthorne (Shady) p. Leo Baker (FF), 1:52; Devin Crum (UL) p. James Todd (Mad), 2:48; Jonathan Creese (OG) p. Bobby Pittinghill (WP), 1:59; Owen Zelders (U) p. Andrew Bjork (Cald), 3:15; Mark Johns (ED) p. Grant Lawson (EL), 2:26; Jabsyn Moore (HC) p. Josay Stern (Cam), 1:28; Anthony Porter (Camb) d. Christopher Helms (Brk), 3-2; Miles Mazik (IC) p. Chase Cooper (Tor), 0:48; Jared Wright (BvL) f. Izak Wiley (JM), 16-1; Mike Doyle (TC) p. Brayden Strous (Barn), 4:40; Jarritt Fynn (PS) p. Sam Park (Lin), 0:24; Mason Kuneff (Bpt) p. Ben Hagood (Morg), 3:13; Michael Vannest (STC) d. Cody Albasov (Bell), 5-3; Skylar yoho (Mag) p. Dean (Crest), 5:13
152: Beau Smith (BvL) p. Santiago

Rivera (UL), 0:47; Isaac Sweat (Weir) p. Ronald Chico (Lin), 3:42; Devin Eakle (IC) p. CJ Moore (Meat), 1:58; Nick Scott (Staub) p. Bryce Haight (Tor), 1:30; Mathew Ketchum (EL) p. Dalton Barnes (BvL), 1:24; Cody Hupp-Lasura (Morg) p. Corey Naylor (STC), 1:45; Will Brown (Shady) p. Dalton Yost (Brk), 2:17; Tino Kusic (Bpt) p. Hayden Wallace (HC), 2:15; Phillip Good (Mad) p. Carter Pylea (Mag), 1:17; Clay Baker (FF) f. Jaden Glenn (OG), 17-2; Bryan Clouse (Barn) p. Seth Kerner (Welle), 1:21; Seth Cade (ED) p. Daniel Skatton (WP), 1:41; Jordan Hamlin (U) p. Richie McFarland (MF), 0:57; Kyle Hart (Crest) p. Rex Stewart (Camb), 1:20; Jacob Barisford (JM) p. Nick Backett (Bell), 3:52; Zane Hinzman (PS) p. Briggie Schaefer (Shen), 0:26
180: John Nash (WP) p. Dallas Raines (BvL), 0:10; Cody Davis (Cald) p. Trenton Robinson (Mag), 0:22; David Tuttle (Steub) p. Zack Leach (JM), 2:17; Michael Starcher (Cam) p. Jack Reese (BvL), 2:58; Anthony Mecum (EL) p. Ryan Compton (Morg), 1:47; Logan Wilson (IC) p. Michael Hermann (SCC), 0:43; Adam Frisco (U) p. Todd Dare (HC), 0:57; Hunter Baird (Meat) p. Drake Dobson (MF), 1:16; Chase Mercar (Camb) md. James Dobbs (STC), 12-2; Gage Barnhart (Brk) d. Jarett Deaton (Bpt), 5-1; Wyatt Strum (OG) p. Dominik Sopilnski (Weir), 2:32; Nick Falbo (Lin) p. Latrell Cruta (SL), 0:35; Drew Dunbar (PS) p. Timmy Ferguson (Meat), 0:49; Zac Talbot (Rlv) p. Wesley Wayson (TC), 1:29
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182: Hunter DeLong (PS) p. Taylor Prickett (Shady), 0:15; Billy Snyder (Steub) p. Zach Ware (Mag), 1:05; Jovan Householder (Tor) d. Kyler Flanigan (OG), 8-0; Garrett Finsley (Brk) p.

Shayne Christian (BuL), 3:04; Chad Mays (BvL) d. Jordan Grewell (Meat), 8-3; Nathan Thomas (IC) p. Devin Danhart (Bpt), 0:58; Nathan Fields (Weir) p. Caleb Glover (SL), 1:25; Mason Mikas (WP) p. Austin Cain (Cam), 5:32; Brandon Durrah (JM) d. Blakey Erwin (HC), 12-9; Mason Wiley (Cald) p. Austin Carter (Welle), 2:07; Nick Valachovic (U) p. Jared Dugan (Barn), 0:45
195: Dalton Hoover (MF) p. Chandler Greer (HC), 0:08; Derek Witsberger (STC) p. Matt Paxson (SL), 2:45; Hezekiah Scurry (Steub) p. Tyler Yost (Morg), 0:22; Donovan Kirby (Mad) p. Zach Thorpe (Mag), 1:17; Austin Mayfield (EL) p. Dylan Weir (BvL), 1:32; Jud Ramage (Meat) p. Zachary Kuneff (Bpt), 1:08; Duran G. Thornton (Weir) md. Dante Palino (Crest), 12-3; Brandon Keys (TC) p. Austin Moore (JM), 1:18; Austin Loew (WP) p. Ethan Lively (Rlv), 3:09; Dalton Rice (Shen) p. Brian Cunningham (Wells), 0:31; Justin Allman (PS) p. Blake High (Camb), 5:12
220: Caleb Nice (Mag) p. Walker Anderson (Cam), 0:21; Garrett Givens (BvL) p. Kris Lincke (Weir), 1:54; Landon Talbert (Crest) p. Josh Hite (Morg), 1:23; Brady Williams (JM) d. Cash Presnell (Shen), 13-6; Tommy Moore (Camb) p. Reese Johnson (BvL), 0:27; Alex Edgell (Brk) p. River Dibell (TC), 1:38; Calde Bunfill (Barn) p. Skylor Woolley (EL), 1:07; River Pappas (ED) p. Josh Sanders (U), 1:34; Drone Moore (Steub) p. Killian Joseph (Lin), 0:55; Dylan Wood (WP) p. Josh Croft (HC), 2:31; Justice McCamick (STC) p. Joe Lewis (Tor), 1:39; Hunter Bodkin (MF) p. Devon Little (SL), 2:26
285: Gage Giovengo (Lin) p. Liam Fowler (U), 0:13; Lucas Dickerson (BvL) d. Greg Hawkins (Weir), 5-2; Zach Thomas (BvL) p. Austin Baumgartner (FF), 1:06; Cory Chipps (TC) p. Todd Morris (BvL), 4:55; Zack Meade (Barn) p. Zack Almy (SL), 1:07; Tony Minnis (OG) p. Garth Charlton (Camb), 3:59; Dom Wallace (MF) p. Calvin McGaha (WP), 3:04; Loudan Haga (PS) p. Ryan Fox (EL), 0:43; Kade Clark (UL) d. Kevin Cuervo (SCC), 2-1 OT; Brenton Stull (HC) p. Trey Delguizo (STC), 1:18; Josh Robineau (Shady) p. Neil McKnight (Morg), 1:35; Nathan Simmons (JM) d. Easton Hitchens (Shen), 3-2; Tyler Ely (Steub) p. Justin Haynes (Tor), 0:58

OVAC Wrestling

64th Annual OVAC Ron Mauck Wrestling Tournament (at WesBanco Arena, Wheeling) TEAM SCORING OVERALL

1. Parkersburg South 29.8; 2. Steubenville 22.8; 3. Beaver Local 17.6; 4. University 16.1; 5. Oak Glen 14.1; 6. Shadyvale 12.4; 7. Wheeling Park 12.4; 8. Indian Creek 10.9; 9. Martins Ferry 8.5; 10. John Marshall 8.5; 11. Linsly 8.2; 12. Madonna 7.5; 13. Meadowbrook 7.4; 14. Weir 7.5; 15. Crestview 6.5; 16. East Liverpool 5.9; 17. Barnesville 5.8; 18. Union Local 5.7; 19. Magnolia 5.4; 20. Brooke 5.3; 21. Edson 5.1; 22. (tie) Cambridge, Harrison Central 4.8; 24. Caldwell 4.4; 25. Bridgeport 4.3; 26. Taylor Consolidated 3.5; 27. Buckeye Local 3.5; 28. Bellaire 2.8; 29. St. Clairsville 2.5; 30. Cameron 2.5; 31. Shenandoah 1.8; 32. Morgantown 1.8; 33. Toronto 1.2; 34. Southern Local 1.0; 35. (tie) River, Steubenville Catholic 0.8; 37. Wellsville 0.7; 38. Fort Frye 0.8; 39. Clay-Battle 0.4; Monroe Central 0

CLASS 5A

1. Parkersburg South 29.8; 2. Beaver Local 17.6; 3. University 16.1; 4. Wheeling Park 12.4; 5. Indian Creek 10.9; 6. John Marshall 8.5; 7. Brooke 5.3; 8. Cambridge 4.8; 9. Morgantown 1.8

CLASS 4A

1. Steubenville 22.8; 2. Oak Glen 14.1; 3. Meadowbrook 7.4; 4. Weir 7.5; 5. East Liverpool 5.9; 6. Union Local; 7. Harrison Central 4.8; 8. Buckeye Local 3.5; 10. St. Clairsville 2.5

CLASS 3A

1. Martins Ferry 8.5; 2. Linsly 8.2; 3. Crestview 6.5; 4. Barnesville 5.8; 5. Magnolia 5.4; 6. Tyler Consolidated 3.5; 7. Bellaire 2.8; 8. Shenandoah 1.8; 9. Fort Frye 1.0; Monroe Central 0

CLASS 1A/2A

1. Shadyvale 12.4; 2. Madonna 7.5; 3. Caldwell 4.4; 4. Bridgeport 4.3; 5. Cameron 2.5; 6. Toronto 1.2; 7. Southern Local 1.0; 8. (tie) River, Steubenville Catholic 0.8; 10. Wellsville 0.7; 11. Clay-Battle 0.4

CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

106-Cole McComas (BvL) d. Tucker Windland (PS), 4-2
113-Timmy Young (Steub) d. Abraham Fritzeff (Meat), 10-4
120-Peyton Hall (OG) d. Greg Quinn (Shady), 13-6
126-Luka Martin (PS) d. Caleb Rea (Weir), 4-2
132-Alex Cook (Mad) d. Josh Kahl (Shady), 3-2
138-Robert Bozek (OG) d. Anthony Carman (JM), 4-3
145-Jashon Hubbard (Steub) d. Miles Mazik (IC), 6-1
152-Zane Hinzman (PS) d. Beau Smith (BvL), 8-6 OT
160-John Nash (WP) d. Drew Dunbar (PS), 7-2
170-T.J. Lambiotte (PS) f. Billy Johnson (Shady), 19-4
182-Hunter DeLong (PS) d. Nick Valachovic (Univ), 2:37
195-Dalton Hoover (MF) d. Justin Allman (PS), 7-4
220-Alex Edgell (Brk) d. Hunter Bodkin (MF), 3-2 OT
285-Gage Giovengo (Lin) d. Tyler Ely (Steub), 4-1

THIRD-FOURTH PLACE

106-Terry Gatrell (Meat) d. Peyton Blasko (Steub), 6-1
113-Jake Staud (Univ) p. Owen Ott (HC), 1:58
120-Jacob Simpson (Univ) d. Skylar Lasura (BvL), 3-2
126-Jason Muldrew (Shady) d. Zane Minella (Steub), 5-1
132-Quinton Bookman (BvL) d. Tommy Curtin (Lin), 3-1
138-Anthony Rice (Steub) p. Noah Smith (BvL), 4:01
145-Owen Zelders (Univ) d. Devin Crum (UL), 3-2
152-Tino Kusic (Bpt) p. Phillip Good (Mad), 1:51
160-Adam Frisco (Univ) d. David Tuttle (Steub), 6-5
170-Kaleb Simpkins (WP) md. Victor Giovengo (Lin), 14-0
182-Chad Mays (BvL) d. Daniel Morgan (Crest), 9-6
195-Jud Ramage (Meat) p. Austin Mayfield (EL), 1:39
220-Caleb Nice (Mag) d. Calde Bunfill (Barn), 7-3
285-Dom Wallace (MF) d. Loudan Haga (PS), 1-0

FIFTH-SIXTH PLACE

106-Ty Logston (OG) p. Matthew Simpson (Univ), 0:49
113-Shawn Moore (OG) d. Ian Irizarry (PS), 8-2
120-Brayden Roberts (PS) p. Ryley Crail (UL), 4:47
126-Riley Nice (Mag) d. Austin Love (JM), 5-3 OT
132-Mikey Shamblyn (PS) md. Parker Mazik (IC), 11-3
138-Mitch Wukelic (IC) p. Landon Fynn (PS), 4:27
145-Mark Johns (ED) d. Jarritt Fynn (PS), 9-3
152-Seth Cade (ED) d. Jacob Barisford (JM), 3-1
160-Michael Starcher (Cam) d. Logan Wilson (IC), 10-8
170-Stevie Cool (OG) d. Jason Binkiewicz (BL), 8-2
182-Nathan Thomas (IC) d. Brandon Durrah (JM), 1-0
195-Austin Loew (WP) d. Donovan Kirby (Mad), 3-1
220-Drone Moore (Steub) p. Tommy Moore (Camb), 0:59
285-Nathan Simmons (JM) d. Sam Robinson (IC), 3-2

SEVENTH-EIGHTH PLACE

106-Joseph Bonfini (Bell) d. Marshal Niswonger (Cald), 3-1
113-Jordan Dalby (UL) d. Brayden Reynolds (Barn), 2-1
120-Mason Richardson (WP) won by forfeit over Levi Pomberton (Cald)
126-Alex Good (Camb) d. Gage Walker (EL), 7-6
132-Andrew Hardenbrook (Crest) d. Michael Gray (Steub), 2-1
138-Austin Rourke (Univ) md. Jeremiah Timberlake (WP), 12-0
145-Jared Wright (BvL) md. Jonathan Creese (OG), 13-0
152-Nick Scott (Steub) md. Mathew Ketchum (EL), 11-0
160-Anthony Mecum (EL) p. Drake Dobson (MF), 2:34
170-Dakota Stratton (Crest) p. Daniel Wirth (BvL), 0:43
182-Nathan Fields (Weir) d. Billy Snyder (Steub), 5-0
195-Hezekiah Scurry (Steub) d. Brandon Keys (TC), 5-4
220-River Pappas (ED) d. Dylan Wood (WP), 4-3
285-Cory Chipps (TC) d. Kade Clark (UL), 3-2

OVAC Wrestling Results

64th Annual OVAC Ron Mauck Wrestling Tournament (at WesBanco Arena, Wheeling) CHAMPIONSHIP SEMIFINALS
106-Cole McComas (BvL) d. Peyton Blasko (Steub), 6-3; Tucker Windland (PS) d. Terry Gatrell (Meat), 2-1
113-Timmy Young (Steub) d. Jake Staud (U), 5-0; Abe Frizzell (Meat) d. Owen Ott (HC), 9-6
120-Greg Quinn (Shady) p. Brayden Roberts (PS), 5:01; Peyton Hall (OG) p. Jacob Simpson

Women's Scores

EAST
Bucknell 68, Boston U. 50
Buffalo 67, Cent. Michigan 66
Fairleigh Dickinson 64, LIU Brooklyn 46
Gettysburg 78, Washington (Md.) 68
Lehigh 58, Lafayette 53
Mount St. Mary's 62, St. Francis Brooklyn 44
Navy 63, Army 58
Quinnipiac 79, Rider 53
Robert Morris 62, Bryant 46
Sacred Heart 62, Wagner 52
Saint Louis 68, Rhode Island 50
St. Francis (Pa.) 67, CCSU 81
Temple 68, Memphis 51
VCU 61, Fordham 58
Wellesley 49, Wheaton (Mass.) 44
Wilmington (Del.) 83, Holy Family 69

(U), 2:37
126-Luka Martin (PS) f. Austin Love (JM), 16-1; Caleb Rea (Weir) md. Jason Muldrew (Shady), 11-2
132-Alex Cook (Mad) d. Quinton Bookman (BvL), 3-1 OT; Josh Kahl (Shady) d. Tommy Curtin (Lin), 5-0 OT
138-Robert Bozek (OG) md. Noah Smith (BvL), 9-0; Anthony Carman (JM) p. Anthony Rice (Steub),
145-Jashon Hubbard (Steub) d. Owen Zelders (U), 5-1; Miles Mazik (IC) d. Mark Johns (ED), 3-2
152-Beau Smith (BvL) p. Tino Kusic (Bpt), 5:58; Zane Hinzman (PS) d. Phillip Good (Mad), 5-4
160-John Nash (WP) p. David Tuttle (Steub), 4:59; Drew Dunbar (PS) d. Adam Frisco (U), 8-7
170-T.J. Lambiotte (PS) p. Victor Giovengo (Lin), 1:18; Billy Johnson (Shady) d. Kaleb Simpkins (WP), 5-4
182-Hunter DeLong (PS) p. Chad Mays (BvL), 0:21; Nick Valachovic (U) d. Nathan Thomas (IC), 9-4
195-Dalton Hoover (MF) f. Austin Mayfield (EL), 22-7; Justin Allman (PS) d. Jud Ramage (Meat), 4-2
220-Alex Edgell (Brk) d. Caleb Nice (Mag), 5-4; Hunter Bodkin (MF) d. Calde Bunfill (Barn), 3-2
285-Gage Giovengo (Lin) p. Dom Wallace (MF), 1:21; Tyler Ely (Steub) p. Sam Robinson (IC), 0:50

OVAC Ron Mauck Wrestling Tournament

64th Annual OVAC Ron Mauck Wrestling Tournament Seeds

106-1. Cole McComas (BvL); 2. Terry Gatrell (Meat); 3. Tucker Windland (PS); 4. Peyton Blasko (Steub); 5. Ty Logston (OG); 6. Marshal Niswonger (Cald); 7. Ethan Gray (JM); 8. Ethan Bethel (STC); 9. Joseph Bonfini (Bell); 10. Matthew Simpson (U); 11. Cameron Lawrence (Morg); 12. Isaac Murphy (WP)
113-Tim Young (Steub); 2. Abe Frizzell (Meat); 3. Owen Ott (HC); 4. Cole Harris (Tor); 5. Jake Staud (U); 6. Ian Irizarry (PS); 7. Shawn Moore (OG); 8. Canon Walker (WP); 9. Aubrey Anfil (Camb); 10. Jake Mathews (ED); 11. Jordan Dalby (UL); 12. Brayden Reynolds (Barn)
120-Greg Quinn (Shady); 2. Peyton Hall (OG); 3. Jordan Wood (JM); 4. Skylar Lasura (BvL); 5. Brayden Roberts (PS); 6. Mason Richardson (WP); 7. Jacob Simpson (U); 8. Levi Pomberton (Cald); 9. Bill Murray (Steub); 10. Denik Houser (Crest); 11. Ryley Crail (UL); 12. Roman Baird (Mad)
126-Luka Martin (PS); 2. Caleb Rea (Weir); 3. Jason Muldrew (Shady); 4. Austin Love (JM); 5. Riley Nice (Mag); 6. Zane Minella (Steub); 7. Collin Wiley (Cald); 8. Alex Good (Camb); 9. James Torres (ED); 10. Gage Walker (EL); 11. Chris Yanni (BvL); 12. Brise Bennett (U)
132-Quinton Bookman (BvL); 2. Tommy Curtin (L); 3. Josh Kahl (Shady); 4. Alex Cook (Mad); 5. Mikey Shamblyn (PS); 6. Parker Mazik (IC); 7. Michael Gray (Steub); 8. Andrew Hardenbrook (Crest); 9. Bryce Farrabee (Barn); 10. Dylan Milhoan (SL); 11. Blaze Cain (Weir); 12. Clayton Moore (Bell)
138-Robert Bozek (OG); 2. Anthony Rice (Steub); 3. Anthony Carman (JM); 4. Noah Smith (BvL); 5. Mitch Wukelic (IC); 6. Collin Hunter (Shady); 7. Dante Vincenzo (STC); 8. Jeremiah Timberlake (WP); 9. Austin Rourke (U); 10. Landon Fynn (PS); 11. Griff Heathenington (Bell); 12. Vince Pulice (Mad)
145-Jashon Hubbard (Steub); 2. Miles Mazik (IC); 3. Mark Johns (ED); 4. Owen Zelders (U); 5. Devin Crum (UL); 6. Jarritt Fynn (PS); 7. Mason Kuneff (Bpt); 8. Cody Hawthorne (Shady); 9. Jared Wright (BvL); 10. Michael Vannest (STC); 11. Christopher Helms (Brk); 12. Jonathan Creese (OG)

152-1. Beau Smith (BvL); 2. Zane Hinzman (PS); 3. Phillip Good (Mad); 4. Tino Kusic (Bpt); 5. Mathew Ketchum (EL); 6. Seth Cade (ED); 7. Jordan Hamlin (U); 8. Nick Scott (Steub); 9. Devin Eakle (IC); 10. Jacob Barisford (JM); 11. Bryan Clouse (Barn); 12. Cory Hupp-Lasura (Morg)
160-1. John Nash (WP); 2. Adam Frisco (U); 3. Drew Dunbar (PS); 4. Michael Starcher (Cam); 5. David Tuttle (Steub); 6. Anthony Mecum (EL); 7. Logan Wilson (IC); 8. Gage Barnhart (Brk); 9. Cody Davis (Cald); 10. Hunter Baird (Mad); 11. Nick Falbo (L); 12. Wyatt Strum (OG)
170-1. T.J. Lambiotte (PS); 2. Billy Johnson (Shady); 3. Kaleb Simpkins (WP); 4. Stevie Cool (OG); 5. Victor Giovengo (L); 6. Jason Binkiewicz (BvL); 7. Dakota Stratton (Crest); 8. Colton Zornbeck (Brk); 9. Daniel Wirth (BvL); 10. Hayden Daley (SCC); 11. Hayden Starcher (U); 12. Chase Hickman (Barn)
182-1. Hunter DeLong (PS); 2. Nick Valachovic (U); 3. Nathan Thomas (IC); 4. Chad Mays (BvL); 5. Garrett Finsley (Brk); 6. Mason Mikas (WP); 7. Brandon Durrah (JM); 8. Jovan Householder (Tor); 9. Billy Snyder (Steub); 10. Mason Wiley (Cald); 11. Nathan Fields (Weir); 12. Christian Bond (Shen)
195-1. Dalton Hoover (MF); 2. Justin Allman (PS); 3. Jud Ramage (Meat); 4. Austin Mayfield (EL); 5. Donovan Kirby (Mad); 6. Brandon Keys (TC); 7. Austin Loew (WP); 8. Hezekiah Scurry (Steub); 9. Derek Witsberger (STC); 10. Dalton Rice (Shen); 11. Durren Q. Thornton (Weir); 12. Landon Ewert (U)
220-1. Caleb Nice (Mag); 2. Hunter Bodkin (MF); 3. Calde Bunfill (Barn); 4. Alex Edgell (Brk); 5. Tommy Moore (Camb); 6. Drone Moore (Steub); 7. Dylan Wood (WP); 8. Landon Talbert (Crest); 9. Garrett Givens (BvL); 10. Justice McCamick (STC); 11. River Pappas (EL); 12. Brady Williams (JM)
285-1. Gage Giovengo (L); 2. Tyler Ely (Steub); 3. Loudan Haga (PS); 4. Dom Wallace (MF); 5. Cory Chipps (TC); 6. Brenton Stull (HC); 7. Nathan Simmons (JM); 8. Zach Thomas (BvL); 9. Greg Hawkins (Weir); 10. Josh Robinson (Shady); 11. Kade Clark (UL); 12. Zack Meade (Barn)

OVAC Wrestling

64th Annual OVAC Ron Mauck Wrestling Tournament

(at WesBanco Arena, Wheeling)
TEAM SCORING: 1. Parkersburg South 51.5; 2. Steubenville 48.5; 3. Beaver Local 37.5; 4. Shadyside 31.5; 5. Oak Glen 29; 6. Wheeling Park 28; 7. University 25.5; 8. Indian Creek 24; 9. Weir 19; 10. (tie) Barnesville, Madonna 18; 11. Caldwell 17.5; 13. (tie) Crossview, John Marshall 17; 15. Linsly 16; 16. Brooke 13.5; 17. St. Clairsville 12.5; 18. (tie) East Liverpool, Edison, Harrison Central, Magnolia, Martins Ferry, Meadowbrook, Tyler Consolidated 12; 25. Cambridge 8; 26. (tie) Bellaire, Bridgeport 8; 28. Toronto 7; 29. (tie) Buckeye Local, Union Local 6; 31. (tie) Cameron, Morgantown, River, Shenandoah 4; 35. Fort Frye 3.5; 36. Southern Local 3; 37. Steubenville Catholic 2; 38. (tie) Clay-Battelle, Monroe Central, Wellsville 0

FIRST ROUND

106—McComas (BvL) p. Amos (UL), 0:23; Ty Logston (OG) p. William Moore (Shen), 1:02; Tucker Windland (PS) p. Jordyn Spencer (Bul), 1:02; Terry Getrol (Mead) p. Kai Corao (Tor), 0:58; Marshal Nswonger (Cald) p. Dylan Rankin (Brk), 15:0; Peyton Blasko (Steub) p. Justin Buchet (EL), 15:0
 113—Owen Ott (HC) p. Cole Girod (Weir), 0:44; Jake Staud (U) p. Kason Delancy (FF), 0:53; Cole Harris (Tor) p. Cameron Lancaster (Brk), 1:04; Tim Young (Steub) p. Michael Grimm (IC), 2:36; Ian Irizarry (PS) p. Nicholas Hall (Mag), 1:24; Shawn Moore (OG) p. Milas Babinchuk (JM), 8:4; Abe Frizzell (Mead) p. Jessica Welles (Bpt), 0:34
 120—Greg Quinn (Shady) p. Rachel Clayton (Brk), 0:20; Mason Richardson (WP) p. Travis Light (Bul), 1:23; Peyton Hall (OG) p. Jake Finagle (IC), 1:06; Brayden Roberts (PS) p. Hunter Thompson (Tor), 0:28; Skyler Lasure (BvL) p. Eric Striver (Morg), 5:09
 126—Caleb Rea (Weir) p. Kyra Smith (Tor), 0:59; Luke Martin (PS) p. Seth Richardson (Bul), 0:27; Riley Nica (Mag) p. Zane Everhart (HC), 1:41; Austin Love (JM) p. Isaiah Wilhelm (Brk), 13:2; Jason Mukrew (Shady) p. Tino Kayatas (WP), 0:55; Collin Wiley (Cald) p. Quintin Elerick (STC), 1:02; Zane Minella (Steub) p. Julian Giovengo (Lin), 18:8
 132—Quinton Bookman (BvL) p. Nathaniel Fuller (Morg), 0:55; Mikey Shamblyn (PS) p. Renee Richter (Morg), 1:45; Clayton Moore (Brk) p. Johnathan Simmons (JM), 1:18; Braedon Pauley (U) p. Jack Booth (Mag), 4:1; Michael Gray (Steub) p. Michael Brinsky (ED), 2:50; Tommy Curtin (Lin) p. Bryson Uter (UL), 0:40; Bryce Farrabee (Barn) p. Jesse Fulton (Tor), 5:50; Andrew Hardenbrook (Crest) d. Charles Mirandy (WP), 9:2; Alex Cook (Mad) p. Cody Hurst (TC), 1:50; Josh Kahl (Shady) p. Anthony Blankenship (MF), 0:24; Blaze Cain (Weir) p. Colin Stanly (OG), 3:39; Parker Mazk (IC) p. Bryce Wade (HC), 0:29; Dylan Milhoan (BvL) p. Brandon Hamton (JM), 19:5
 138—Mitch Wukelic (IC) p. Jesse Law (Brk), 1:39; Robert Bozek (OG) p. Alexander Lude (MF), 0:32; Blake Pickensbaugh (Cald) p. Logan Mackay (Cam), 4:2; Anthony Carman (JM) p. Jayden Porter (Shen), 1:43; Isaac Ricketts (Crest) p. Robert Frank (SL), 11:1; Griff Heatherington (Bell) p. Arch Newman (Bul), 3:40; Collin Hunter (Shady) p. Collin Kovacs (UL), 0:14; Austin Rohrbaugh (U) p. Justin Sarge (EL), 17:2; Jeremiah Timberlake (WP) p. Cooper Kerns (Camb), 5:58; Vince Pulice (mad) d. Eliott Dean (Bpt), 8:2; Noah Smith (BvL) p. Gage Oliver (Mead), 1:54; Dante Vincenzo (STC) p. Zach Marbais (HC), 18:5; Landon Flinn (PS) p. Colton Mead (TC), 18:2; Dylan Glatofsky (Barn) p. Dustin Lengyel (Weir), 9:5; Anthony Rice (Steub) p. Gage Madra (MC), 0:22
 145—Jason Hubbard (Steub) p. Skyler Hatten (Bul), 0:22; Cody Hawthorne (Shady) p. Leo Baker (FF), 1:52; Devin Crum (UL) p. James Todd (Mad), 2:48; Jonathan Creesa (OG) p. Bobby Pettigall (WP), 1:59; Owen Zelders (U) p. Andrew Bjork (Cald), 3:15; Mark Johns (ED) p. Greg Lawson (EL), 2:28; Jabyn Moore (HC) p. Jossey Stern (Cam), 1:28; Anthony Porter (Camb) p. Christopher Helms (Brk), 3:2; Mikey Mazk (IC) p. Chase Cooper (Tor), 0:49; Jared Wright (BvL) p. Izak Wiley (JM), 16:1; Mike Doyle (TC) p. Braydn Strous (Barn), 4:40; Jamill Flinn (PS) p. Sam Park (Lin), 0:24; Mason Kureff (Bpt) p. Ben Hagood (Morg), 3:13; Michael Vannest (STC) p. Cody Albasugh (Bell), 5:3; Skyler yoho (Mag) p. Dean Crest, 5:13
 152—Beau Smith (BvL) p. Santiago Rivera (UL), 0:47; Isaac Sweet (Weir) p. Ronald Chico (Lin), 3:42; Devin Eakle (IC) p. C.J. Moore (Mead), 1:58; Nick Scott (Steub) p. Bryce Haight (Tor), 1:30; Mathew Ketchum (EL) p. Dalton Barnes (Bul), 1:24; Cody Hupp-Lasure (Morg) p. Corey Haylor (STCO), 1:45; Will Brown (Shady) p. Dalton Yost (Brk), 2:17; Tino Kusic (Bpt) p. Hayden Wallace (HC), 2:15; Phillip Good (Mead) p. Carter Pyles (Mag), 1:17; Clay Baker (FF) p. Jaden Glenn (OG), 17:2; Brylan Clouse (Barn) p. Seth Kemer (Wells), 1:21; Seth Cade (ED) p. Daniel Skelton (WP), 1:41; Jordan Hamlin (U) p. Richie McFarland (MF), 0:57; Kyle Hart (Crest) p. Rex Stewart (Camb), 1:20; Jacob Berisford (JM) p. Nick Beckert (Bell), 3:52; Zane Hinzman (PS) p. Briggs Scheater (Shen), 0:25
 160—John Nash (WP) p. Dallas Raines (Barn), 0:10; Cody Davis (Cald) p. Trenton Robinson (Mag), 0:22; David Tuttle (Steub) p. Zack Leach (JM), 2:17; Michael Starcher (Cam) p. Jack Reese (Bul), 2:58; Anthony Mecum (EL) p. Ryan Compton (Morg), 1:47; Logan Wilson (HC) p. Michael Hermann (SCC), 0:43; Adam Frisco (U) p. Todd Dora (HC), 0:57; Hunter Baird (Mad) p. Drake Dobson (MF), 1:16; Chase Mercer (Camb) p. James Dobbs (STC), 12:2; Gage

Barnhart (Brk) p. Jarrett Deaton (Bpt), 5:1; Wyatt Strum (OG) p. Dominic Sopinski (Weir), 2:32; Nick Falbo (Lin) p. Lairel Crute (SL), 0:35; Drew Dunbar (PS) p. Timmy Ferguson (Mead), 0:49; Zac Talbot (Riv) p. Wesley Wayson (TC), 1:29
 170—T.J. Lambiotte (PS) p. Jesse Hudson (JM), 0:37; Daniel Wirth (BvL) p. Eli Gregg (Cald), 1:18; Colten Zornbeck (Brk) p. Matt Stacey (Wells), 4:21; Victor Giovengo (Lin) p. Jeremy Clawgas (Morg), 3:57; Stevie Cool (OG) p. Hunter Duffey (Bpt), 0:40; Kaleb Simpkins (WP) p. Kevin Denning (SL), 0:16; Jason Binkiewicz (Bul) p. Timothy Bell (Bell), 1:44; Dakota Stratton (Crest) p. Andrew Elerick (STC), 0:58; Hayden Dalry (SCC) p. Brady Blatner (Mead), 5:1; Billy Johnson (Shady) p. Keith Bodnar (Steub), 17:1
 182—Hunter DeLong (PS) p. Taylor Prickett (Shady), 0:15; Billy Snyder (Steub) p. Zach Ware (Mag), 1:05; Jovan Householder (Tor) p. Kyle Flanagan (OG), 8:0; Garrett Finsley (Brk) p. Shayne Christian (Bul), 3:04; Chad Mays (BvL) p. Jordan Grewell (Mead), 8:3; Nathan Thomas (IC) p. Devin Danhart (Bpt), 0:58; Nathan Fields (Weir) p. Caleb Glover (SL), 1:25; Mason Mkdas (WP) p. Austin Cain (Cam), 5:32; Brandon Durrah (JM) p. Blayne Erwin (HC), 12:9; Mason Wiley (Cald) p. Austin Carter (Wells), 2:07; Nick Valachovic (U) p. Jared Dugan (Barn), 0:45
 185—Dalton Hoover (MF) p. Chandler Graer (HC), 0:08; Derak Witsberger (STC) p. Matt Paxson (SL), 2:45; Hazekiah Scurry (Steub) p. Tyler Yost (Morg), 0:22; Donovan Kirby (Mad) p. Zach Thorpe (Mag), 1:17; Austin Mayfield (EL) p. Dylan Weir (Bul), 1:32; Jud Ramage (Mead) p. Zachary Kureff (Bpt), 1:06; Duran Q. Thornton (Weir) p. Danta Peano (Crest), 12:3; Brandon Keys (TC) p. Austin Moore (JM), 1:18; Austin Loew (WP) p. Ethan Lively (Riv), 3:09; Dalton Rice (Shen) p. Brian Cunningham (Wells), 0:31; Justin Allman (PS) p. Blake High (Camb), 5:12
 220—Caleb Nice (Mag) p. Walker Anderson (Cam), 0:21; Garrett Givens (BvL) p. Kils Lincke (Weir), 1:54; Landon Talbert (Crest) p. Josh Hite (Morg), 1:23; Brady Williams (JM) d. Cash Presnell (Shen), 13:6; Tommy Moore (Camb) p. Reese Johnson (Bul), 0:27; Alex Edgell (Brk) p. River Dibel (TC), 1:36; Caide Bunnif (Barn) p. Skylor Wooley (EL), 1:07; River Pappas (ED) p. Josh Sanders (U), 1:34; Drone Moore (Steub) p. Kilian Joseph (Lin), 0:55; Dylan Wood (WP) p. Josh Croft (HC), 2:31; Justice McCamick (STC) p. Joe Lewis (Tor), 1:39; Hunter Bodkin (MF) p. Devon Little (SL), 2:26
 285—Gage Giovengo (Lin) p. Liam Fowler (U), 0:13; Lucas Dickerson (Bul) d. Greg Hawkins (Weir), 5:2; Zach Thomas (BvL) p. Austin Baumgartner (FF), 1:06; Cory Chippy (TC) p. Todd Morris (Bell), 4:55; Zack Meade (Barn) p. Zack Almy (SL), 1:07; Tony Minnis (OG) p. Garth Charlton (Camb), 3:59; Dom Wallace (MF) p. Calvin McGaha (WP), 3:04; Louden Haga (PS) p. Ryan Fox (EL), 0:43; Kade Clark (UL) d. Kevin Cuervo (SCC), 2:1 OT; Brenton Stull (HC) p. Trey Dalguzzo (STC), 1:16; Josh Robinson (Shady) p. Neil McKnight (Morg), 1:35; Nathan Simmons (JM) p. Easton Hitchens (Shen), 3:2; Tyler Ely (Steub) p. Justin Haynes (Tor), 0:38

ECHL Glance

| Eastern Conference | | | | | | | | | | |
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| North Division | | | | | | | | | | |
| | GP | W | L | OT | SOL | Pts | GF | GA | | |
| Manchester | 37 | 24 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 51 | 145 | 116 | | |
| Reading | 36 | 21 | 13 | 1 | 1 | 44 | 134 | 106 | | |
| Brampton | 37 | 20 | 13 | 2 | 2 | 44 | 134 | 137 | | |
| Akron | 35 | 17 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 40 | 121 | 113 | | |
| Wheeling | 35 | 18 | 14 | 3 | 0 | 39 | 117 | 107 | | |
| Elmira | 35 | 8 | 22 | 5 | 0 | 21 | 61 | 135 | | |
| South Division | | | | | | | | | | |
| | GP | W | L | OT | SOL | Pts | GF | GA | | |
| Florida | 36 | 25 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 53 | 127 | 101 | | |
| Orlando | 39 | 20 | 13 | 4 | 2 | 46 | 145 | 138 | | |
| South Carolina | 36 | 21 | 13 | 1 | 1 | 44 | 108 | 90 | | |
| Greenville | 39 | 19 | 16 | 2 | 1 | 41 | 114 | 128 | | |
| Cincinnati | 36 | 17 | 15 | 4 | 0 | 39 | 102 | 104 | | |
| Atlanta | 36 | 15 | 18 | 4 | 1 | 35 | 131 | 145 | | |
| Norfolk | 36 | 12 | 20 | 4 | 0 | 28 | 92 | 121 | | |
| Western Conference | | | | | | | | | | |
| Central Division | | | | | | | | | | |
| | GP | W | L | OT | SOL | Pts | GF | GA | | |
| Toledo | 37 | 29 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 59 | 152 | 102 | | |
| Tulsa | 43 | 23 | 16 | 4 | 0 | 50 | 128 | 123 | | |
| Fort Wayne | 36 | 21 | 11 | 4 | 0 | 46 | 139 | 108 | | |
| Quad City | 37 | 19 | 16 | 0 | 2 | 40 | 107 | 113 | | |
| Kalamazoo | 36 | 16 | 18 | 1 | 3 | 36 | 101 | 130 | | |
| Wichita | 33 | 13 | 18 | 1 | 1 | 29 | 82 | 119 | | |
| Indy | 38 | 12 | 23 | 1 | 2 | 27 | 98 | 146 | | |
| Mountain Division | | | | | | | | | | |
| | GP | W | L | OT | SOL | Pts | GF | GA | | |
| Allen | 40 | 24 | 13 | 2 | 1 | 51 | 152 | 112 | | |
| Idaho | 39 | 22 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 49 | 135 | 127 | | |
| Colorado | 38 | 22 | 12 | 1 | 3 | 48 | 131 | 113 | | |
| Alaska | 38 | 20 | 11 | 1 | 4 | 45 | 123 | 114 | | |
| Utah | 38 | 16 | 18 | 3 | 1 | 36 | 116 | 125 | | |
| Missouri | 37 | 14 | 17 | 2 | 4 | 34 | 112 | 131 | | |
| Rapid City | 36 | 12 | 17 | 7 | 0 | 31 | 108 | 131 | | |

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

Tonight's Games
 Akron at Reading, 7 p.m.
 Elmira at Manchester, 7 p.m.
 Atlanta at Greenville, 7 p.m.
 Kalamazoo at Brampton, 7:15 p.m.
 Wheeling at Norfolk, 7:30 p.m.
 Orlando at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
 Toledo at Indy, 7:35 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Fort Wayne, 8 p.m.
 Wichita at Allen, 8:05 p.m.
 Missouri at Quad City, 8:05 p.m.
 Alaska at Utah, 8 p.m.
 Rapid City at Colorado, 9:05 p.m.

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Sunday, January 22, 2017

OVAC RON MAUCK WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

64th Annual OVAC Ron Mauck Wrestling Tournament (at WesBanco Arena, Wheeling)

TEAM SCORING OVERALL

1. Parkersburg South 298; 2. Steubenville 228.5; 3. Beaver Local 178; 4. University 124.5; 5. Oak Glen 141.5; 6. Shadyside 109; 7. Wheeling Park 124; 8. Indian Creek 109; 9. Martins Ferry 85.5; 10. John Marshall 85; 11. Linsly 82; 12. Madonna 78.5; 13. Meadowbrook 78; 14. Weir 75.5; 15. Crestview 63.5; 16. East Liverpool 59; 17. Barnesville 58.5; 18. Union Local 57.5; 19. Magnolia 54; 20. Brooke 53.5; 21. Edison 51; 22. (tie) Cambridge, Harrison Central 48; 24. Caldwell 44; 25. Bridgeport 43.5; 26. Tyler Consolidated 35; 27. Buckeye Local 33.5; 28. Bellaire 28; 29. St. Clairsville 25.5; 30. Cameron 25; 31. Shenandoah 19; 32. Morgantown 18; 33. Toronto 12; 34. Southern Local 10; 35. (tie) River, Steubenville Catholic 8; 37. Wellsville 7; 38. Fort Frye 6; 39. Clay-Battelle 3; 40. Monroe Central 0

CLASS 5A

1. Parkersburg South 298; 2. Beaver Local 176; 3. University 161.5; 4. Wheeling Park 124; 5. Indian Creek 109; 6. John Marshall 85; 7. Brooke 53.5; 8. Cambridge 48; 9. Morgantown 18

CLASS 4A

1. Steubenville 228.5; 2. Oak Glen 141.5; 3. Meadowbrook 78; 4. Weir 75.5; 5. East Liverpool 59; 6. Union Local; 7. Harrison Central 48; 8. Buckeye Local 33.5; 10. St. Clairsville 25.5

CLASS 3A

1. Martins Ferry 82.5; 2. Linsly 82; 3. Crestview 63.5; 4. Barnesville 58.5; 5. Magnolia 54; 6. Tyler Consolidated 35; 7. Bellaire 28; 8. Shenandoah 19; 9. Fort Frye 6.5; 10. Monroe Central 0

CLASS 1A/2A

1. Shadyside 124.5; 2. Madonna 78.5; 3. Caldwell 44; 4. Bridgeport 43.5; 5. Cameron 25; 6. Toronto 12; 7. Southern Local 10; 8. (tie) River, Steubenville Catholic 8; 10. Wellsville 7; 11. Clay-Battelle 3

CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

106: Cole McComas (BvL) d. Tucker Windland (PS), 4:2
 113: Timmy Young (Steub) d. Abra-

ham Frizzell (Mead), 10:4
 120: Peyton Hall (OG) d. Greg Quinn (Shady), 13:6
 126: Luke Martin (PS) d. Caleb Rea (Weir), 4:2
 132: Alec Cook (Mad) d. Josh Kahl (Shady), 3:2
 138: Robert Bozek (OG) d. Anthony Carman (JM), 4:3
 145: Jason Hubbard (Steub) d. Miles Mazk (IC), 6:1
 152: Zane Hinzman (PS) d. Beau Smith (BvL), 8:6 OT
 160: John Nash (WP) d. Drew Dunbar (PS), 7:2
 170: T.J. Lambiotte (PS) p. Billy Johnson (Shady), 19:4
 182: Hunter DeLong (PS) d. Nick Valachovic (Univ), 2:37
 195: Dalton Hoover (MF) d. Justin Allman (PS), 7:4
 220: Alex Edgell (Brk) d. Hunter Bodkin (MF), 3:2 UT
 285: Gage Giovengo (Lin) d. Tyler Ely (Steub), 4:1

THIRD-FOURTH PLACE

106: Terry Gartell (Mead) d. Peyton Blasko (Steub), 6:1
 113: Jake Staud (Univ) p. Owen Ott (HC), 1:58
 120: Jacob Simpson (Univ) d. Skylar Lasure (BvL), 3:2
 126: Jason Muldrew (Shady) d. Zane Minella (Steub), 5:1
 132: Quinton Bookman (BvL) d. Tommy Curtin (Lin), 3:1
 138: Anthony Rice (Steub) p. Noah Smith (BvL), 4:0
 145: Owen Zelders (Univ) d. Devin Crum (UL), 3:2
 152: Tino Kusic (Bpt) p. Phillip Good (Mad), 1:51
 160: Adam Frisco (Univ) d. David Tuttle (Steub), 6:5
 170: Kaleb Simpkins (WP) p. Victor Giovengo (Lin), 14:0
 182: Chad Mays (BvL) d. Daniel Morgan (Crest), 9:6
 195: Jud Ramage (Mead) p. Austin Mayfield (EL), 1:39
 220: Caleb Nice (Mag) d. Caide Bunnif (Barn), 7:3
 285: Dom Wallace (MF) d. Louden Haga (PS), 1:0

FIFTH-SIXTH PLACE

106: Ty Logston (OG) p. Matthew

Simpson (Univ), 0:49
 113: Shawn Moore (OG) d. Ian Irizarry (PS), 8:2
 120: Brayden Roberts (PS) p. Ryley Crall (UL), 4:47
 126: Riley Nice (Mag) d. Austin Love (JM), 5:3 OT
 132: Mikey Shamblyn (PS) p. Parker Mazk (IC), 11:3
 138: Mitch Wukelic (IC) p. Landon Flinn (PS), 4:27
 145: Mark Johns (ED) d. Jamill Flinn (PS), 9:3
 152: Seth Cade (ED) d. Jacob Berisford (JM), 3:1
 160: Michael Starcher (Cam) d. Logan Wilson (IC), 10:8
 170: Stevie Cool (OG) d. Jason Binkiewicz (BL), 8:2
 182: Nathan Thomas (IC) d. Brandon Durrah (JM), 1:0
 195: Austin Loew (WP) d. Donovan Kirby (Mad), 3:1
 220: Drone Moore (Steub) p. Tommy Moore (Camb), 0:59
 285: Nathan Simmons (JM) d. Sam Robinson (IC), 3:2

SEVENTH-EIGHTH PLACE

106: Joseph Bonfini (Bell) d. Marshal Nswonger (Cald), 3:1
 113: Jordan Dalby (UL) d. Brayden Reynolds (Barn), 2:1
 120: Mason Richardson (WP) won by forfeit over Levi Pemberton (Cald)
 126: Alex Good (Camb) d. Gage Walker (EL), 7:6
 132: Andrew Hardenbrook (Crest) d. Michael Gray (Steub), 2:1
 138: Austin Rohrbaugh (Univ) p. Jeremiah Timberlake (WP), 12:0
 145: Jared Wright (BvL) p. Jonathan Creesa (OG), 13:0
 152: Nick Scott (Steub) p. Mathew Ketchum (EL), 11:0
 160: Anthony Mecum (EL) p. Drake Dobson (MF), 2:34
 170: Dakota Stratton (Crest) p. Daniel Wirth (Bul), 0:43
 182: Nathan Fields (Weir) d. Billy Snyder (Steub), 5:0
 195: Hazekiah Scurry (Steub) d. Brandon Keys (TC), 5:4
 220: River Pappas (ED) d. Dylan Wood (WP), 4:3
 285: Cory Chippy (TC) d. Kade Clark (UL), 3:2

OVAC Wrestling

64th Annual OVAC Ron Mauck Wrestling Tournament (at WestBanco Arena, Wheeling) TEAM SCORING

OVERALL

1. Parkersburg South 165; 2. Steubenville 145.5; 3. Beaver Local 117; 4. University 113.5; 5. Oak Glen 91.5; 6. Wheeling Park 89; 7. Shadyside 82.5; 8. Indian Creek 80; 9. Weir 62.5; 10. John Marshall 62; 11. Madonna 62; 12. Linsly 55; 13. Barnesville 53.5; 14. Crestview 51.5; 15. Meadowbrook 51; 16. Martins Ferry 50; 17. East Liverpool 49; 18. (tie) Caldwell, Cambridge 44; 20. Union Local 43.5; 21. Edison 42; 22. Harrison Central 41; 23. Magnolia 40; 24. Brooke 38.5; 25. Bridgeport 34.5; 26. Tyler Consolidated 34; 27. Buckeye Local 30.5; 28. Bellaire 27; 29. St. Clairsville 25.5; 30. Shenandoah 19; 31. (tie) Cameron, Morgantown 18; 33. Toronto 12; 34. Southern Local 10; 35. (tie) Steubenville Catholic, River 8; 37. Wellsville 7; 38. Fort Frye 6.5; 39. Clay-Battle 3; 40. Monroe Central 0

Class 5A

1. Parkersburg South 165; 2. Beaver Local 117; 3. University 113.5; 4. Wheeling Park 89; 5. Indian Creek 80; 6. John Marshall 62; 7. Cambridge 44; 8. Brooke 38.5; 9. Morgantown 18

Class 4A

1. Steubenville 145.5; 2. Oak Glen 91.5; 3. Weir 62.5; 4. (tie) Harrison Central, Meadowbrook 51; 6. East Liverpool 49; 7. Union Local 43.5; 8. Edison 42; 9. Buckeye Local 30.5; 10. St. Clairsville 25.5

Class 3A

1. Linsly 55; 2. Barnesville 53.5; 3. Crestview 51.5; 4. Martins Ferry 50; 5. Magnolia 40; 6. Tyler Consolidated 34; 7. Bellaire 27; 8. Shenandoah 19; 9. Fort Frye 6.5; 10. Monroe Central 0

Class 1A/2A

1. Shadyside 82.5; 2. Madonna 62.5; 3. Caldwell 44; 4. Bridgeport 34.5; 5. Cameron 18; 6. Toronto 12; 7. Southern Local 10; 8. (tie) River, Steubenville Catholic 8; 10. Wellsville 7; 11. Clay-Battle 3

SECOND ROUND CHAMPIONSHIPS

106—Cole McComas (BvL) p. Chase Ward (MF), 3:09; Peyton Blasko (Steub) p. Elie Paterina (IC), 0:37; Terry Gattrell (Mead) p. James Mason Sheets (CB), 1:38; Joseph Bonfini (Bell) p. Ethan Bethel (STC), 1:14; Ty Logston (OG) p. Isaac Murphy (WP), 17-1; Tucker Windland (PS) p. Austin Macek (IC), 2:33; Marshal Niswonger (Cald) p. Cameron Lawrence (Brk), 1:09; Matthew Simpson (U) p. Ethan Gray (JM), 4:21; Timmy Young (Steub) p. Ayden Johnson (ED), 15-0; Cole Harris (Tor) p. Jason Tice (Wells), 2:27; Owen Ott (HC) p. Matt Dudich (Lin), 2:39; Jake Staud (U) p. Brandon Kaiser (BuL), 1:21; Abe Fritzzell (Mead) p. Wesley Guy (Shen), 3:11; Brayden Reynolds (Barn) p. Ian Irizarry (PS), 9-4; Canon Welker (WP) p. Aubrey Antill (Camb), 16-8; Shawn Moore (OG) p. Jordan Dalby (UL), 4-3

120—Greg Quinn (Shady) p. Jake Stolz (Bell), 0:11; Brayden Roberts (PS) p. Dakoyta Thatcher (JM), 0:27; Payton Hall (OG) p. Wyatt Conley (Weir), 0:48; Bill Murray (Steub) p. Tyler Antonacci (Bpt), 10-9; Mason Richardson (WP) p. Roman Baird (Mad), 5-1; Jacob Simpson (U) p. Ryley Crall (UL), 3:10; Levi Pemberton (Cald) p. Derek Houser (Crest), 1:16; Skyler Lasure (BvL) p. Josh Kleiner (ED), 15-0

126—Luke Martin (PS) p. Trey Wright (OG), 1:35; Riley Nice (Mag) p. Brise Bennett (U), 10-4; Jason Muldrew (Shady) p. Alex August (SL), 2:45; Alex Good (Mad) p. James Torres (ED), 6-4; Austin Love (JM) p. Connor Ramsey (Wells), 0:51; Zane Minella (Steub) p. Chris Yanni (BvL), 9-4; Caleb Rea (Weir) p. Ray Wanner (Crest), 1:30; Gage Walker (EL) p. Collin Wiley (Cald), 8-7

132—Quinton Bookman (BvL) p. Chance Burkett (Wells), 2:36; Andrew Hardenbrook (Crest) p. Bryce Farrabee (Barn), 14-4; Mikey Shamblyn (PS) p. Clayton Moore (Bell), 6-2; Parker Mazik (IC) p. Blaze Cain (Weir), 15-5; Josh Kahl (Shady) p. Max Camilletti (Brk), 5-41; Michael Gray (Steub) p. Dylan Milhoan (SL), 6-2; Tommy Curtin (Lin) p. Jake Miller (BuL), 6-3; Alex Cook (Mad) p. Braeden Pauley (U), 18-5

138—Robert Bozek (OG) p. Gage Adams (Mag), 0:52; Austin Rohrbaugh (U) p. Jeremiah Timberlake (WP), 1:48; Mitch Wukelic (IC) p. Vince Pulice (Mad), 1:21; Anthony Carman (JM) p. Isaac Ricketts (Crest), 2:23; Noah Smith (BvL) p. Blake Pickenpaugh (Cald), 15-3; Landon Flinn (PS) p. Dante Vincenzo (STC), 12-3; Anthony Rice (Steub) p. Dylan Giffelky (Barn), 15-0; Griff Heatherington (Bell) p. Colin Hunter (Shady), 3-2

145—Jason Hubbard (Steub) p. Reese Wills (Weir), 0:06; Miles Mazik (IC) p. Skylar Yoho (Mag), 1:45; Jarrett Finn (PS) p. Anthony Porter (Camb), 0:48; Jared Wright (BvL) p. Cody Hawthorne (Shady), 11-9; Mark Johns (ED) p. Jabyn Moore (HC), 5:26; Devin Crum (UL) p. Jonathan Creese (OG), 9-0; Owen Zaiders (U) p. Mike Doyle (TC), 17-2; Mason Kunoff (Bpt) p. Michael Vannest (STC), 14-0

152—Beau Smith (BvL) p. Isaac Sweat (Weir), 1:50; Matthew Ketchum (EL) p. Cory Hupp-Lasure (Morg), 5:03; Tino Kusic (Bpt) p. Will Brown (Shady), 11-2; Devin Eakle (IC) p. Nick Scott (Steub), 6-5; Philip Good (Mad) p. Clay Baker (FF), 3-0; Bryan Clouse (Barn) p. Seth Cade (ED), 7:48 UT; Zane Hinzman (PS) p. Kyle Hart (Crest), 19-2; Jacob Berisford (JM) p. Jordan Hamlin (U), 4-2

160—John Nash (WP) p. Christian Lerussi (BvL), 1:46; Michael Starcher (Cam) d. Zac Talbot (Riv), 5-2; Logan Wilson (IC) won by forfeit over Hunter Baird (Mad); Gage Barnhart (Brk) p. Cody Davis (Cald), 11-2; Drew Dunbar (PS) p. Chase Mercer (Camb), 10-0; Nick Falbo (Steub) p. Wyatt Strum (OG), 6-2; Adam Frisco (U) p. Isiah Paiko (UL), 3:06

170—T.J. Lambiotte (PS) p. Frank Hague (IC), 1:48; Kaleb Simpkins (WP) p. James Stillwagoner (Mag), 1:58; Billy Johnson (Shady) p. Malcolm Boyer (HC), 1:18; Victor Giovengo (Lin) p. Chase Hickman (Barn), 2:34; Dakota Stratton (Crest) p. Hayden Daley (SCC), 3:03; Jason Binkiewicz (BuL) p. Hayden Starcher (Cam), 3:11; Stevie Cool (OG) p. Jacob Todd (Mad), 5-2; Daniel Wirth (BvL) p. Colten Zornbeck (Brk), 8-3

182—Hunter DeLong (PS) p. Alex Shriver (Morg), 0:12; Joven Householder (Tor) p. Billy Snyder (Steub), 2-1; Nathan Thomas (IC) p. Andrew Solansky (BvL), 1:09; Brandon Durrah (JM) p. Mason Wiley (Cald), 5-30; Nick Valachovic (U) p. Daniel Morgan (Crest), 22-7; Chad Mays (BvL) d. Zak Tokash (Mad), 5-3; Christian Bond (Shen), 6-5; Mason Mikas (WP) p. Nathan Fields (Weir), 4-2

195—Dalton Hoover (MF) p. Josh Taylor (UL), 1:00; Austin Loew (WP) p. Dalton Rice (Shen), 0:11; Hezekiah Scurry (Steub) p. Derek Wilsberger (STC), 5:32; Donavan Kirby (Mad) p. Landon Ellifritz (U), 7-1; Austin Mayfield (EL) p. Gary Garrison (OG), 1:49; Brandon Keys (TC) p. Duran Q-Thompson (Weir), 2:32

220—Caleb Nice (Mag) p. Gary Tidwell (Mead), 3:22; Tommy Moore (Camb) p. Brady Williams (JM), 1:52; Caide Buntill (Barn) p. Trevor Hayes (Cald), 0:43; Alex Edgeall (Brk) p. Dalton Fuller-

3:26; Austin Love (JM) d. Riley Nice (Mag), 6-4; Caleb Rea (Weir) p. Gage Walker (EL), 16-0; Jason Muldrew (Shady) p. Zane Minella (Steub), 3-0; 132—Quinton Bookman (BvL) p. Andrew Hardenbrook (Crest), 9-4; Josh Kahl (Shady) p. Parker Mazik (IC), 11-7; Alec Cook (Mad) p. Mikey Shamblyn (PS), 5-2; Tommy Curtin (Lin) p. Michael Gray (Steub), 7-0; 138—Robert Bozek (OG) p. Austin Rohrbaugh (U), 2:32; Anthony Rice (Steub) p. Landon Flinn (PS), 3:26; Noah Smith (BvL) p. Mitch Wukelic (IC), 6-4; Anthony Carman (JM) p. Griff Heatherington (Bell), 8-0

145—Jason Hubbard (Steub) p. Jared Wright (BvL), 3:27; Owen Zaiders (U) p. Devin Crum (UL), 4-3; Miles Mazik (IC) p. Mason Kunoff (Bpt), 4-0; Mark Johns (ED) p. Jarrett Finn (PS), 8-5

152—Beau Smith (BvL) p. Devin Eakle (IC), 12-1; Tino Kusic (Bpt) p. Matthew Ketchum (EL), 14-6; Zane Hinzman (PS) p. Jacob Berisford (JM), 13-8; Philip Good (Mad) p. Bryan Clouse (Barn), 3-1

160—John Nash (WP) p. Gage Barnhart (Brk), 3:02; Adam Frisco (U) p. Logan Wilson (IC), 6-5; Drew Dunbar (PS) p. Nick Falbo (Steub), 6-0; David Tuttle (Steub) p. Michael Starcher (Cam), 4-0; 170—T.J. Lambiotte (PS) p. Daniel Wirth (BvL), 0:20; Victor Giovengo (Lin) p. Stevie Cool (OG), 7-4; Kaleb Simpkins (WP) p. Jason Binkiewicz (BuL), 12-2; Billy Johnson (Shady) p. Dakota Stratton (Crest), 10-6

182—Hunter DeLong (PS) p. Joven Householder (Tor), 12-3; Chad Mays (BvL) p. Garrett Finsley (Brk), 5:22; Nick Valachovic (U) p. Brandon Durrah (JM), 5-0; Nathan Thomas (IC) p. Mason Mikas (WP), 6-2

195—Dalton Hoover (MF) p. Hezekiah Scurry (Steub), 12-5; Justin Altman (PS) p. Austin Loew (WP), 2:21; Jud Ramage (Mead) p. Brandon Keys (TC), 9-4; Austin Mayfield (EL) p. Donavan Kirby (Mad), 3:35; 220—Caleb Nice (Mag) p. Garrett Givens (BvL), 4-0; Alex Edgeall (Brk) p. Tommy Moore (Camb), 3-1; Caide Buntill (Barn) p. Drene Moore (Steub), 1:21; Hunter Bookin (MF) p. Dylan Wood (WP), 4-2

285—Gage Glovengo (Lin) p. Zach Thomas (BvL), 4-0; Dom Wallace (MF) p. Cory Chipps (TC), 8-3; Tyler Ely (Steub) p. Nathan Simmons (JM), 3-2; Sam Robinson (IC) p. Kade Clark (UL), 6-3

132—Johnathan Simms (Mag) p. Renee Richter (MC), 0:48; Cody Hunter (TC) won by forfeit; Charles Mirandy (WP) p. Jesse Fulton (Tor), 11-0; Brandon Harrison (JM) p. Michael Brinsky (ED), 1:30; Bryce Wade (HC) p. Colin Stanley (OG), 12-4; 138—Cooper Kerns (Camb) p. Justin Sarge (EL), 0:47; Elloit Dean (Bpt) p. Jesse Law (Brk), 15-7; Logan Mackey (Cam) p. Gage Oliver (Mead), 1:49; Arch Newman (BuL) p. Collin Kovacs (UL), 13-11; Zach Marbais (HC) p. Colton Mead (TC), 10-4; Robert Frank (SL) p. Jayden Porter (Shen), 4:40

145—Isak Wiley (JM) p. Leo Baker (FF), 3:52; Braydn Strous (Barn) p. Andrew Bjork (Cald), 2:26; Bobby Pettlingill (WP) p. James Todd (Mad), 5-3; Gregory Lawson (EL) p. Josey Stern (Cam), 4:17; Christopher Helms (Brk) p. Sam Park (Lin), 2:15; Jacob Dean (Cam) p. Chase Cooper (Tor), 1:47; Cody Abaugh (Bell) d. Ben Hagood (Morg), 6-4

152—Ronald Chico (Lin) p. Santiago Rivera (UL), 0:55; CJ Moore (Mead) p. Bryce Haight (Tor), 0:44; Dalton Yost (Brk) p. Hayden Wallace (HC), 2:31; Seth Kemmer (Wells) p. Daniel Skelton (WP), 4:32; Dalton Barnes (BuL) p. Corey Naylor (STC), 2:14; Jaden Glenn (OG) p. Carter Pyles (Mag), 1:20; Richie McFarland (MF) p. Nick Beckett (Bell), 6-3; Rex Stewart (Camb) p. Briggs Schaler (Shen), 1:42

160—Jarret Deaton (Bpt) p. Trenton Roninson (Mag), 0:26; Zack Leach (JM) p. Dominic Sopinski (Weir), 9-5; Jack Reese (BuL) won by inj. def. over Wesley Watson (TC); Timmy Ferguson (Mead) p. James Dobbs (STC), 4-3; Ryan Compton (Morg) p. Latrell Crute (SL), 1:48; Drake Dobson (MF) p. Michael Hermann (SCC), 4:13; 170—Eli Gregg (Cald) p. Matt Stacey (Wells), 10-8; Brady Blattner (Mead) p. Andrew Elerick (STC), 2:28; 182—Kylar Flanigan (OG) p. Zach Ware (Mag), 6-2; Austin Cain (Cam) p. Caleb Glover (SL), 12-8; Blayne Erwin (HC) d. Austin Carter (Wells), 3-0

195—Dante Pelino (Crest) p. Austin Moore (JM), 2:40; Ethan Lively (Riv) p. Briar Cunningham (Wells), 13-4; Matt Paxson (SL) p. Tyler Yost (Morg), 2:02

220—Josh Hite (Morg) p. Kris Lincke (Weir), 0:35; Josh Sanders (U) p. Killian Joseph (Lin), 1:10; Josh Croft (HC) p. Joe Lewis (Tor), 4:56; Cash Presnall (Shen) p. Reese Johnson (BuL), 12-8; 285—Greg Hawkins (Weir) p. Austin Baumgartner (FF), 1:02; Neil McKnight (Morg) p. Eason Hitchens (Shen), 5-2; Zack Army (SL) d. Todd Morris (Bell), 4-1; Garth Charlton (Camb) p. Calvin McGaha (WP), 6-5; Kevin Cuervo (SCC) p. Trey Delguzzo (STC), 6-2; Nathan Simmons (JM) p. Josh Robinson (Shady), 7-3

SECOND ROUND CONSOLATIONS

108—James Mason Sheets (CB) p. Logan Amos (UL), 0:43; William Moore (Shen) p. Cameron Lawrence (Brk), 2:29; Austin Macek (IC) p. Justin Buchell (EL), 9-2; Chase Ward (MF) p. Kall Corrao (Tor), 2:16; Isaac Murphy (WP) p. Dylan Rejordan (Brk), 10-0; Elie Paterina (IC) p. Jordyn Spencer (BuL), 2:31

FOURTH ROUND CONSOLATIONS

113—Michael Grimm (IC) p. Wesley Guy (Shen), 14-4; Ian Irizarry (PS) p. Kason Delancey (FF), 1:51; Matt Dudich (Lin) p. Cameron Lancaster (Brk), 0:52; Brandon Kaiser (BuL) p. Nicolas Hall (Mag), 0:17; Aubrey Antill (Camb) p. Izak Babiczak (JM), 7-5; Ayden Johnson (ED) p. Jessica Weires (Bpt), 0:10; Jason Tice (Wells) p. Cole Girod (Weir), 7-3; 120—Wyatt Conley (Weir) p. Rachel Clayton (Brk), 0:21; Ryley Crall (UL) p. Travis Light (BuL), 1:12; Jake Stolz (Bell) p. Jake Flinogle (IC), 5-2; Eric Shriver (Morg) p. Dakoyta Thatcher (JM), 10-3; Josh Kleiner (ED) p. Hunter Thompson (Tor), 5-2

THIRD ROUND CONSOLATION

106—Ethan Gray (JM) p. James Mason Sheets (CB), 1:47; William Moore (Shen) p. Austin Macek (IC), 9-0; Isak Murphy (WP) p. Elie Paterina (IC), 5-1; Ethan Bethel (STC) p. Chase Ward (MF), 0:48

113—Jordan Dalry (UL) p. Michael Grimm (IC), 1:53; Ian Irizarry (PS) p. Matt Dudich (Lin), 2:43; Brandon Kaiser (BuL) p. Jason Tice (Wells), 2:28; Ayden Johnson (ED) d. Aubrey Antill (Camb), 6-0

120—Derek Houser (Crest) p. Wyatt Conley (Weir), 12-3; Roman Baird (Mad) p. Eric Shriver (Morg), 6-1; Tyler Antonacci (Bpt) p. Jake Stolz (Bell), 19-2; Ryley Crall (UL) p. Josh Kleiner (ED), 10-0

126—Collin Wiley (Cald) p. Roy Wanner (Crest), 0:47; Trey Wright (OG) p. James Torres (ED), 2-0; Chris Yanni (BvL) p. Isiah Wilhelm (Bell), 13-4; Brise Bennett (U) p. Tino Kayalas (WP), 13-2

132—Max Camilletti (Brk) p. Blaze Cain (Weir), 5-4; Clayton Moore (Bell) p. Braeden Pauley (U), 5-1; Bryce Farrabee (Barn) p. Chance Burkett (Wells), 8-3; Jake Miller (BuL) p. Charles Mirandy (WP), 12-2

138—Collin Hunter (Shady) p. Logan Mackey (Cam), 0:38; Dylan Giffelky (Barn) p. Dante Vincenzo (STC), 8-3; Jeremiah Timberlake (WP) p. Gage Adams (Mag), 9-2; Vince Pulice (Mad) p. Blake Pickenpaugh (Cald), 5-4; 145—Jabyn Moore (HC) p. Anthony Porter (Camb), 6-2; Johnathan Creese (OG) p. Mike Doyle (TC), 3-0; Michael Vannest (STC) p. Skylar Yoho (Mag), 4:22; Cody Hawthorne (Shady) p. Reese Wills (Weir), 13-3

152—Jordan Hamlin (U) p. Ronald Chico (Lin), 1:31; Seth Cade (ED) p. Clay Baker (FF), 4-1; Will Brown (Shady) p. Cory Hupp-Lasure (Morg), 3-0 UT; Nick Scott (Steub) p. Isaac Sweat (Weir), 2:53

160—Wyatt Strum (OG) p. Zac Talbot (Riv), 4-0; Isiah Paiko (UL) p. Jarret Deaton (Bpt), 15-0; Drake Dobson (MF) p. Christian Lerussi (BvL), 9-4; Anthony Mecum (EL) p. Chase Mercer (Camb), 2:16

170—Hayden Starcher (U) p. James Stillwagoner (Mag), 13-6; Hayden Daley (SCC) p. Malcolm Boyer (HC), 2-1; Chase Hickman (Barn) p. Jacob Todd (Mad), 2-1; Keith Bodnar (Steub) p. Colten Zornbeck (Brk), 7-3

182—Billy Snyder (Steub) p. Alex Shriver (Morg), 7-4; Zak Tokash (Mad) p. Austin Cain (Cam), 5-3; Daniel Morgan (Crest) p. Mason Wiley (Cald), 8-3; Nathan Fields (Weir) p. Nate Bomboris (UL), 6-3; 195—Landon Ellifritz (U) p. Gary Garrison (OG), 4-2; Dalton Rice (Shen) p. Manuel Sulta (Lin), 3:35; Duran Q-Thornion (Weir) p. Andrew Solansky (BvL), 16-4; Blake High (Camb) p. Derek Wilsberger (STC), 1:43; 220—River Pappas (ED) p. River Dibell (TC), 1:45; Gary Tidwell (Mead) p. Josh Croft (HC), 2:35; Ryan Eikey (Mad) p. Justice McCamick (STC), 11-7; Dalton Fullerton (PS) p. Brady Williams (JM), 2-1

285—Mikey Hamrick (Mag) p. Lucas Dickerson (BuL), 0:34; Tony Minnis (OG) p. Kevin Cuervo (SCC), 1-0; Louden Haga (PS) p. Brenton Stull (HC), 3-1; Greg Hawkins (Weir) p. Levi Bryant (Bpt), 5:45

106—Joseph Bonfini (Bell) p. William Moore (Shen), 0:29; Matthew Simpson (U) p. Isaac Murphy (WP), 0:32; Ty Logston (OG) p. Ethan Gray (JM), 2:34; Marshal Niswonger (Cald) p. Ethan Bethel (STC), 4:13

113—Shawn Moore (OG) p. Brandon Kaiser (BuL), 1:44; Ian Irizarry (PS) p. Canon Welker (WP), 9-4; Jordan Dalby (UL) p. Cole Harris (Tor), 3:55; Brayden Reynolds (Barn) p. Ayden Johnson (ED), 3-1

120—Ryley Crall (UL) p. Bill Murray (Steub), 1-0; Levi Pemberton (Cald) p. Roman Baird (Mad), 2:11; Skyler Lasure (BvL) p. Tyler Antonacci (Bpt), 1:23; Mason Richardson (WP) p. Derek Houser (Crest), 6-3

126—Riley Nice (Mag) p. Collin Wiley (Cald), 1:44; Zane Minella (Steub) p. Trey Wright (OG), 0:27; Gage Walker (EL) p. Brise Bennett (U), 12-11; Alex Good (Mad) p. Chris Yanni (BvL), 5-2

132—Michael Gray (Steub) p. Clayton Moore (Bell), 7-1; Andrew Hardenbrook (Crest) p. Max Camilletti (Brk), 10-4; Mikey Shamblyn (PS) p. Jake Miller (BuL), 5-2; Parker Mazik (IC) p. Bryce Farrabee (Barn), 16-6

138—Mitch Wukelic (IC) p. Dylan Giffelky (Barn), 4:27; Landon Flinn (PS) p. Vince Pulice (Mad), 10-2; Jeremiah Timberlake (WP) p. Griff Heatherington (Bell), 4-2; Austin Rohrbaugh (U) p. Collin Hunter (Shady), 15-2

145—Jared Wright (BvL) p. Jabyn Moore (HC), 5-0; Devin Crum (UL) p. Michael Vannest (STC), 5-0; Jarrett Finn (PS) p. Cody Hawthorne (Shady), 3-2; Jonathan Creese (OG) p. Mason Kunoff (Bpt), 8-1

152—Seth Cade (ED) p. Devin Eakle (IC), 3-2; Matthew Ketchum (EL) p. Jordan Hamlin (U); Jacob Berisford (JM) p. Will Brown (Shady), 4-2; Nick Scott (Steub) p. Bryan Clouse (Barn), 5-0; 160—Logan Wilson (IC) p. Wyatt Strum (OG),

Steuvenville Catholic 8; 10. Wellsville 7; 4-2. Clay-Battelle 3

SECOND ROUND CHAMPIONSHIPS

106—Cole McComas (BvL) p. Chase Ward (MF), 3:08; Peyton Blasko (Staub) p. Ellie Paterara (IC), 0:37; Terry Gatrell (Mead) p. James Mason Sheets (CB), 1:38; Joseph Bonfini (Bell) d. Ethan Bethel (STC), 11-4; Ty Logston (OG) if Isaac Murphy (WP), 17-1; Tucker Windland (PS) p. Austin Macek (IC), 2:33; Marshal Niswonger (Cald) p. Cameron Lawrence (Brk), 1:09; Matthew Simpson (U) d. Ethan Gray (JM), 4-2

113—Timmy Young (Staub) if Ayden Johnson (ED), 15-0; Cole Harris (Tor) p. Jason Tice (Wells), 2:27; Owen Ott (HC) p. Matt Dudich (Lin), 2:39; Jake Staud (U) p. Brandon Kaiser (BuL), 1:21; Abe Frizzell (Mead) p. Wesley Guy (Shen), 3:11; Brayden Reynolds (Barn) d. Ian Irizarry (PS), 8-4; Canon Welker (WP) md. Aubrey Antill (Camb), 16-6; Shawn Moore (OG) d. Jordan Dalby (UL), 4-3

120—Greg Quinn (Shady) p. Jake Stolz (Bell), 0:11; Brayden Roberts (PS) p. Dakoyta Thatcher (JM), 0:27; Payton Hall (OG) p. Wyatt Conley (Weir), 0:48; Bill Murray (Staub) d. Tyler Antonacci (Bpt), 10-8; Maison Richardson (WP) d. Roman Baird (Mad), 5-1; Jacob Simpson (U) p. Ryley Crall (UL), 3:10; Levi Pemberton (Cald) p. Derik Houser (Crest), 1:16; Skyler Lasure (BvL) if Josh Kleiner (ED), 15-0

126—Luke Martin (PS) p. Trey Wright (OG), 1:35; Riley Nice (Mag) d. Brise Bennett (U), 10-4; Jacson Muldrew (Shady) p. Alex August (SL), 2:45; Alex Good (Mad) d. James Torres (ED), 6-4; Austin Love (JM) p. Connor Ramsey (Wells), 0:51; Zane Minella (Staub) d. Chris Yanni (BvL), 9-4; Caleb rea (Weir) p. Ray Wanner (Crest), 1:30; Gage Walker (EL) d. Collin Wiley (Cald), 8-7

132—Quinton Bookman (BvL) p. Chance Burkett (Wells), 2:36; Andrew Hardenbrook (Crest) md. Bryce Farrabee (Barn), 14-4; Mikey Shamblyn (PS) d. Clayton Moore (Bell), 6-2; Parker Mazik (IC) md. Blaze Cain (Weir), 15-5; Josh Kahl (Shady) p. Max Camilletti (Brk), 5:41; Michael Gray (Staub) d. Dylan Milhoan (SL), 6-2; Tommy Curtin (Lin) d. Jake Miller (BuL), 6-3; Alex Cook (Mad) md Braeden Pauley (U), 18-5

138—Robert Bozek (OG) p. Gage Adams (Mag), 0:52; Austin Rohrbaugh (U) p. Jeremiah Timberlake (WP), 1:48; Mitch Wukelic (IC) p. Vince Pulice (Mad), 1:21; Anthony Carman (JM) p. Isaac Ricketts (Crest), 2:23; Noah Smith (BvL) md. Blake Pickenpaugh (Cald), 15-3; Landon Finn (PS) md. Dante Vincenzo (STC), 12-3; Anthony Rice (Staub) if Dylan Giotfeldy (Barn), 15-0; Griff Heatherington (Bell) d. Collin Hunter (Shady), 3-2

145—Jason Hubbard (Staub) p. Reese Wills (Weir), 0:06; Miles Mazik (IC) p. Skylar Yoho (Mag), 1:45; Jarrett Finn (PS) p. Anthony Porter (Camb), 0:46; Jared Wright (BvL) d. Cody Hawthorne (Shady), 11-9; Mark Johns (ED) p. Jabyn Moore (HC), 5:26; Devin Crum (UL) md Jonathan Creese (OG), 9-0; Owen Zeders (U) if Mike Doyle (TC), 17-2; Mason Kuneff (Bpt) md Michael Vannest (STC), 14-0

152—Beau Smith (BvL) p. Isaac Sweat (Weir), 1:50; Matthew Ketchum (EL) p. Cory Hupp-Lasure (Morg), 5:03; Tino Kusic (Bpt) md Will Brown (Shady), 11-2; Devin Eakle (IC) d. Nick Scott (Staub), 6-5; Phillip Good (Mad) d. Clay Baker (FF), 3-0; Bryan Clouse (Barn) p. Seth Cade (ED), 7:48 UT; Zane Hinzman (PS) if Kyle Hart (Crest), 19-2; Jacob Berisford (JM) d. Jordan Hamlin (U), 4-2

160—John Nash (WP) p. Christian Lerussi (BvL), 1:46; Michael Starcher (Cam) d. Zac Talbot (Riv), 5-2; Logan Wilson (IC) won by forfeit over Hunter Baird (Mad); Gage Barnhart (Brk) md Cody Davis (Cald), 11-2; Drew Dunbar (PS) md Chase Mercer (Camb), 10-0; Nick Falbo (Lin) d. Anthony Mecum (EL), 6-2; David Tuttle (Staub) p. Wyatt Strum (OG), 5:05; Adam Frisco (U) p. Isaiah Palko (UL), 3:08

170—TJ Lambiotte (FS) p. Frank Hague (IC), 1:48; Kaleb Simpkins (WP) p. James Stillwagner (Mag), 1:58; Billy Johnson (Shady) p. Malcolm Boyer (HC), 1:16; Victor Giovengo (Lin) p. Chase Hickman (Barn), 2:34; Dakota Stratton (Crest) p. Hayden Daley (SCC), 3:03; Jason Binkiewicz (BuL) p. Hayden Starcher (Cam), 3:11; Stevie Cool (OG) d. Jacob Todd (Mad), 5-2; Daniel Wirth (BvL) d. Colten Zombek (Brk), 6-3

182—Hunter DeLong (PS) p. Alex Shriver (Morg), 0:12; Jovan Householder (Tor) d. Billy Snyder (Staub), 2-1; Nathan Thomas (IC) p. Nate Bomboris (UL), 2:42; Jud Ramage (Mead) p. Andrew Solansky (BvL), 1:09; Brandon Durrah (JM) p. Mason Wiley (Cald), 5:30; Nick Valachovic (U) if Daniel Morgan (Crest), 22-7; Chad Mays (BvL) d. Zak Tokash (Mad), 5-2; Garrett Finsley (Brk) d. Christian Bond (Shen), 6-5; Mason Miklas (WP) d. Nathan Fields (Weir), 4-2

195—Dalton Hoover (MF) p. Josh Taylor (UL), 1:00; Austin Loew (WP) p. Dalton Rice (Shen), 3:27; Justin Allman (PS) p. Manuel Suta (Lin), 0:11; Hezekiah Scurry (Staub) p. Derek Wilsberger (STC), 5:32; Donovan Kirby (Mad) d. Landon Ellifritz (U), 7-1; Austin Mayfield (EL) p. Gary Garrison (OG), 1:49; Brandon Keys (TC) p. Duran Q-Thompson (Weir), 2:32

220—Caleb Nice (Mag) p. Gary Tidwell (Mead), 3:22; Tommy Moore (Camb) p. Brady Williams (JM), 1:52; Caide Bunfill (Barn) p. Trevor Hayes (Cald), 0:43; Alex Edgell (Brk) p. Dalton Fullerton (PS), 5:49; Dylan Wood (WP) p. Justice McCamick (STC), 3:24; Drone Moore (Staub) d. River Pappas (ED), 4-2 UT; Garrett Givens (BvL) d. Landon Talbert (Crest), 8-1; Hunter Bodkin (MF) d. Ryan Eikey (Mad), 15-9

285—Gage Giovengo (Lin) p. Mikey Hamrick (Mag), 0:29; Kade Clark (UL) p. Brenton Stull (HC), 3:41; Dom Wallace (MF) p. Tony Minnis (OG), 4:34; Zach Thomas (BvL) p. Lucas Dickerson (BuL), 4:28; Cory Chippis (TC) p. Zack Meade (Barn), 1:34; Tyler Ely (Staub) p. Levi Bryant (Bpt), 3:05; Josh Robinson (IC) p. Loudan Haga (PS), 3:26

CHAMPIONSHIP QUARTERFINALS

106—Cole McComas (BvL) md. Joseph Bonfini (Bell), 15-4; Terry Gatrell (Mead) d. Matthew Simpson (U), 10-7; Peyton Blasko (Staub) d. Ty Logston (OG), 10-8; Tucker Windland (PS) d. Marshal Niswonger (Cald), 3-2

113—Timmy Young (Staub) md Canon Welker (WP), 11-2; Owen Ott (HC) d. Brayden Reynolds (Barn), 10-5; Abe Frizzell (Mead) md Shawn Moore (OG), 17-6; Jake Staud (U) p. Cole Harris (Tor), 1:32

120—Greg Quinn (Shady) p. Bill Murray (Staub), 0:35; Brayden Roberts (PS) p. Maison Richardson (WP), 1:21; Jacob Simpson (U) p. Skyler Lasure (BvL), 2:45; Payton Hall (OG) p. Levi Pemberton (Cald), 2:22

126—Luke Martin (PS) p. Alex Good (Mad),

220—Caleb Nice (Mag) d. Garrett Givens (BvL), 4-0; Alex Edgell (Brk) d. Tommy Moore (Camb), 3-1; Caide Bunfill (Barn) p. Drone Moore (Staub), 1:21; Hunter Bodkin (MF) d. Dylan Wood (WP), 4-2

285—Gage Giovengo (Lin) d. Zaci Thomas (BvL), 4-0; Dom Wallace (MF) d. Cory Chippis (TC), 8-3; Tyler Ely (Staub) d. Nathan Simmons (JM), 3-2; Sam Robinson (IC) d. Kade Clark (UL), 6-3

FIRST ROUND CONSOLATIONS

132—Johnathan Simms (Mag) p. Renee Richter (MC), 0:48; Cody Hunter (TC) won by forfeit; Charles Mirandy (WP) md. Jesse Fulton (Tor), 11-0; Brandon Harrison (JM) p. Michael Brinsky (ED), 1:30; Bryce Wade (HC) md. Colin Stanley (OG), 12-4

138—Cooper Kerns (Camb) p. Justin Sarge (EL), 0:47; Elliott Dean (Bpt) md. Jesse Law (Brk), 15-7; Logan Mackey (Cam) p. Gage Oliver (Mead), 1:49; Arch Newman (BuL) d. Collin Kovacs (UL), 13-11; Zach Marbais (HC) d. Colton Mead (TC), 10-4; Robert Frank (SL) p. Jayden Porter (Shen), 4:40

145—Izak Wiley (JM) p. Leo Baker (FF), 3:52; Braydn Strous (Barn) p. Andrew Bjork (Cald), 2:26; Bobby Pettingill (WP) d. James Todd (Mad), 5-3; Gregory Lawson (EL) p. Josey Stern (Cam), 4:17; Christopher Helms (Brk) p. Sam Park (Lin), 2:15; Jacob Dean (Cam) p. Chase Cooper (Tor), 1:47; Cody Albaugh (Bell) d. Ben Hagood (Morg), 6-4

152—Ronald Chico (Lin) p. Santiago Rivera (UL), 0:55; CJ Moore (Mead) p. Bryce Haight (Tor), 0:44; Dalton Yost (Brk) p. Hayden Wallace (HC), 2:31; Seth Kerner (Wells) p. Daniel Skelton (WP), 4:32; Dalton Barnes (BuL) p. Corey Naylor (STC), 2:14; Jaden Glenn (OG) p. Carter Pyles (Mag), 1:20; Richie McFarland (MF) d. Nick Beckett (Bell), 6-3; Rex Stewart (Camb) p. Briggs Schafer (Shen), 1:42

160—Jarret Deaton (Bpt) p. Trenton Roninson (Mag), 0:26; Zack Leach (JM) d. Dominic Sopinski (Weir), 9-5; Jack Reese (BuL) won by inj. def. over Wesley Watson (TC); Timmy Ferguson (Mead) d. James Dobbs (STC), 4-3; Ryan Compton (Morg) p. Latrel Crute (SL), 1:46; Drake Dobson (MF) p. Michael Hermann (SCC), 4:13

170—Eli Gregg (Cald) d. Matt Stacey (Wells), 10-8; Brady Blattner (Mead) p. Andrew Elerick (STC), 2:28

182—Kyler Flanigan (OG) d. Zach Ware (Mag), 6-2; Austin Cain (Cam) d. Caleb Glover (SL), 12-8; Blayne Erwin (HC) d. Austin Carter (Wells), 3-0

195—Dante Pelino (Crest) p. Austin Moore (JM), 2:40; Ethan Lively (Riv) md. Briar Cunningham (Wells), 13-4; Matt Paxson (SL) p. Tyler Yost (Morg), 2:02

220—Josh Hite (Morg) p. Kris Lincke (Weir), 0:35; Josh Sanders (U) p. Killian Joseph (Lin), 1:10; Josh Croft (HC) p. Joe Lewis (Tor), 4:56; Cash Presnell (Shen) d. Reese Johnson (BuL), 12-8

285—Greg Hawkins (Weir) p. Austin Baumgartner (FF), 1:02; Neil McKnight (Morg) d. Easton Hitchens (Shen), 5-2; Zack Army (SL) d. Todd Morris (Bell), 4-1; Garth Charlton (Camb) d. Calvin McGaha (WP), 6-5; Kevin Cuervo (SCC) d. Trey Delguzzo (STC), 6-2; Nathan Simmons (JM) d. Josh Robinson (Shady), 7-3

SECOND ROUND CONSOLATIONS

106—James Mason Sheets (CB) p. Logan Amos (UL), 0:43; William Moore (Shen) p. Cameron Lawrence (Brk), 2:29; Austin Macek (IC) d. Justin Bucheit (EL), 9-2; Chase Ward (MF) p. Kali Corrao (Tor), 2:16; Isaac Murphy (WP) md Dylan Reidan (Brk), 10-0; Eline paterara (IC) p. Jordyn Spencer (BuL), 2:31

113—Michael Grimm (IC) md Wesley Guy (Shen), 14-4; Ian Irizarry (PS) p. Kason Delancey (FF), 1:51; Matt Dudich (Lin) p. Cameron Lancaster (Brk), 0:52; Brandon Kaiser (BuL) p. Nicolas Hall (Mag), 0:17; Aubrey Antill (Camb) d. Izak Babiczuk (JM), 7-5; Ayden Johnson (ED) p. Jessica Weires (Bpt), 0:10; Jason Tice (Wells) d. Cole Girod (Weir), 7-3

120—Wyatt Conley (Weir) p. Rachel Clayton (Brk), 0:21; Ryley Crall (UL) p. Travis Light (BuL), 1:12; Jake Stolz (Bell) d. Jake Finogle (IC), 5-2; Eric Shriver (Morg) d. Dakoyta Thatcher (JM), 10-3; Josh Kleiner (ED) d. Hunter Thompson (Tor), 5-2

126—Roy Wanner (Crest) p. Seth Richardson (BuL), 2:46; James Torres (ED) d. Quintin Elerick (STC), 5-0; Trey Wright (OG) p. Kyre Smith (Tor), 0:54; Tino Kayalas (WP) d. Connor Ramsey (Wells), 5-3; Chris Yanni (BvL) p. Zane Evanhart (HC), 2:24; Brise Bennett (U) d. Julian Giovengo (Lin), 8-6; Isaiah Wilhelm (Bell) p. Alex August (SL), 1:37

132—Charles Mirandy (WP) p. Dylan Milhoan (SL), 3:39; Chance Burkett (Wells) p. Bryson Utter (UL), 2:47; Bryce Farrabee (Barn) p. Brandon Harrison (JM), 0:48; Braeden Pauley (U) p. Anthony Blankenship (MF), 1:56; Clayton Moore (Bell) p. Bryce Wade (HC), 0:44; Jake Miller (BuL) if Nathaniel Fuller (Morg), 15-0; Max Camilletti (Brk) md. Cody Hunter (TC), 14-2; Blaze Cain (Weir) d. Johnathan Simms (Cam), 7-2

138—Blake Pickenpaugh (Cald) if Robert Frank (SL), 16-1; Dante Vincenzo (STC) d. Cooper Kerns (Camb), 9-2; Logan Mackey (Cam) p. Isaac Ricketts (Crest), 0:59; Vince Pulice (Mad) p. Arch Newman (BuL), 4:00; Jeremiah Timberlake (WP) p. Zach Marbais (HC), 2:27; Gage Adams (Mag) d. Dustin Lengyel (Weir), 3-2; Dylan Giotfeldy (Barn) p. Alexander Lude (MF), 1:56; Collin Hunter (Shady) won by forfeit over Elliott Dean (Bpt)

145—Anthony Porter (Camb) p. Bobby Pettingill (WP), 3:54; Cody Hawthorne (Shady) p. Cody Albaugh (Bell), 2:46; Michael Vannest (STC) d. Izak Wiley (Cald), 8-1; Mike Doyle (TC) p. Gregory Lawson (EL), 4:39; Jabyn Moore (HC) p. Braydn Strous (Barn), 3:51; Skylar Yoho (Mag) p. Skylar Hatten (BuL), 3:59; Johnathan Creese (OG) d. Christopher Helms (Brk), 10-6; Reese Wills (Weir) d. Jacob Dean (Crest), 8-2

152—Seth Cade (ED) p. Dalton Barnes (BuL), 2:03; Jordan Hamlin (U) p. CJ Moore (Mead), 1:39; Clay Baker (FF) p. Dalton Yost (Brk), 4:30; Ronald Chico (Lin) p. Kyle Hart (Crest), 0:54; Will Brown (Shady) d. Jaden Glenn (OG), 3-1; Hupp-Lasure (Morg) p. Kerner (Wells), 0:34; Nick Scott (Staub) p. Richie McFarland (MF), 0:55; Sweat (Weir) p. Stewart (Camb), 2:54

160—Zac Talbot (Riv) md Timmy Ferguson (Mead), 11-1; Isaiah Palko (UL) p. Dallas Raines (Barn), 1:39; Chase Mercer (Camb) p. Jack Reese (BuL), 2:44; Anthony Mecum (EL) p. Zack Leach (JM), 1:23; Wyatt Strum (OG) p. Ryan Compton (Morg), 2:46; Jarret Deaton (Bpt) won by forfeit over Roman Baird (Mad); Drake Dobson (MF) p. Cody Davis (Cald), 3:54; Chris-

(EL), 3:31; Loudan Haga (PS) p. Garth Charlton (Camb), 0:35; Brady Williams (JM) d. Josh Sanders (U), 5-3 OT

THIRD ROUND CONSOLATION

106—Ethan Gray (JM) p. James Mason Sheets (CB), 1:47; William Moore (Shen) md Austin Macek (IC), 9-0; Isaac Murphy (WP) d. Ellie Paterara (IC), 5-1; Ethan Bethel (STC) p. Chase Ward (MF), 0:48

113—Jordan Dalby (UL) p. Michael Grimm (IC), 1:53; Ian Irizarry (PS) p. Matt Dudich (Lin), 2:43; Brandon Kaiser (BuL) p. Jason Tice (Wells), 2:28; Ayden Johnson (ED) d. Aubrey Antill (Camb), 6-0

120—Derik Houser (Crest) md Wyatt Conley (Weir), 12-3; Roman Baird (Mad) d. Eric Shriver (Morg), 6-1; Tyler Antonacci (Bpt) if Jake Stolz (Bell), 19-2; Ryley Crall (UL) md Josh Kleiner (ED), 10-0

126—Collin Wiley (Cald) p. Roy Wanner (Crest), 0:47; Trey Wright (OG) d. James Torres (ED), 2-0; Chris Yanni (BvL) md. Isaiah Wilhelm (Bell), 13-4; Brise Bennett (U) md Tino Kayalas (WP), 13-2

132—Max Camilletti (Brk) d. Blaze Cain (Weir), 5-4; Clayton Moore (Bell) d. Braeden Pauley (U), 5-1; Bryce Farrabee (Barn) d. Chance Burkett (Wells), 6-3; Jake Miller (BuL) md Charles Mirandy (WP), 12-2

138—Collin Hunter (Shady) p. Logan Mackey (Cam), 0:38; Dylan Giotfeldy (Barn) d. Dante Vincenzo (STC), 8-3; Jeremiah Timberlake (WP) d. Gage Adams (Mag), 9-2; Vince Pulice (Mad) d. Blake Pickenpaugh (Cald), 5-4

145—Jabyn Moore (HC) d. Anthony Porter (Camb), 6-2; Johnathan Creese (OG) d. Mike Doyle (TC), 3-0; Michael Vannest (STC) p. Skylar Yoho (Mag), 4:32; Cody Hawthorne (Shady) md Reese Wills (Weir), 13-3

152—Jordan Hamlin (U) p. Ronald Chico (Lin), 1:31; Seth Cade (ED) d. Clay Baker (FF), 4-1; Will Brown (Shady) d. Cory Hupp-Lasure (Morg), 3-0 UT; Nick Scott (Staub) p. Isaac Sweat (Weir), 2:53

160—Wyatt Strum (OG) d. Zac Talbot (Riv), 4-0; Isaiah Palko (UL) if Jarret Deaton (Bpt), 15-0; Drake Dobson (MF) d. Christian Lerussi (BvL), 9-4; Anthony Mecum (EL) p. Chase Mercer (Camb), 2:16

170—Hayden Starcher (U) d. James Stillwagner (Mag), 13-6; Hayden Daley (SCC) d. Malcolm Boyer (HC), 2-1; Chase Hickman (Barn) d. Jacob Todd (Mad), 2-1; Keith Bodnar (Staub) d. Colten Zombek (Brk), 7-3

182—Billy Snyder (Staub) d. Alex Shriver (Morg), 7-4; Zak Tokash (Mad) d. Austin Cain (Cam), 5-3; Daniel Morgan (Crest) d. Mason Wiley (Cald), 8-3; Nathan Fields (Weir) d. Nate Bomboris (UL), 6-3

195—Landon Ellifritz (U) d. Gary Garrison (OG), 4-2; Dalton Rice (Shen) p. Manuel Suta (Lin), 3:35; Duran Q-Thornton (Weir) md Andrew Solansky (BvL), 16-4; Blake High (Camb) p. Derek Wilsberger (STC), 1:43

220—River Pappas (ED) p. River Dibell (TC), 1:45; Gary Tidwell (Mead) p. Josh Croft (HC), 2:35; Ryan Eikey (Mad) d. Justice McCamick (STC), 11-7; Dalton Fullerton (PS) d. Brady Williams (JM), 2-1

285—Mikey Hamrick (Mag) p. Lucas Dickerson (BuL), 0:34; Tony Minnis (OG) d. Kevin Cuervo (SCC), 1-0; Loudan Haga (PS) d. Brenton Stull (HC), 3-1; Greg Hawkins (Weir) p. Levi Bryant (Bpt), 5:45

FOURTH ROUND CONSOLATION

106—Joseph Bonfini (Bell) p. William Moore (Shen), 0:29; Matthew Simpson (U) p. Isaac Murphy (WP), 0:32; Ty Logston (OG) p. Ethan Gray (JM), 2:34; Marshal Niswonger (Cald) p. Ethan Bethel (STC), 4:13

113—Shawn Moore (OG) p. Brandon Kaiser (BuL), 1:44; Ian Irizarry (PS) d. Canon Welker (WP), 9-4; Jordan Dalby (UL) p. Cole Harris (Tor), 3:55; Brayden Reynolds (Barn) d. Ayden Johnson (ED), 3-1

120—Ryley Crall (UL) d. Bill Murray (Staub), 1-0; Levi Pemberton (Cald) p. Roman Baird (Mad), 2:11; Skyler Lasure (BvL) p. Tyler Antonacci (Bpt), 1:23; Maison Richardson (WP) d. Derik Houser (Crest), 6-3

126—Riley Nice (Mag) p. Collin Wiley (Cald), 1:44; Zane Minella (Staub) p. Trey Wright (OG), 0:27; Gage Walker (EL) d. Brise Bennett (U), 12-11; Alex Good (Mad) d. Chris Yanni (BvL), 5-2

132—Michael Gray (Staub) d. Clayton Moore (Bell), 7-1; Andrew Hardenbrook (Crest) d. Max Camilletti (Brk), 10-4; Mikey Shamblyn (PS) d. Jake Miller (BuL), 5-2; Parker Mazik (IC) md Bryce Farrabee (Barn), 16-6

138—Mitch Wukelic (IC) p. Dylan Giotfeldy (Barn), 4:27; Landon Finn (PS) md Vince Pulice (Mad), 10-2; Jeremiah Timberlake (WP) d. Griff Heatherington (Bell), 4-2; Austin Rohrbaugh (U) md Collin Hunter (Shady), 15-2

145—Jared Wright (BvL) d. Jabyn Moore (HC), 5-0; Devin Crum (UL) d. Michael Vannest (STC), 5-0; Jarrett Finn (PS) d. Cody Hawthorne (Shady), 3-2; Jonathan Creese (OG) d. Mason Kuneff (Bpt), 8-1

152—Seth Cade (ED) d. Devin Eakle (IC), 3-2; Matthew Ketchum (EL) d. Jordan Hamlin (U), Jacob Berisford (JM) d. Will Brown (Shady), 4-2; Nick Scott (Staub) d. Bryan Clouse (Barn), 5-0

160—Logan Wilson (IC) d. Wyatt Strum (OG), 5-0; Michael Starcher (Cam) d. Isaiah Palko (UL), 4-0; Anthony Mecum (EL) p. Gage Barnhart (Brk), 4:06; Drake Dobson (MF) d. Nick Falbo (Lin), 3-1

170—Dakota Stratton (Crest) if Chase Hickman (Barn), 21-5; Stevie Cool (OG) d. Hayden Daley (SCC), 8-4; Daniel Wirth (BvL) p. Hayden Starcher (U), 3:55; Jason Binkiewicz (BuL) d. Keith Bodnar (Staub), 7-2

182—Brandon Durrah (JM) d. Zak Tokash (Mad), 4-2; Daniel Morgan (Crest) default over Garrett Finsley (Brk); Nathan Fields (Weir) d. Jovan Householder (Tor), 5-3; Billy Snyder (Staub) d. Mason Miklas (WP), 4-3

195—Donavan Kirby (Mad) d. Dalton Rice (Shen), 5-1; Austin Loew (WP) d. Landon Ellifritz (U), 14-6; Brandon Keys (TC) d. Blake High (Camb), 4-2; Hezekiah Scurry (Staub) d. Duran Q-Thornton (Weir), 9-2

220—River Pappas (ED) won by forfeit over Garrett Givens (BvL); Tommy Moore (Camb) p. Ryan Eikey (Mad), 3:27; Dylan Wood (WP) d. Dalton Fullerton (PS), 3-2; Drone Moore (Staub) p. Gary Tidwell (Mead), 2:49

285—Loudan Haga (PS) p. Zach Thomas (BvL), 3:19; Cory Chippis (TC) d. Greg Hawkins (Weir), 3-2; Nathan Simmons (JM) d. Tony Minnis (OG), 2-1; Kade Clark (UL) p. Mikey Hamrick (Mag), 4-19

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64TH ANNUAL OVAC RON MAUCK WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Seeding change
highlights event

• Tournament begins Thursday

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WHEELING — For the first time in the 64 years of the OVAC Ron Mauck Wrestling Tournament, a significant change will take place as fans scan through their respective brackets.

Instead of seeding eight individuals in each of the 14 weight classes as has been done in the past, conference coaches and officials determined it was necessary to up that count to 12, with the 13th as alternate.

"The tournament committee meets with the coaches committee of representatives, that they vote on, and the last couple of years this was one of the things that kept being brought up," Tournament Director Dr. Dan Doyle explained. "This is an OVAC Tournament, so coach's brought that up and the committee looked at it. This year we put it into place and like I mentioned before, we'll meet again in the springtime with them and evaluate things and see how it goes."

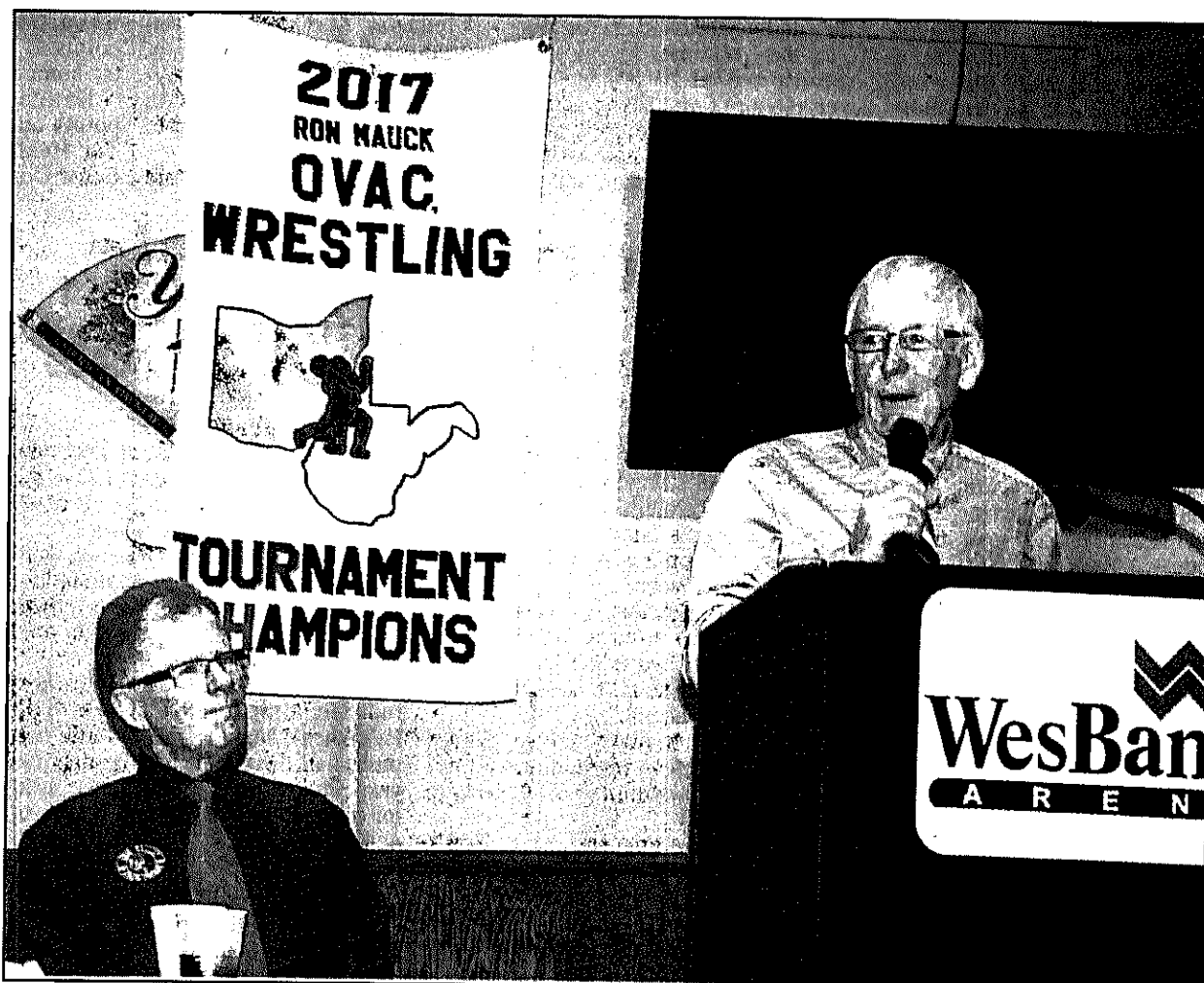
Doyle said Sunday's seeding meeting went great.

"We're blessed in the fact that most of the conference coaches have a wrestling background and are knowledgeable of the wrestlers," Doyle added. "When they sit down they know what they are doing it makes it go a lot quicker. Jim and John Rocchi really did a wonderful job handling that meeting."

Several area coaches were asked their opinion of the switch, and most were for it.

"I'm a member of the coach's committee and I'm definitely for it," Steubenville head coach Mike Blackburn said. "We thought that if you're in the top 12 you have a chance at placing, so it evens things out. Everyone has a chance and then it goes by record as to where you get on the bracket."

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RON MAUCK, for whom the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Wrestling Tournament is named, speaks to conference coaches and members of the media during Monday night's press conference inside WesBanco Arena. The gigantic three-day event unfolds Thursday at the downtown Wheeling facility, with the championship finals scheduled for Saturday at 6:30 p.m. Looking on is tournament director Dr. Dan Doyle.

• Seeding

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Shadyside's Sean Grinch was also in favor.

"It's a different way to do it ... a different way in looking at it," he noted. "It's the way the NCAA Tournament kind of does it. It took about the same amount of time (Sunday) as before. I thought it went pretty smooth."

"There's still some strategy involved as where you want to get seeded, especially for the higher seeds whether you want to be a nine or a 10. It went pretty much to plan in most of the weight classes, but we'll have to wait and see how well we, as coaches, did."

Brandon Pendleton, of Indian Creek, was also optimistic.

"I'm kind of middle-of-the-road right now," he said. "I'm not certain. I want to see how this weekend plays out first. It (the seed meeting) went smoother, but at the same time, I like to have the coach's input as far as the strategy from the coaching side to get your wrestler the best draw possible. But it all comes down to the kids proving it on the mats."

Wheeling Park's Clay Tucker was also for the move.

"I'm absolutely for it," he said. "If you look at any big collegiate tournament that's the way they do it. I think that getting the top 12 wrestlers in each weight class where they belong helps everything even out in the long run."

Perennial powerhouses Parkersburg South and Steubenville lead the way, as expected, with 13 seeds each. The Patriots have three No. 1 seeds in Luke Martin (126), T.J. Lambiotte (170) and Hunter DeLong (182), while Big Red has two in Timmy Young (113) and Jashon Hubbard (145). Martin, DeLong, Young and Hubbard are all defending champions, with DeLong seeking to become the eighth individual to win four titles.

The Patriots have won six overall titles in their seven years in the event. They are seeking a fourth consecutive crown.

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In addition to winning the overall title a year ago, Parkersburg South was also the Class 5A champ. Indian Creek took the Class 4A title, with Magnolia prevailing in Class 3A and Shadyside in 1A/2A.

The event begins Thursday at 6 p.m. with the Olympic-style opening ceremonies. Wrestling starts 30 minutes later.

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Lambiotte of Parkersburg South at 170 (18-4); senior Hunter Delong of Parkersburg South at 182 (15-3); junior Dalton Hoover of Martins Ferry at 195 (8-0); senior Caleb Nice of Magnolia at 220 (24-1); and senior Gage Giovengo of Linsly at 285 (26-0).

Of this group, eight are returning champions - Young, Martin, Quinn, Hubbard, Nash, Delong, Hoover

and Nice. Quinn, Delong, Hoover and Nice are at the same weight class as last year while the other four have bumped up in weight.

Wrestlers from the local area who were awarded tournament seeds (with their records) include:

Meadowbrook (Class 4A) - Terry Gatrell (2nd at 103/12-6); Abe Frizzell (2nd at 113/15-3); Jud Ramage (3rd at 195/15-1).

Cambridge (Class 5A) - Tommy Moore (5th at 220/12-4); Alex Good (8th at 126/11-6); Aubrey Antill (9th at 113/14-11);

Barnesville (Class 3A) - Caide Bunfill (3rd at 220/21-1); Bryce Farrabee (9th at 132/14-7); Brylan Clouse (11th at 152/21-8); Brayden Reynolds (12th at 113/17-8); Chase Hickman (12th at 170/2-0); Zach Meade (12th at 285/14-10).

Shenandoah (Class 3A) - Dalton Rice (10th at 195/15-10); Christian Bond (12th at 182/11-10)

Caldwell (Class 1A/2A) - Marshal Niswonger (6th at 103/18-4); Collin Wiley (7th at 126/18-4); Levi Pemberton (8th at 120/18-3); Cody Davis (9th at 160/18-4); Mason Wi-

ley (10th at 182/18-4).

EXTRA TIME

- A host of special awards will be presented throughout the tournament, including the prestigious Mr. Mat Award; the David Bierkorte Memorial Award to the outstanding wrestler; the Hercules Award to the wrestler with the most pins in the least time; the Larry Deaton Official of the Year Award; the Syd Stoltz Tournament Worker Award; the Robert Pear Sadler Team Sportsmanship Award; the Director's Award; the Junior High Coach of the Year

Award and the Assistant Coach of the Year Award.

- Between sessions on Friday, there will be a college match at WesBanco featuring Wheeling Jesuit University and Mercyhurst (Pa.) starting at 3:45 p.m.

- On Saturday, the 25-year reunion of the champions from 1992 will be recognized. Included among this year's honorees are Meadowbrook's Ric Roë, a two-time 119-pound champion; and Cambridge's Kelly Stevens, the 171-pound titlist.

- There are six female wrestlers entered in this

year's tournament.

- The OVAC Wrestling Tournament has been staged at only five locations through the years - Bridgeport High School, Martins Ferry High School, the Moundsville Fieldhouse, St. John Arena in Steubenville and WesBanco Arena.

- Single-session tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students except for the finals which are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students. Advance ticket books (all five sessions) are available at \$25 for adults and \$15 for students.

OVAC Wrestling Championships begin Thursday

By JEFF HARRISON
The Daily Jeffersonian

WHEELING, W.Va. — The 64th OVAC Ron Mauck Wrestling Championships have arrived.

While the weather doesn't figure to a factor this time around, the action on the mats inside WesBanco Arena figures to be hotly contested as usual starting Thursday evening and culminating with the crowning of the conference

team and individual champions Saturday night.



Approximately 500 wrestlers representing 42 of the conference

schools will compete on eight mats over three days, with the local area represented as always by five schools - Cambridge, Meadowbrook, Barnesville, Shenandoah and

Caldwell.

Parkersburg South is the overall and Class 5A defending champion. In fact, South has won the 5A title seven years in a row and has been crowned the overall winner six times.

Other defending champions are Indian Creek in Class 3A; Magnolia in Class 2A and Shadyside in Class 1A/2A.

The festivities begin Thursday with the Opening Ceremony at 6 p.m. fol-

lowed at 6:30 by prelims and first-round bouts.

Friday will feature a split session, with second round bouts and first/second round consolations beginning at 12 noon while the quarterfinals and third/fourth round consolations will begin at 6 p.m.

On Saturday, it's another split session with the semifinals and fifth round consolations starting at 12 noon, setting the stage for the finals which begin at 6 p.m.

with an introduction ceremony and the championship bouts as well as those for third, fifth and seventh place beginning at 6:30.

Parkersburg South and Beaver Local were both awarded three No. 1 seeds while Steubenville has two.

The No. 1 seeds include: freshman Cole McComas of Beaver Local at 103 (24-1); senior Tim Young of Steubenville at 113 (18-0); senior Greg Quinn of

Shadyside at 120 (24-0); junior Luke Martin of Parkersburg South at 126 (11-4); senior Quinton Bookman of Beaver Local at 132 (20-4); senior Robert Bozek of Oak Glen at 138 (23-4); junior Jashon Hubbard of Steubenville at 145 (19-0); sophomore Beau Smith of Beaver Local at 152 (24-4); junior John Nash of Wheeling Park at 160 (22-3); senior T.J.

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Meadowbrook 'Big Three' shine at OVAC

By JEFF HARRISON
The Daily Jeffersonian

WHEELING, WV — Meadowbrook High had three wrestlers place in the top four to highlight local participants in the 64th OVAC Ron Mauck



Wrestling Championships which wrapped up three days of action-packed competition on Saturday night at WesBanco Arena.

Coach Tyler Brown's Colts saw junior Abe Frizzell take the runner-up spot at 106; sophomore Terry Gatrell place third at 113; and junior Jud Ramage finished third at 195.

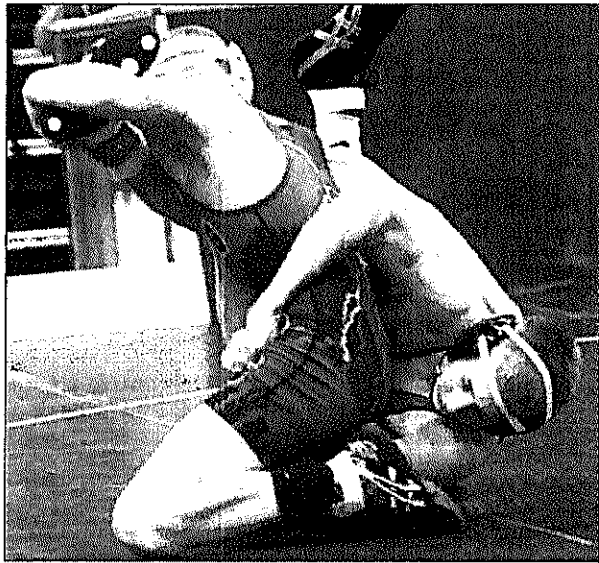
"We're very pleased with how our 'Big Three' did this weekend," said Brown, whose team finished third in Class 4A. "They wrestled week all weekend, even in the matches they lost, and we're feel pretty good about having one-third of our guys who competed earn high place finishes."

Barnesville senior Caide Bunfill scored a fourth place finish at 220 pounds.

Team-wise, there was little suspense heading into Saturday night's finals as Parkersburg South had already clinched the overall and 5A championships; Steubenville ran away with the 4A crown and Shadyside had the 1A/2A title in hand.

Only the 3A division was up for grabs, with Martins Ferry prevailing in a down-to-the-wire battle over Linsly.

South continued its dom-



Michelle Witt photos/The Daily Jeffersonian
Shenandoah High's Wesley Guy and Meadowbrook's Abe Frizzell tangle in a 113-pound bout during during the OVAC Ron Mauck Wrestling championships at WesBanco Arena in Wheeling.

inance of the overall title with its seventh in eight years (the Patriots have won the 5A division eight years in a row). Steubenville - which interrupted South's string of overall titles back in 2013 - returned to the head of its class after a two-year absence while Shadyside was crowned the small school kingpin for the third year in a row.

In the 113-pound final, Meadowbrook's Frizzell led 4-2 early in the second period but eventually lost a 10-4 decision to unbeaten No. 1 seed Tim Young of Steubenville (23-0), who became a two-time OVAC champion.

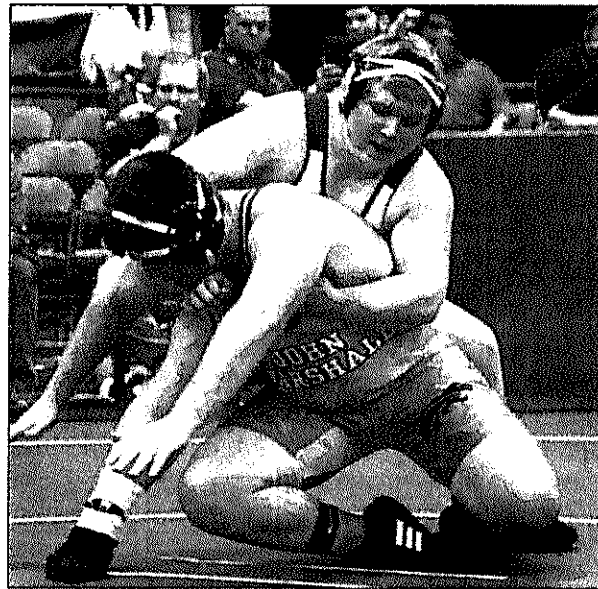
To reach the finals, the second-seeded Frizzell pinned Jessica Weires of

Bridgeport in 34 seconds; pinned Wesley Guy of Shenandoah in 3:11; scored a 17-6 major decision over Shawn Moore of Oak Glen and decided Owen Ott of Harrison Central, 9-6.

Frizzell emerged with a 19-4 record.

Gatrell improved on last year's fifth place showing with his third-place effort this year, defeating Steubenville's Peyton Blasko (the No. 4 seed) by a 6-1 score in his final bout of the tournament.

Gatrell's tournament trail began with pins over Kali Corrao of Toronto (0:58) and James Sheets of Clay-Battelle (1:38) and a 10-7 decision over Matthew Simpson of University before he dropped a tough 2-1 decision to Tucker Wind-



Michelle Witt photos/The Daily Jeffersonian
Cambridge High's Tommy Moore takes on John Marshall's Brady Williams in a 220-pound match during the OVAC Ron Mauck Wrestling championships at WesBanco Arena in Wheeling.

land of Parkersburg South in the semifinals.

Gatrell is now 18-3 on the season.

Ramage, who placed third as a freshman and second as a sophomore, completed his third-place effort with a pin of East Liverpool's Austin Mayfield in 1:39.

The third-seeded Ramage pinned Zachary Kuneff of Bridgeport (1:06) and Andrew Solansky of Beaver Local (1:09); beat Brandon Keys of Tyler Consolidated by decision, 9-6; then lost 4-2 to Justin Alleman of Parkersburg South in the semis, 4-2.

Ramage is now 20-2 overall.

Barnesville's Bunfill lost a 7-3 decision to Magnolia's Caleb Nice in the 220-

pound third-fourth place bout to finish the tourney with a 4-2 record.

The No. 3 seed, Bunfill scored three pins at the outset over Skylor Wooley of East Liverpool (1:07), Trevor Hayes of Caldwell (43 seconds) and Drone Moore of Steubenville (1:21); lost to Martins Ferry's Hunter Bodkin, 3-2; and edged Cambridge's Tommy Moore, 6-4.

Bunfill is now sports a 25-3 season mark.

Cambridge senior Tommy Moore placed sixth at 220, going 4-3 in the tournament and pushing his season mark to 21-9.

Cambridge junior Alex Good wound up seventh at 126, posting a 3-2 record to improve to 17-9 on the season.

Barnesville's Braden Reynolds finished eighth at 113, going 3-3 during the OVAC event to emerge with a 22-13 record.

Caldwell's Marshal Niswonger placed eight at 106, finishing with a 3-3 record for the weekend to leave his season mark at 23-9.

Caldwell's Levi Pember-ton had to settle for eighth place at 120 pounds when he forfeited his final two matches after suffering a concussion during Friday night's bout. He was 2-1 in the tournament before being forced to sit out.

Individual champions were Cole McComas of Beaver Local (106); Young of Steubenville (113); Peyton Hall of Oak Glen (120); Luke Martin of Parkersburg South (126); Alec Good of Madonna (132); Robert Bozek of Oak Glen (138); Jashon Hubbard of Steubenville (145); Zane Hinzman of Parkersburg South (152); John Nash of Wheeling Park (160); T.J. Lambiotte of Parkersburg South (170); Hunter DeLong of Parkersburg South (182); Dalton Hoover of Martins Ferry (195); Alex Edgell of Brooke (220) and Gage Giovengo of Linsly (285).

South's DeLong became only the ninth four-time champion in the long history of the OVAC Tournament. Hubbard (24-0) became a three-time OVAC champion when he beat another returning champ - Miles Mazik of Indian Creek - while two-time titlists included

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Steubenville's Young, Parkersburg South's Martin, Wheeling Park's Nash and Ferris's Hoover.

TAKEDOWNS

- Coach of the Year awards were handed out prior to the start of the tournament. The recipients were Ray Pernell of Madonna (1A); Sean Grinch of Shadyside (2A); Jayson Stephen of Barnesville (3A); Brandon Pendleton of Indian Creek (4A) and Mike Blackburn

of Steubenville (5A). Indian Creek assistant coach Doug Knight was presented with the Assistant Coach of the Year award.

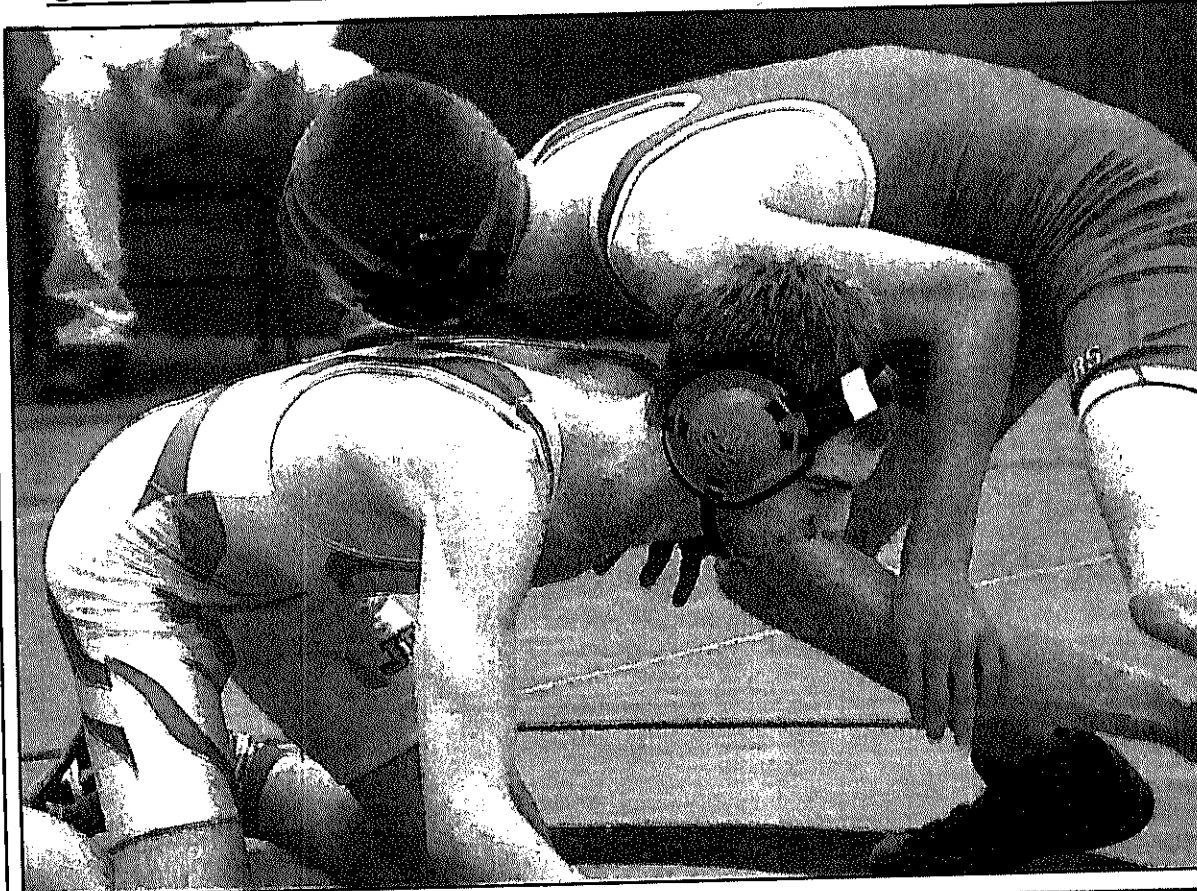
- Meadowbrook's Ric Roe and Cambridge's Kelly Stevens were recognized among the 25-year champions. Back in 1992, Roe made it back-to-back titles as the 119-pound champ while Stevens won at 171 pounds.

- Former Bridgeport High wrestler and who later coached at St. John Central and Wheeling Central Andrew "Chic" LaMotte, received the prestigious Mr. Mat Award.

Former Wheeling Park Creek wrestler and Bellaire coach Shane Shaffer received the Syd Stoltz Award and Martins Ferry's Babe Sidon, a former OVAC and Ohio state champion wrestler, got the Larry Deaton Official of the Year Award. OVAC Executive Secretary Tom Rataiczak was the recipient of the Director's Award.

- A total of six females competed in this year's event, and Union Local's Logan Amos - a 108-pound freshman - became the first blind wrestler to take part in the tournament.

64th annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament



LEFT: Union Local's Logan Amos, in white, became the first blind wrestler to compete in the tournament. He met top-seeded Cole McComas of Beaver Local at 106.

BOTTOM: Buckeye Local's Jordyn Spencer was one of six females that took part in the tournament Thursday night. She wrestled Parkersburg South's Tucker Windland. Looking on is referee Shane Kildow.

Photos/SCOTT McCLOSKEY

Quick pins highlight day one

• South grabs team lead; Shadyside top area team

By KIM NORTH
Times Leader Sports Writer

WHEELING — The movie Fast and Furious had nothing on the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament Thursday night as the 64th annual event took just 1-hour and 34-minutes to complete 199 first-round matches inside WesBanco Arena.

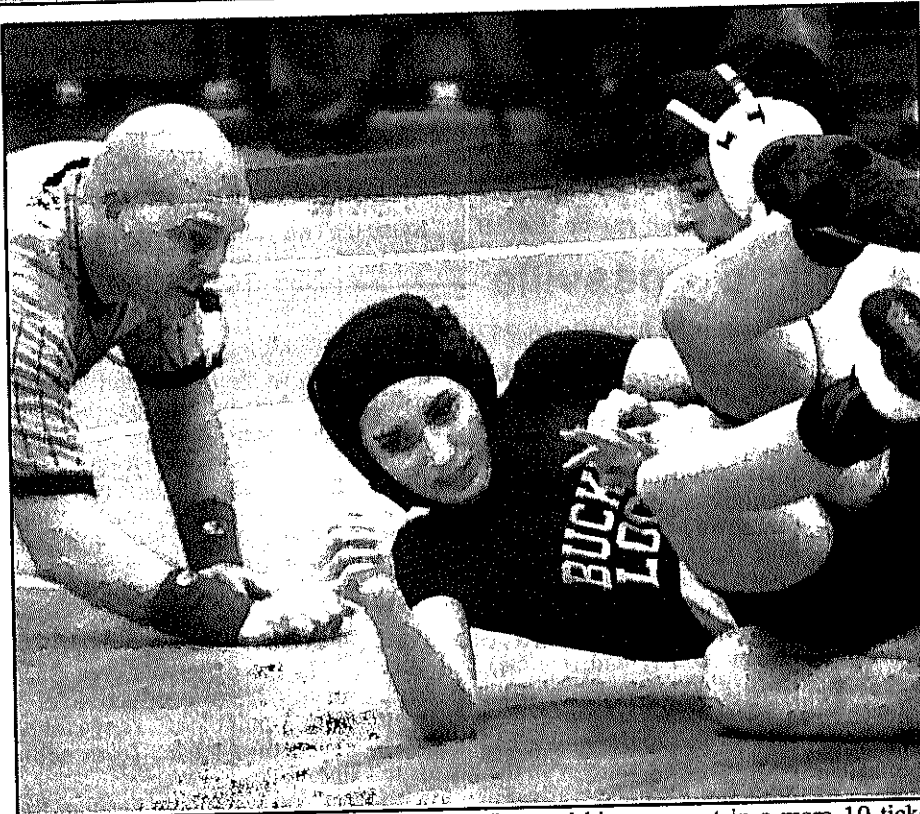
Of those bouts, 124 ended in pins and 45 of those occurred in less than a minute. There were also 17 decisions, seven technical falls and six major decisions.

Parkersburg South, which has won six overall team titles in seven appearances, leads the team race with 51.5 points. The Wood County Patriots advanced all 14 individuals, including senior Hunter DeLong (182) who is seeking his fourth championship.

Also moving on for Parkersburg South was defending champion Luke Martin (126).

Stuebenville is second with 46.5 while Beaver Local is third at 37.5. Shadyside, which moved all but one of its nine competitors to the second round, is fourth with 31.5. Oak Glen (29) and Wheeling Park (28) round out the Top 6.

"It was definitely a good start. We got some bonus points along the way," Shadyside head coach Sean Grinch said. "I think we had seven pins and a technical fall, so it



was definitely a good start to the tournament.

"Our seeded guys came through with falls and Will got a pin, so it was a good night all around," Grinch added. "We just need to continue taking one match at a time. Tomorrow's a big day."

Winning by falls were defending champion Greg Quinn (120), Jason Muldrew (126), Josh Kahl (132), Collin Hunter (138), Cody Hawthorne (145), Will Brown (152) and Josh Robinson (285). Billy Johnson (170) scored a technical fall. Quinn (0:20), Muldrew (0:55), Kahl (0:24) and Hunter (0:14) all recorded lightning-quick pins.

Falling into the consolation bracket was Taylor Prickett as he was pinned by DeLong.

"He had a tough draw right out of the bat," Grinch noted. "However, we look for him to bounce back."

Wheeling Park advanced nine wrestlers to the second round, led by defending champion John Nash (160). The senior

flattened his opponent in a mere 10 ticks. Kaleb Simpkins took just four ticks longer to win his match.

"That's kind of what we expected," Wheeling Park head coach Clay Tucker, one of eight 4-time champions, said. "The guys that we put in places to win matches are winning matches, so we just have to take it one match at a time and go from there."

"John and Kaleb both had pins in less than 20 seconds and I think the whole team sees that and feeds off of it," Tucker said. "It kind of pumps up the whole team and sets the tone. Those two are our leaders and we expect that from them."

Also moving on for the Patriots are Isaak Murphy (106), Canon Welker (113), Mason Richardson (120), Jeremiah Timberlake (138), Mason Miklas (182), Austin Loew (195) and Dylan Wood (220). Richardson, Timberlake, Miklas, Loew and Wood all recorded pins. Murphy and Welker advanced via byes.

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Martins Ferry's Dalton Hoover, a defending champion, had the quickest pin when he flattened his opponent in just eight seconds.

The seeding committee, which upped the number of seeds in each weight class to 12 instead of the customary eight, knew what it was doing as only a pair of upsets occurred, and they were minor ones.

At 145, Cambridge's Anthony Porter edged No. 11 Christopher Helms of Brooke, 3-2; and Buckeye Local heavyweight Lucas Dickerson decided No. 9 Greg Hawkins of Weir, 5-1.

All nine defending champions advanced easily.

The three-day extravaganza continues today with action beginning at noon with second round championship matches. Action continues throughout the day and concludes with championship quarterfinals tonight, beginning at 6.

In between sessions, Wheeling Jesuit University will host No. 10 Mercyhurst in an NCAA Division II match. It is slated to start at 3:45 p.m.

TOURNAMENT NOTES

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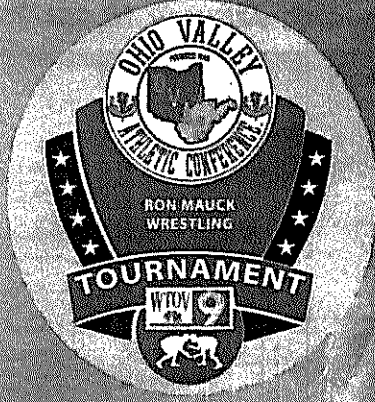
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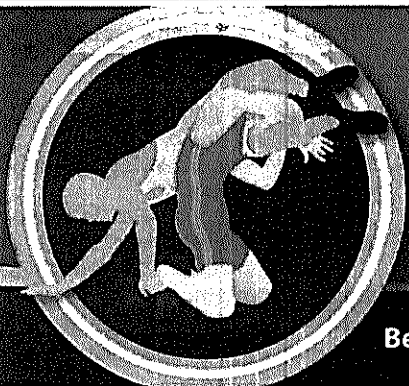
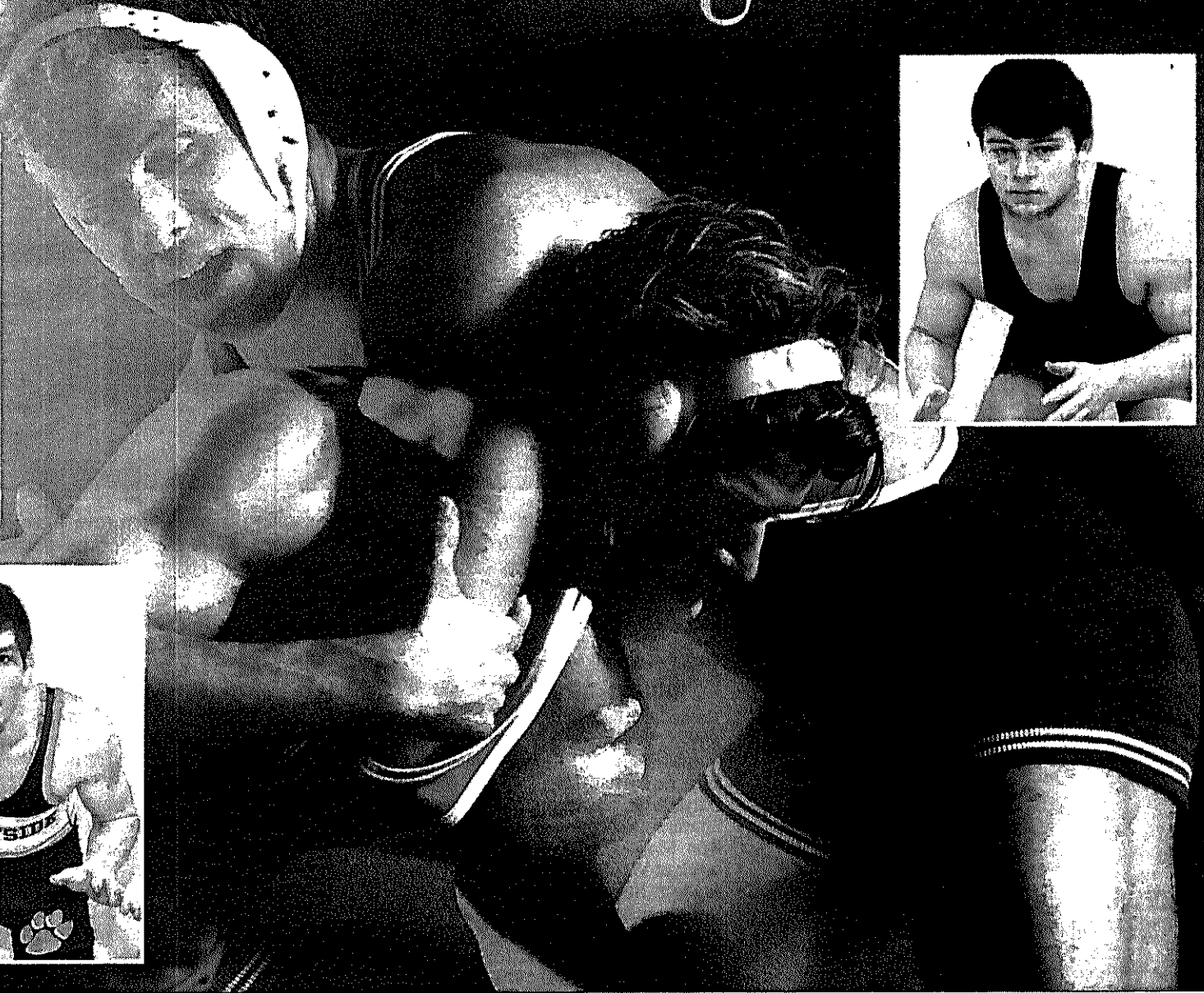
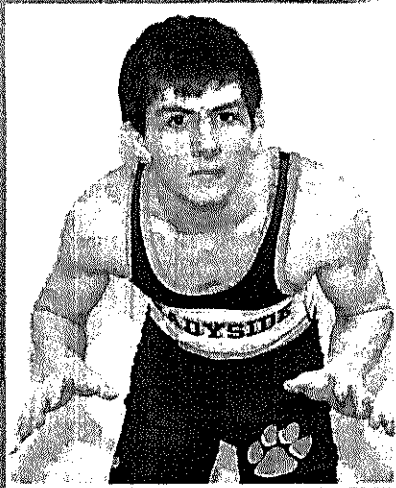
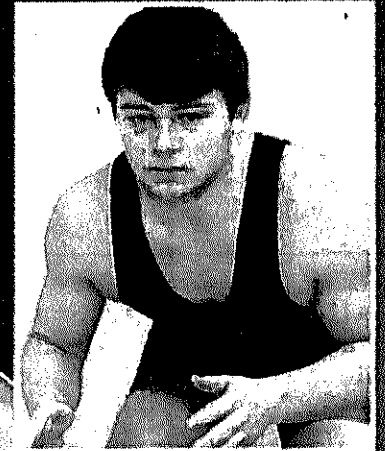
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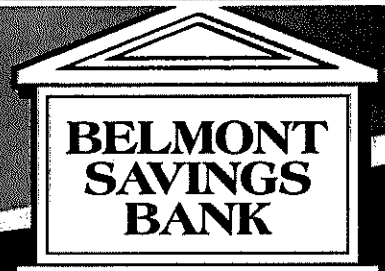
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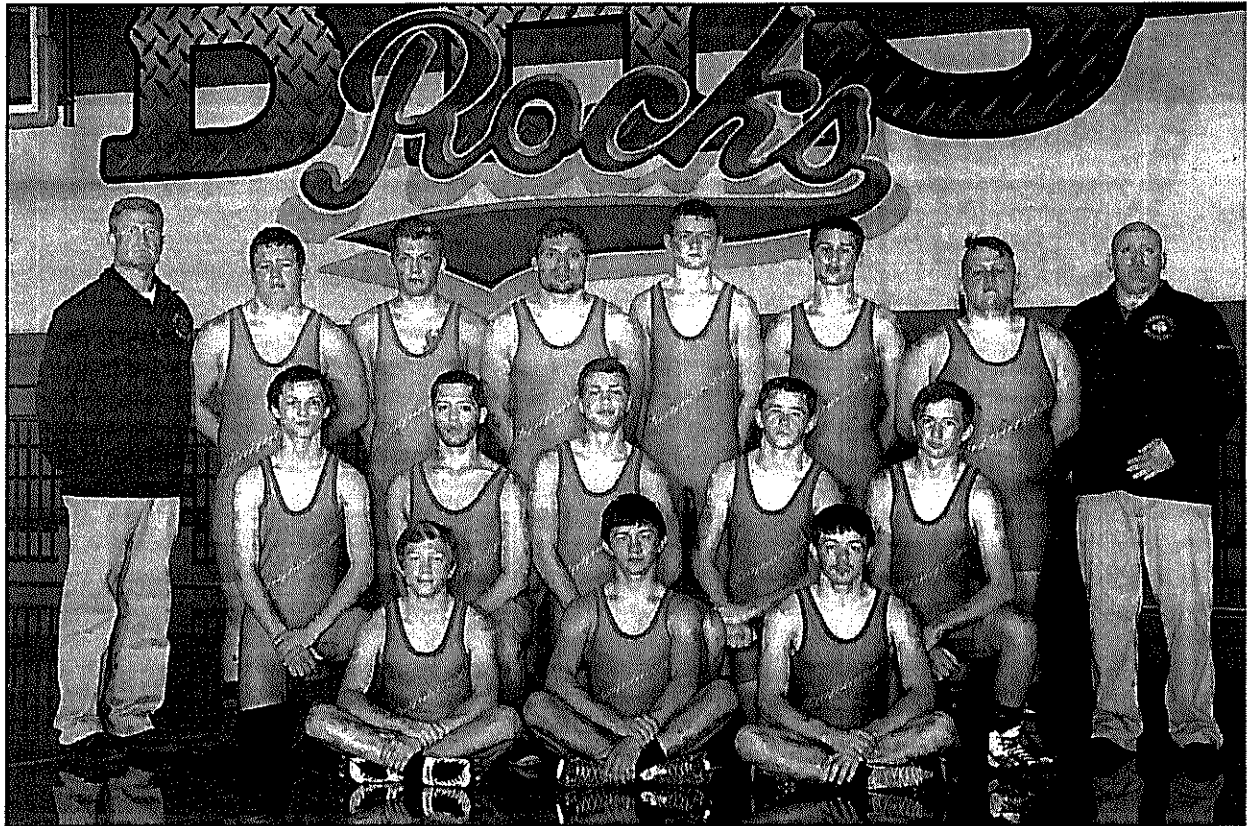


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PICTURED IS the 2016-17 Barnesville wrestling team. Front row, from left, are Brayden Reynolds, Dylan Glotfelty and Bryce Farrabee. Second row, from left, are no longer on team, Jared Dugan, Braydn Strou no longer on team and Owen Oliver. Back row, from left, are Zack Meade, Chase Hickman, Caide Bunfill, no longer on team, Brylan Clouse and Jeb Plumly. Not Pictured are Dallas Raines and Kevin Perdue.

Barnesville's Stephens is optimistic

By RICK THORP
Times Leader Sports Writer

BARNESVILLE — It's been an up and down season so far for the Barnesville wrestling team. But as the Shamrocks head into the 64th annual Ron Mauck OVAC Tournament this week at WesBanco Arena, head coach Jayson Stephen is optimistic that things might be starting to come together for his squad.

"It's always a good tournament to wrestle in," he said. "It's just getting our kids to wrestle up to their potential."

"This tournament is a good way to get your kids prepared for their post-season goals. If I can have all my kids healthy then we should do well as a team."

Doing that hasn't been easy this season for Barnesville.

"The team is 4-3, but could've been 7-0," Stephen said. "It should be better. But I can't keep all my kids in the lineup because of sickness or injuries."

While frustrated at times because of the fluidity of his lineup, Stephen has been happy with how everyone has banded together to stay positive in the midst of trying circumstances.

"They are willing to help each other and do what's best for their teammates and the team," he said.

Leading the charge for the Shamrocks is senior Caide Bunfill.

At 21-1, Bunfill is ranked third at 220 pounds by the local wrestling website www.ovac.org.

Bunfill is coming off back-to-back fourth-place OVAC showings — both at 195 pounds.

"He's doing really well for fighting old football injuries," Stephen said.

"He cuts down to 195 for the team in dual meetings. If he can get to 100 percent he will have an outstanding season and be very hard to be beat."

Junior Brayden Reynolds represents the Shamrocks at 113 pounds.

"Things are going well for him," Stephen said of Reynolds, who sports a 17-8 mark. "A few injuries have gotten in the way of some matches. He

will have a good season."

At 132 pounds, Stephen is excited about the prospects for freshman Bryce Farrabee (13-7).

"Sickness and injuries have gotten in the way for him, as well," Stephen said.

Barnesville's 138-pound slot filled by sophomore Dylan Glotfelty (15-11).

"He's getting better the more sticks to his moves and believes what he can do," Stephen said. "He should only get better and end with a good season."

Stephen has the same feelings about Bradyn Strous, a sophomore who is 21-8.

"Things are going pretty good for him," he said. "He works hard and listens very well. He will only get better as the year goes on."

Zack Meade is Barnesville's heavyweight. The sophomore is 17-12.

"He goes from 220 to 285 pounds," Stephen explained. "Giving weight at 285 is a struggle for me."

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64th OVAC Ron Mauck Wrestling Tournament to begin Thursday night at WesBanco Arena

WHEELING — The 64th annual OVAC Ron Mauck Wrestling Tournament will be launched at 6 p.m. on Thursday and approximately 850 bouts will be run off before the last buzzer on Saturday night is sounded. The action will be heated on the eight mats.

The tournament will bring to the WesBanco Arena some 500 matmen from 42 high schools. Only 14 of these will be crowned as champions at Saturday evening's final session.

Thursday night's opening ceremony is at 6, followed by wrestling at 6:30. Friday's morning session begins at noon and highlights second-round matches.

Quarterfinals and consolation matches are on tap for Friday night, starting at 6. On Saturday, semifinals and consolation matches get under way at noon, with the final ceremonies begin at 6.

All pre-tournament festivities will begin at 6 on Saturday.

The championship matches along with bouts to determine third-, fifth-, and seventh-places will begin at 6:30 on Saturday. Four mats will be in use Saturday, but eight mats will be utilized at the various earlier sessions to keep the tournament moving at a rapid pace. An added feature to the standout competition has been a program initiated by the Ohio Valley

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| <p>TIME SCHEDULE THURSDAY 6 p.m. OPENING CEREMONY 6:30</p> <p>■ 8 Mats for preliminary matches and first round championship matches. <i>Approximate time 4 hours</i> 304 matches</p> <p>FRIDAY Noon</p> <p>■ 8 Mats for second round championship matches and first and second round consolation matches <i>Approximate time 4 1/2 hours</i></p> <p>6 p.m.</p> <p>■ 8 Mats for championship round Quarterfinals and third and fourth round consolation matches <i>Approximate time 4 hours</i> 168 matches</p> <p>SATURDAY Noon</p> <p>■ 4 Mats for championship round Semifinals and Semi-final consolation matches <i>Approximate time 3 1/2 hours</i> 84 matches</p> <p>6 p.m. INTRODUCTION CEREMONY 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>■ 4 Mats for Championship finals, 3rd place matches, 5th place matches and 7th place matches. <i>Approximate time 4 hours</i></p> <p>ADMISSION</p> <p>■ Single session ■ Adult \$8; Student \$4 ■ Advance Ticket Book includes 5 tickets: Adult \$25; Student \$15 ■ Final single session: Adult \$8; Student \$5</p> | <p>Wrestling Coaches Association to honor past conference champions observing their 25th anniversary.</p> <p>This year we will honor the 1992 tournament champions. The 1992 champions and the coach of the 1992 team champions will be recognized before Saturday's finals and will be seated in a special area on the main floor.</p> <p>Special presentations: the Director's Award and the Mr. Mat Award, annually given to an individual who has made valuable contributions to the sport in the Ohio Valley will be presented Saturday before the championship finals; varsity, varsity assistant, and Junior High Coach of the Year, and the "Larry Deaton" Official of the Year awards will be presented Thursday evening. The "Syd Stoltz" Tournament Worker and the Program Cover Recognition awards will be presented Friday evening. The Project Best "Pear Sadler" Team Sportsmanship award will be presented Saturday at noon.</p> <p>Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students.</p> <p>Advanced ticket books, which include tickets to all five sessions are \$25 for adults and \$15 for students.</p> <p>Single tickets for the championship finals are: adults \$8, students \$5.</p> <p>Saturday evening's championship finals will be televised live by WTOV-9.</p> |
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but he is learning to wrestle with it. He will have a good season."

Round out the Shamrocks' line are the following wrestlers with limited experience — junior's Dallas Raines (160) and Chase Hickman (170), and senior Jared Dugan (182).

The Shamrocks have no entrant at 195 pounds.

"We're just making strides and continuing to work on wrestling moves they are not comfortable doing or not used to trying," Stephen said.

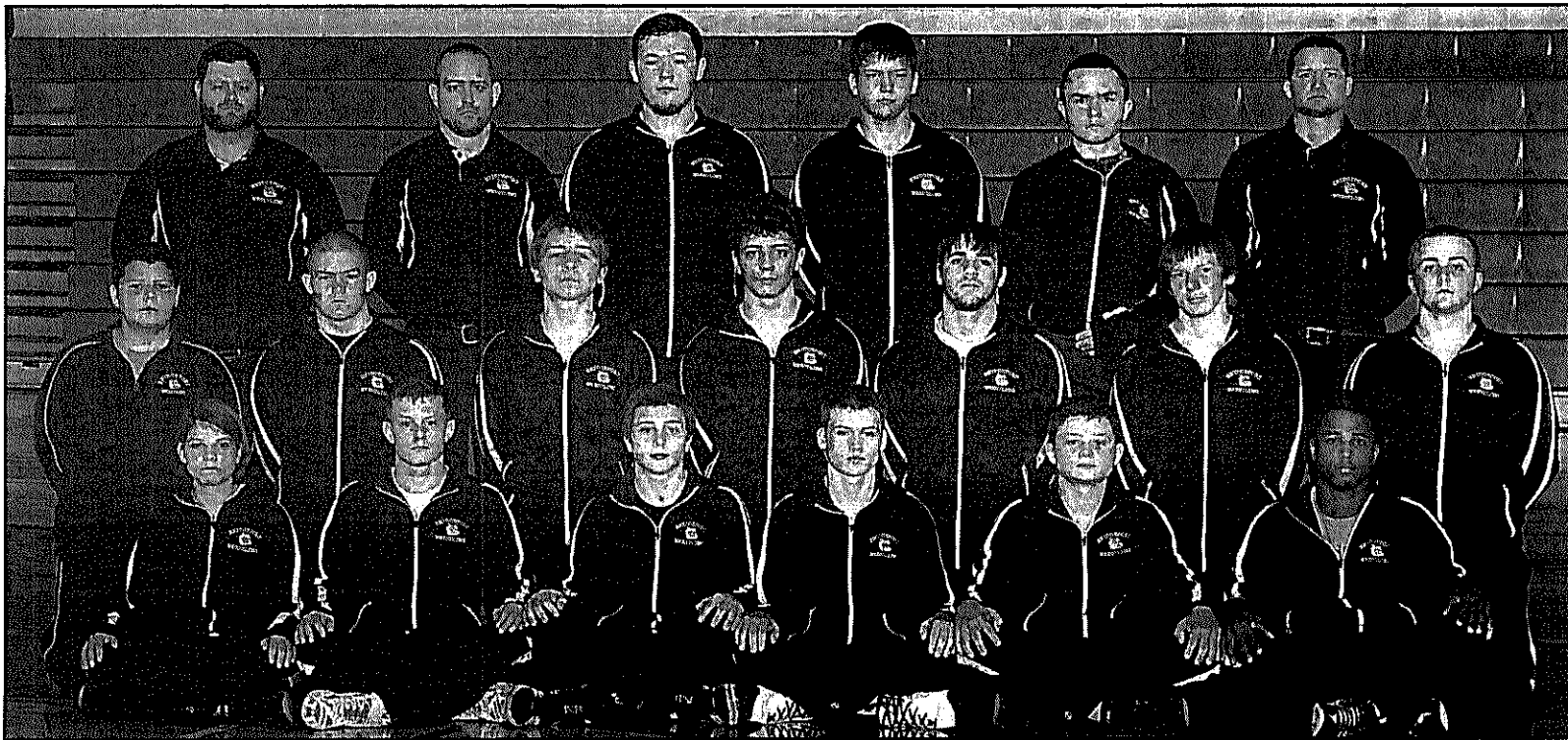
"The more they open up, the better they are becoming."



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BARNESVILLE'S CAIDE Bunfill, left, vies with Martins Ferry's Hunter Bodkin.

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PICTURED IS the 2016-17 Bridgeport wrestling team. Front row, from left, are Jessica Weires Elliott Dean, Mason Kuneff, Tyler Antonacci, David Worwa and Damion Green. Second row, from left, are Zachary Kuneff, Conno Markus, Tristan West, Santino Kusic, Jarret Deaton, Walker Dubil and Hunter Duffey. Standing, from left, are Assistant Coach Dom Vinci, Head Coach David Nelson, Levi Bryant, Devin Danhart, Adam Loughman and Assistant Coach Bryan Skoff.

Photo/PAUL KRAJNYAK

Bridgeport seeks to compete in Class 2A field

By KIM NORTH
Times Leader Sports Writer

BRIDGEPORT — Things are looking up for the Bridgeport wrestling

team. Fifth-year head coach David Nelson has done a tremendous job of getting the numbers back up to par for the youthful Bulldogs as

they will fill 12 of the 14 weight classes when the 64th annual Ron Mauck OVAC Tournament begins Thursday inside downtown Wheeling's WesBanco Arena. The event will run through Saturday night's championship finals.

"I am looking for us to improve on our two placers from last year. We have a good shot of placing three to four wrestlers, with an outside shot of placing as many as six," Nelson said. "The team needs to come out and wrestle hard every match. Our goal is to contend for a top three placement in 1A/2A."

"We are still young and for many of these wrestlers it will be their first experience at the OVAC tournament," he continued. "I look for the younger wrestlers to gain the experience of wrestling at a big tournament, and hopefully, gain a couple wins with a good performance."

Bridgeport returns seven lettermen, including sophomore Mason Kuneff (132) who placed sixth at 126 last

year. He is currently 13-3 and 52-15 for his career. He was also a Division III district qualifier last winter and captured the East Liverpool Tournament championship earlier this year.

"I look for Mason to improve on his sixth-place finish as a freshman," Nelson allowed. "Mason wrestles every match hard and puts himself in a position to win against anybody. I look for him to contend for a top 4 placement."

The other returnees are led by sophomores Tyler Antonacci (120), Tino Kusic (145), Damion Green (152) and Jarret Deaton (160); and juniors Elliott Dean (138) and Levi Bryant (285).

Antonacci is 12-10 this season thus far and 38-25 for his career.

"Tyler was one match away last year from placement and I look for him to make the podium this year," Nelson added. "He placed third at St. Clairsville's America's Best Value Inn Tournament.

Kusic has been virtually unbeatable this season with a superb 20-2 mark. He is 56-14 for his career and was a state tournament qualifier last winter. He has won the America's Best Value Inn Tournament in St. Clairsville while finishing second in East Liverpool.

"Tino had a rough tournament last year and did not place. I look for him to be in a much better spot this year, and contend for a top 4 placement on the podium," Nelson said. "Tino showed a lot of improvement towards the end of last year in making the state tournament and has continued that success through the beginning of this year."

Kusic has competed mostly at 160 and 152 this season, but has dropped down to 145. He is ranked 11th at 152 by www.ovacc.org.

Green is 6-8 so far.

"Damion has been up and down this year, winning some big matches, but also losing some," Nelson pointed out. "If he has a good

weekend, he should be able to pick up some big wins. Deaton has opened so many eyes with his performance so far this season, resulting in an 8-6 mark.

"I look for Jarret to surprise many people this year at the OVAC tournament. He has wrestled great at the past couple of tournaments, placing fifth at Clairsville and third at Shadyside," Nelson noted. "He has worked hard to improve himself and it has been a big surprise for this year. Jarret has a chance to place if he ups some people and has a great tournament which he is capable of doing."

Dean is 5-6 in a tough weight class.

"Elliott has had a rough start to the season, but we have seen a lot of improvement in him lately," Nelson continued. "He finished fourth at Shadyside."

Bryant has compiled a 10-7 mark so far this season.

"Levi moved up to heavyweight from 220 lbs. See, BRIDGEPORT, Page

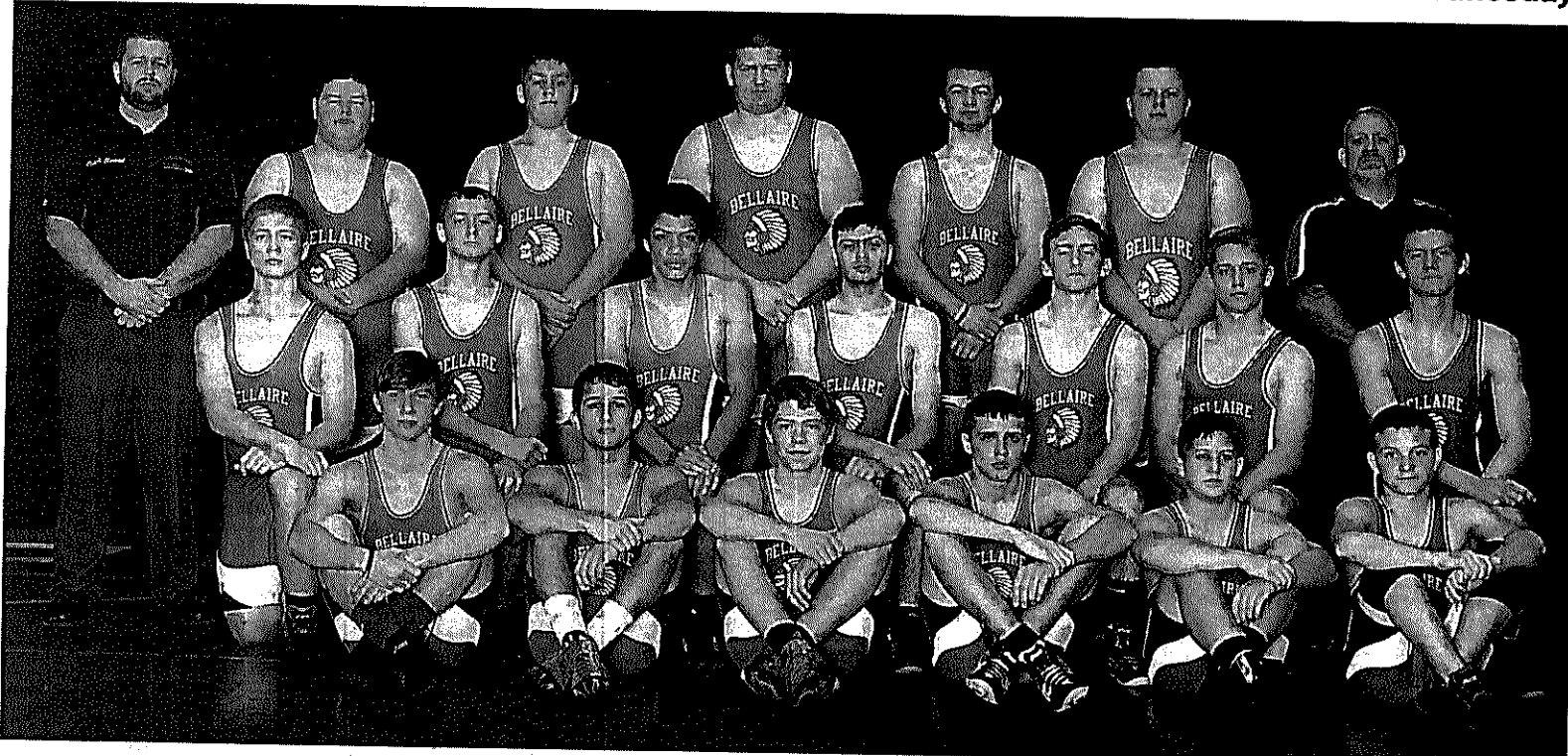
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PICTURED IS the 2016-17 Bellaire wrestling team. Front row, from left, are Hobert Baker, Clay Moore, Isalah Wilhelm, Brett Berberich, Jake Stolz and Joseph Bonfini. Middle row, from left, are Nick Beckett, Mason Beveridge, Chance Darrah, Noah Cusick, Griffen Heatherington, Cody Albaugh and Chase Cargnel. Back row, from left, are assistant coach Payden Stewart, Dalton Garloch, Caden Honeywell, Todd Morris, Trace Seachrest, Hayden Lowery and head coach Andrew Lamotte.

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Bellaire boasts bright future

By **BUBBA KAPRAL**
Executive Sports Editor

BELLAIRE — Andrew “Chick” LaMotte is a well-respected figure in Ohio Valley wrestling circles.

The veteran coach is in his first year as head coach of the Bellaire Big Reds. He is no stranger to the Big Reds mat program as he served as Justin Myers’ assistant last winter.

Lamotte, 45, features a wealth of wrestling experience, much of it based on Guernsey Street. He previously assisted Rick Burlenski with the Big Reds’ grapplers.

LaMotte had a successful stint as head coach at St. John Central. He was also an assistant with the Fighting Irish when his dad was head coach.

LaMotte enjoyed a sparkling mat career for his uncle Dave LaMotte at Bridgeport High. He finished fourth in the state tournament at 140 pounds.

Early returns have LaMotte pointing the Big Reds’ program in the right direction as youth is being served in a successful way.

“Things are going real well. The team is starting to come around,” LaMotte said. “Our numbers are good. We have 18 wrestlers, mostly freshmen and sophomores. We have

only one senior and two juniors. I am really excited about this program.”

LaMotte has taken his youthful group to quality tournaments at Union Local, Barnesville and Ravenswood. The Big Reds have also competed in several duals and most recently competed in the Buckeye 8 Championships.

LaMotte harbors hopes his matmen can challenge for the OVAC 3A dual championship.

Bellaire boasts a stellar 106-pounder in Joseph Bonfini. Just a sophomore, he has compiled a 12-2 mark thus far. He captured titles in the Union Local and Ravenswood invitationals, being named MVP in the latter event.

“Joseph is having a very good season. He is a hard worker,” LaMotte said. “He is a talented wrestler with a bright future.”

He was a district qualifier as a frosh.

The Big Reds have no 113-pounder.

Freshman Jake Stolz is an up-and-comer at 120 pounds. He just recently broke into the starting lineup, compiling a 4-3 mark.

Isiah Wilhelm is an improving 126-pounder. He has won five of 11 decisions.

Junior Clay Moore brings experi-

ence to the Bellaire lineup. The battle-tested 132-pounder is 11-5 on the season with a fifth place finish to his credit at Ravenswood.

Junior Brett Berberich is Moore’s understudy.

LaMotte has another promising grappler at 138 pounds. Sophomore Griffen Heatherington is 8-5 on the campaign. He finished third at the Ravenswood Invitational.

Sophomore Trenton Klempa is the backup at 138. He has split four matches this year.

Freshman Cody Albaugh is showing improvement as the season progresses. He is 6-6, including a fourth-place finish at Ravenswood.

LaMotte has a trio of wrestlers at 152 pounds.

Nick Beckett is the starter. The sophomore has won four bouts this season. His backups are sophomore Noah Cusick and freshman Mason Beveridge.

Chance Darrah possesses much potential at 160 pounds. The sophomore is 5-4 so far and placed third in the Ravenswood event.

Freshman Timothy Bell is Bellaire’s 170-pounder.

The Big Reds incurred a tough blow when Trace Sechrest injured his knee that required surgery. The See, **BELLAIRE**, Page 10

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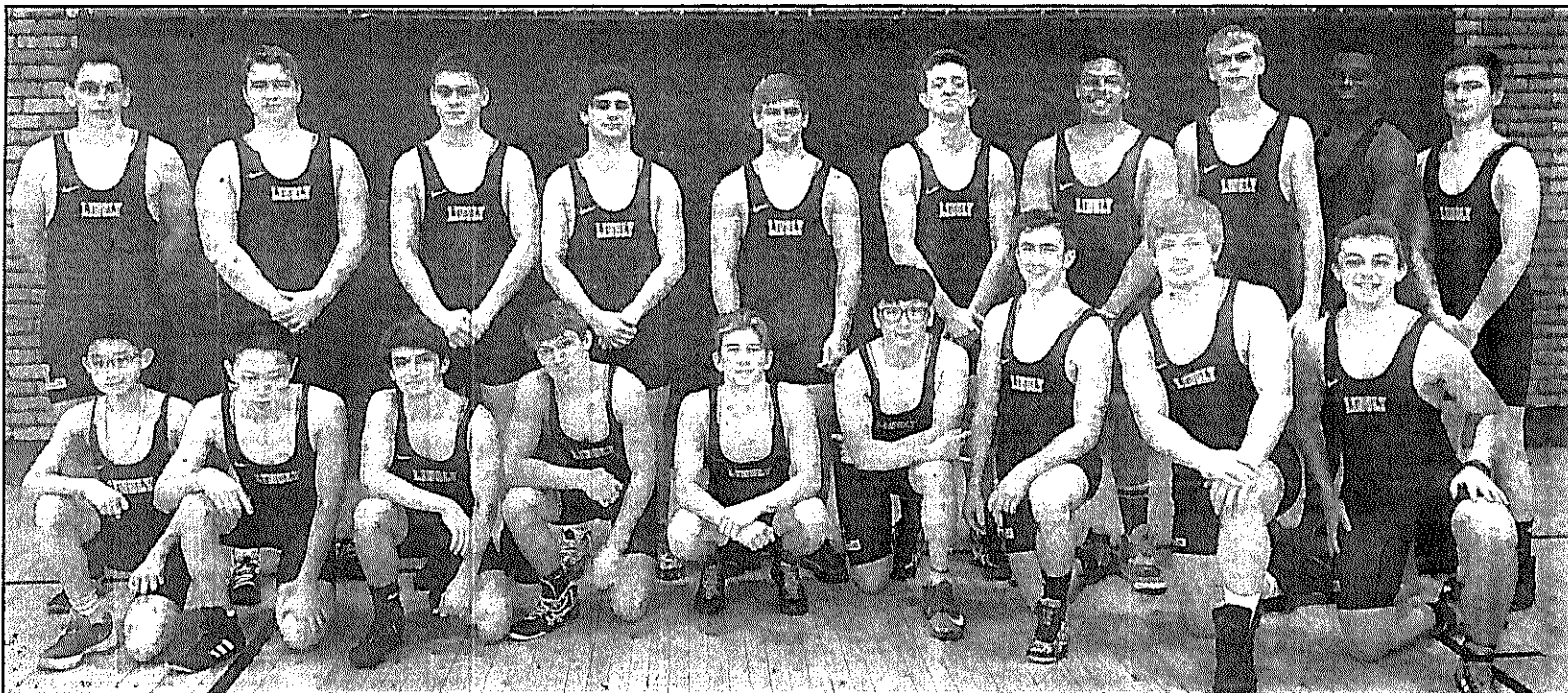
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PICTURED IS the 2016-17 Linsly School wrestling team. Front row, from left, are Harry Bai, Brad Bin, Matt Dudich, Julian Gioven, Tommy Curtin, Sam Park, Ronald Chico, Gage Giovengo and Cyrus Hill. Back row, from left, are Manuel Suita, Max Morrison, Chance Knight, Nichol Falbo, Vic Giovengo, Joe Zaccirey, Killian Joseph, Luke Zwicker, Bakari Adderley and L. Cartwright.

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Linsly hopes to continue trend of success

By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Editor

WHEELING — Brian Valentine had a vision and dream when he helped resurrect the Linsly School wrestling program in 2013.

Thus far, now five years into the program's reincarnation, the Cadets are actually ahead of schedule.

"We've been averaging 20 wrestlers per year, we've won a (OVAC) championship and we've

been consistently in the top three," Valentine said. "Plus, we've had an individual champion. It's great to see the program doing so well, but actually I am just happy that we still have wrestling at Linsly."

With the 64th annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament set to open Thursday at WesBanco Arena in downtown Wheeling, the Cadets are hoping to continue their

trend of success.

"We want our guys to go out and wrestle their matches and be who they are," Valentine said. "We know the 3A field is going to be tough, but I think we have a good chance to do well. We're further ahead at this point than I thought we would be, so hopefully we can build on that."

When Valentine surveys the 3A field, he sees it as fairly wide open with a host

of teams, including Martins Ferry, Barnesville, Magnolia as some of those to watch during the course of the three-day event.

As is the case each year, Valentine knows you can't win the tournament on Thursday, but you can put yourself in a really position.

"Thursday is always a big day because you want to get off to a good start," Valentine admitted. "We have to rely on our veterans and leaders to go out and do what they're supposed to do. We have to take it one day and one match at a time because they're all important."

In preparation for the OVAC, the Cadets have posted a 3-1 dual record and have also taken part in invitationals at Union Local, St. Clairsville and Shadyside.

"We've done well," Valentine said. "We've had a champion at each tournament we've been to and we've had a top-three team finish. Our guys are continuing to improve."

The Cadets will boast an entrant in 10 of the 14

weight classes this weekend. Their only vacancies are at 106, 120, 138 and 195.

"We have 21 guys on roster, but we have a lot of kids who are in the same weight class," Valentine said.

Leading the way for Cadets is senior Gage Giovengo, who is among the favorites at 285 pounds after placing third last season. Despite giving up significant amount of weight most times he steps on the mat, Giovengo boasts a 23-0 record that includes 21 pins.

"Gage likes to use speed against some of the bigger guys he faces," Valentine said. "He probably gives up close to 50 pounds most days. He had a phenomenal year with a lot of quality wins."

Senior Tommy Curtin has been a mainstay in Linsly lineup, placing third times in the conference tournament. He'll enter the 132-pound class with a 19-3 record. He's placed second at St. Clairsville

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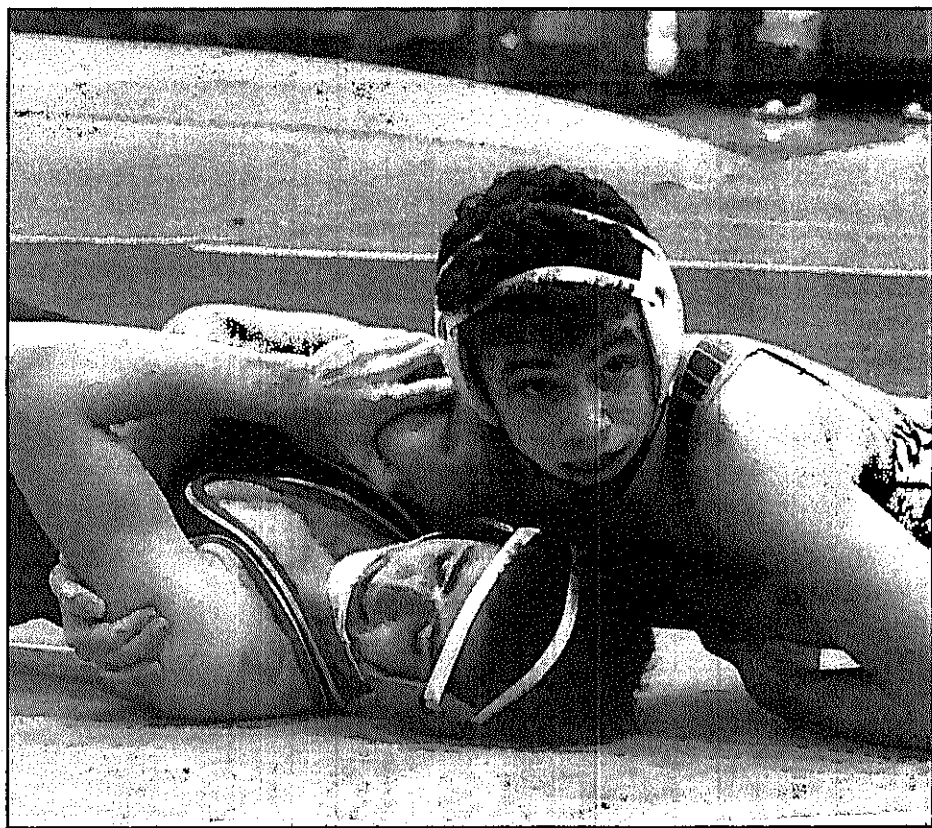


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BRIDGEPORT'S TINO Kusic, right, looks for a pin during a match from the America's Best Value Inn Tournament at St. Clairsville High School earlier this season. He won the match.

• Bridgeport

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year and is still a little undersized at the weight class," Nelson said. "He wrestles hard every match and has shown a lot of improvement this year. He has a chance to pick up some big wins and maybe sneak in to a lower placement."

The remainder of the Bulldogs' lineup

consists of sophomores Hunter Duffey (170) and Adam Loughman (220), along with freshmen Jessica Weires (113), Devin Danhart (182) and Zachary Kuneff (195).

Nelson is assisted by Bryan Skoff, Dom Vinci and Brad Tomolonis.

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| 1981 - Bob Hedmon, Steubenville Athletic Director | 1993 - John Stephenson, Cadiz High | 2006 - Nolan Van Gilder, Brooke |
| 1982 - Paul Crago, Marshall County Schools | 1994 - Joe Bates, Woodfield High | 2007 - Rick Link, Union Local |
| 1983 - Dr. Vincent Monseau, West Liberty State College | 1995 - Bob Bruney, Martins Ferry | 2008 - Jim Potts, Cameron |
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| | 2000 - Ed "Buzzy" Evans - | 2013 - Dave LaMotte, Bridgeport |
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| 1983 - Brian Miller, Barnesville | 1999 - Jose Smith, Cambridge | 2015 - Alex Potts, East Liverpool |
| 1984 - Neath Beadmore, Cambridge | 2000 - Scott Roth, Martins Ferry | 2016 - Travis Wilson, Steubenville |
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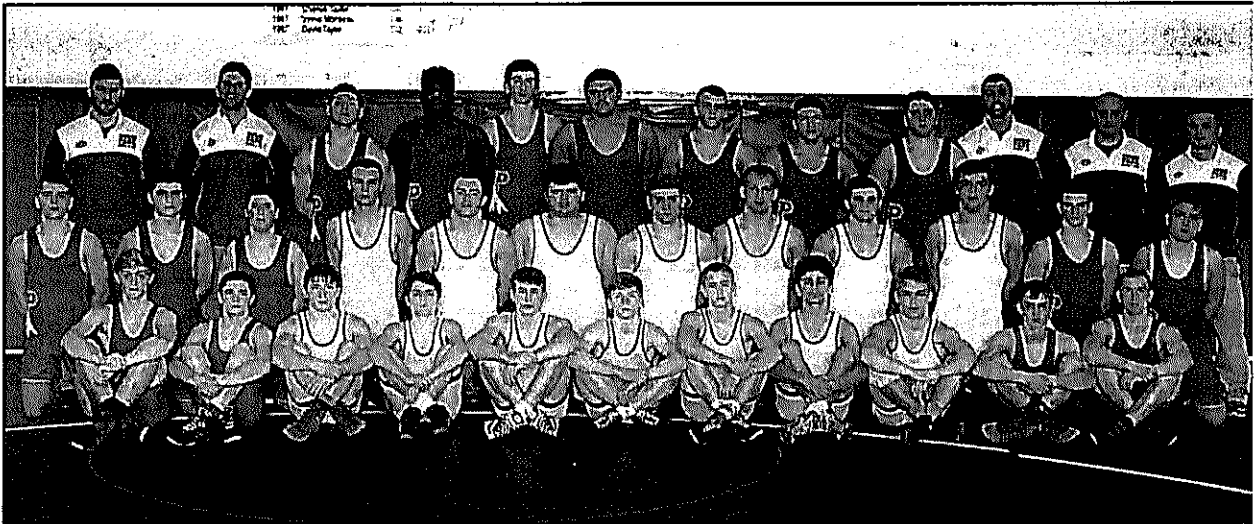
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PICTURED IS the 2016-17 Wheeling Park wrestling team. Front row, from left, are Tyler Hogan, Shar Marzullo, Jeremiah Timberlake, Isaak Murphy, Andrew Shelek, Cannon Welker, Malson Richardson, Tir Kayafas, Charles Mirandy, Tate Shaffer and Anthony Hudson. Second row, from left, are Daniel Skelto, Nathan Henderson, Anthony Klienedler, Bobby Pettingill, John Nash, Nick Cummings, Mason Miklas, Aust Loew, Kaleb Simpkins, Dylan Wood, William Birch and Garrett Parsons. Third row, from left, are Coach Clay Tucker, Coach Jack Doyle, Derek Willburn, Calvin MCGaha, Jacob Boyd, Robert Davidson, Axel Gebhare, Jermain Snodgrass, Chase Bartsch, Coach Justin Goneau, Coach Todd Shelek and Coach Brian Arbes.

Park's Nash looks to repeat

By **KIM NORTH**
Times Leader Sports Writer

WHEELING — Wheeling Park is a very well respected wrestling program, both in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference and the state of West Virginia.

The Patriots will be seeking their seventh overall title and second Class 5A championship when the 64th annual Ron Mauck OVAC Tournament gets under way Thursday for a three-day stay inside downtown Wheeling's WesBanco Arena.

However, second-year head coach Clay Tucker, a Martins Ferry graduate and one of only seven, four-time tournament titlists, is well aware of what it takes to be an individual champion, as well as a member of a winning squad.

"We have a good group of of guys this year, guys that really put the time and effort in physically and mentally, so I want to see all of our guys wrestle above their potential this weekend," Tucker said. "Being an OVAC champion and placer is something that is earned through months of hard work."

"From the bottom to the top of our lineup all of our guys have put the necessary time in and now we just have to wrestle hard and smart for three full days," he continued. "As a coach, we prepare our guys to wrestle

their best at OVACs, regionals and states."

Wheeling Park has seven individuals who are ranked among the top of their respective weight classes by ovaec.org, including returning champion John Nash, who has bumped up from 152 to 160 and ranked No. 1, as well as No. 1 in W.Va. The junior is a sparkling 21-3 thus far this winter and finished seventh as a freshman.

"John is one of the hardest working young men I have been around," Tucker revealed. "He wrestles all year round and really buys into what it takes to be a great wrestler and a great leader for our team."

Classmate Kaleb Simpkins, who placed fifth at 160 a year ago, is ranked No. 2 at 170 and is currently 18-5. He is also ranked third in W.Va.

"He is excited for this tournament," Tucker said. "As the year has gone on he has been getting better each match. He is really improved in positions that he needs to improve, and it's fun, as a coach, to watch him get better each time he wrestles."

Freshman Cannon Welker (113) and sophomore Dylan Wood (220) are both ranked No. 9 by ovaec.org, while freshman Isaak Murphy (106) and junior Austin Loew (195) are both 10th. Junior Mason Miklas (182) is 11th.

Welker, who is also sixth in W.V. is 14-6 thus far.

"Cannon is one of our younger guys that we can count on to win match for us," Tucker said. "He puts in tons of extra time to get better each match and it shows."

Wood, who won a pair of consolation matches last year as a heavy weight, is currently 18-7 and entered a weight class lower this year.

"Moving down a weight has really helped Dylan because he was probably the smallest heavyweight in the OVAC last year and he won a lot of matches for us," Tucker noted. "Now he is wrestling guys his own size and he is finding much more success."

Murphy, currently 12-5, has been a pleasant surprise.

"He just finds ways to win matches," Tucker described. "He is very fit to watch. He is a smart kid and a smart wrestler."

Loew is 10-8 thus far.

"Austin is a very tough wrestler who goes out there each match wrestling 100 percent," Tucker allowed. "He has become a great leader with his work ethic this year. He has goals to climb high on the podium, as well."

Miklas has compiled a 16-6 match record to date.

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"Mason has turned into one of the guys that we can count on to win matches for us this year," Tucker continued. "Just like Kaleb, he gets better with each match. He is a kid who believes he can place pretty high in the tournament, and us coaches believe that as well."

Sophomore Maison Richardson placed eighth as a freshman and is currently 10-8.

"He has a rough start to this season, but he has won 8 of his last nine matches leading into the tournament," Tucker noted. "It should be fun to see him, hopefully, carry on that momentum into this weekend."

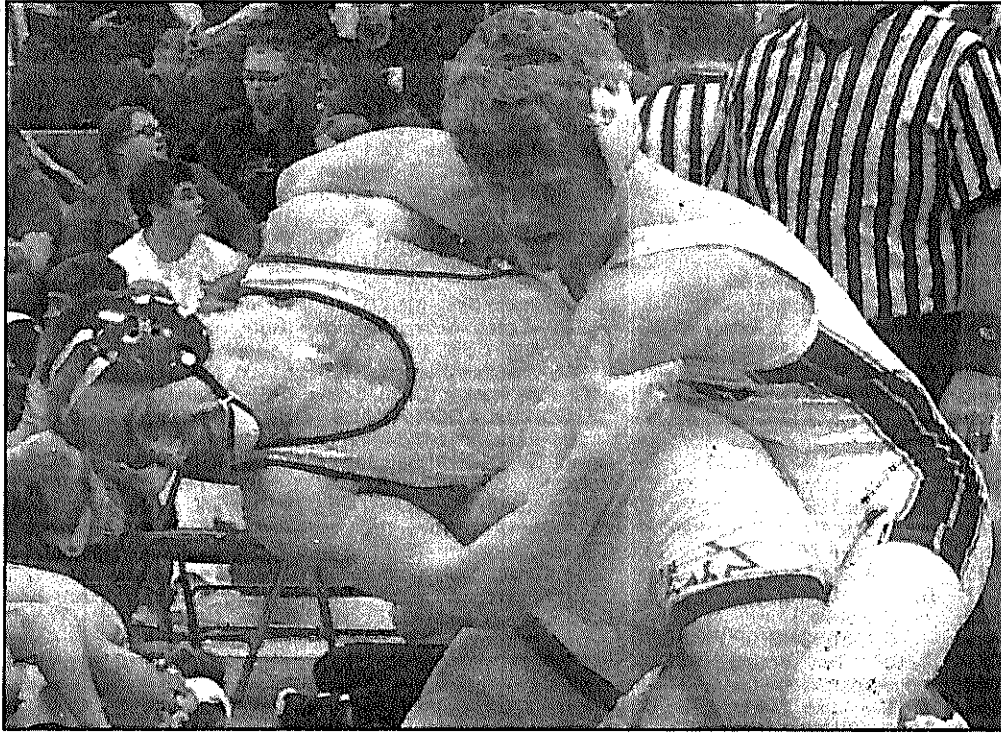
Sophomore Tino Kayafas

is penciled in at 126 after promising freshman Andrew Shelek suffered an injury. Kayafas is 5-8, while Shelek was 12-3 and ranked No. 6 in W.Va.

Senior Charles Mirandy (132); sophomore Jeremiah Timberlake (138); senior Bobby Pettingill (145); sophomore Daniel Skelton (152); and junior Calvin McGaha (285) round out the Patriots' entrants.

The Patriots lost a pair of seniors to graduation. They were James Webb and Isaiah Myers, who placed fourth at 220 before earning a W.Va. state championship.

Tucker is assisted by Jack Doyle, Justin Goneau, Brian Arbes and Todd Shelek.



WHEELING PARK'S John Nash, left, wrestles with an opponent during the Doan Ford Barnesville Tournament earlier this season.

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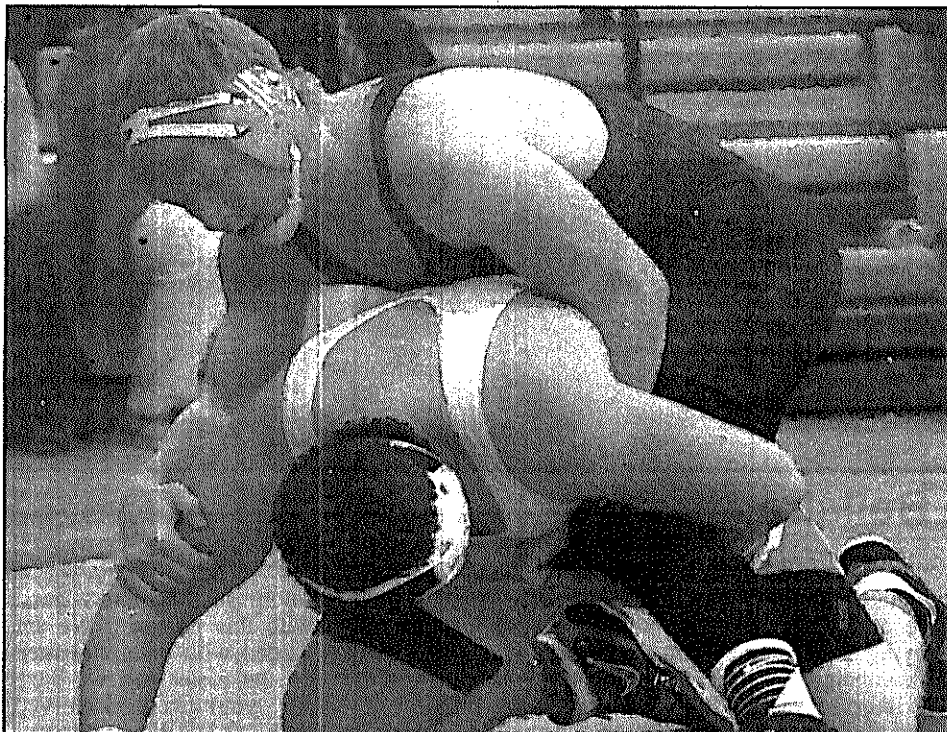
Shadyside, while garnering a third at Union Local. During the Shadyside tournament, Curtin recorded his 100th career victory.

"It would be huge to get Tommy to the (championship) finals," Valentine said. "I know that's his goal. He's worked hard and he's having a heck of a season."

Junior Nick Falbo returned to wrestling for the first time since his eighth grade season and really hasn't missed a beat. He's currently 17-4 and will enter at 152 pounds. He was the champion at the Shadyside tourney, pinning every opponent in less than 60 seconds.

"He has two losses to two of the top-ranked kids in the weight class and two guys from out of the area, so he's really having a good year," Valentine said. "He's looking to make a name for himself."

Junior Vic Giovengo gets the call at 170 pounds. He's currently 13-2 with a runner-up finish at Shadyside on his resume. He's



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LINSLY'S GAGE Giovengo, top, controls Union Local's Kade Clark during a match earlier this season in Morristown.

bounced back from an early season injury and according to Valentine is, "primed for the tournament."

The string of Giovengo

entrants actually begins at 126 pounds where sophomore Jules Giovengo resides. Currently 11-12, he's placed fourth at St. C.

He's bounced around in the lineup and spent time at 138, too.

Sophomore Matt Dudich is entered at 113 pounds.

The junior was third at Shadyside and is 9-11.

Senior Ronald Chico is currently 7-9 at 160 pounds and will look to build on some recent success. Junior Sam Park (4-7) holds down the 145-pound weight class.

The 182-pound spot came down to a wrestle off between freshman Joe Zaccieri (11-9) and junior Manuel Suita (3-4). Zaccieri prevailed and will hold down that bracket, while Suita will man the 195-pound class.

Senior Killian Joseph, who is out for the team for the first time, is the 220-pound entrant.

"We have some good, veteran kids and good younger kids, so we're going to try to give it a run," Valentine said.

The balance of the Cadets roster includes: freshman Harry Beai (106, 1-0); freshman Luke Zwicker (160, 2-2); freshman Chance Knight (170, 3-7); freshman Lee Cartwright (160, 2-3); freshman

5); sophomore Brad Binn (132, 2-4); sophomore Cyrus Hill (170, 2-4); junior Max Morrison (285, 2-6) and junior Tyler Kemp (160, 1-0).

Following the OVAC, the Cadets have a handful of events remaining in their season. They'll host a triangular and should they qualify will take part in the Bill Hinegardner OVAC Duals.

Valentine is also excited about the opportunity to take his team to "prep nationals."

"It's awesome for our kids to be able to compete against some of the best kids in the country," Valentine said.

The event, which is for prep schools, includes a qualifier at Malvern Prep. Should anyone advance, they'll head to Lehigh University for the national tournament.

Valentine is being assisted by Tom Curtin, Doug Kreichbaum, Tom Giovengo, Josh Giovengo, Jeff Giovengo and Mark Dodd, who is the team's strength coach.

2016 OVAC Ron Mauck Tournament Results

63rd Annual Ron Mauck
OVAC Wrestling Tournament
(at WesBanco Arena,
Wheeling)

TEAM SCORING
OVERALL

1. Parkersburg South 251; 2. Steubenville 218; 3. Shadyside 152.5; 4. Madonna 126; 5. University 119; 6. Indian Creek 118.5; 7. (tie) Beaver Local, Caldwell 115; 9. Union Local 106; 10. Meadowbrook 99; 11. John Marshall 94.5; 12. Magnolia 92.5; 13. Wheeling Park 88.5; 14. Oak Glen 85; 15. Harrison Central 84.5; 16. Cambridge 81; 17. East Liverpool 79; 18. St. Clairsville 74; 19. Toronto 73.5; 20. Barnesville 65; 21. Martins Ferry 64; 22. Linsly 59; 23. Bridgeport 58; 24. Morgantown 57; 25. Brooke 52; 26. Weir 48; 27. Edison 46.5; 28. Steubenville Catholic 36.5; 29. Monroe Central 33; 30. Tyler Consolidated 31.5; 31. River 30; 32. Buckeye Local 19.5; 33. Cameron 18; 34. Southern Local 15; 35. Fort Frye 13; 36. Clay-Battelle 10; 37. Shenandoah 8; 38. Beallsville 7; 39. Bellaire 6; 40. Wellsville 3

CLASS 5A

1. Parkersburg South 251; 2. Steubenville 223; 3. University 119; 4. Beaver Local 116; 5. John Marshall 94.5; 6. Wheeling Park 88.5; 7. Cambridge 83; 8. Morgantown 57; 9. Brooke 52; 10. Weir 48

CLASS 4A

1. Indian Creek 118.5; 2. Union Local 106; 3. Meadowbrook 99; 4. Oak Glen 85; 5. Harrison Central 84.5; 6. East Liverpool 79; 7. St. Clairsville 74; 8. Martins Ferry 64; 9. Edison 46.5; 10. Buckeye Local 19.5

CLASS 3A

1. Magnolia 92.5; 2. Barnesville 65; 3. Linsly 63; 4. Steubenville Catholic 36.5; 5. Monroe Central 33; 6. Tyler Consolidated 31.5; 7. Fort Frye 13; 8. Shenandoah 8; 9. Bellaire 6

CLASS 1A/2A

1. Shadyside 152.5; 2. Madonna 126; 3. Caldwell 115; 4. Toronto 73.5; 5. Bridgeport 58; 6. River 30; 7. Cameron 18; 8. Southern Local 15; 9. Clay-Battelle 10; 10. Beallsville 7; 11. Wellsville 3

CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

106—Tim Young (Steub) md. Jordan Wood (JM), 12-3
113—Luke Martin (PS) d. Casey Recroslo (WM), 10-3
120—Greg Quinn (SS) d. Caleb Rea (Weir), 5-2
126—Tariq Wilson (Steub) md. Jackson Henson (U), 18-10

132—Jashon Hubbard (Steub) md. Robert Bozek (OG), 13-4
138—Miles Mazik (IC) d. Jason Keyes (BvL), 5-2
145—Bobby Stewart (UL) d. Dakota Goff (Steub), 4-2

152—John Nash (WP) d. Hobia Howler (Barn), 5-1
160—Dillon Shaw (Mad) d. Bailey Jenkins (Mead), 2-1
170—Shawn Livingston (Steub) d. Matt McFarland (UL), 6-2

182—Hunter DeLong (PS) d. Jud Ramage (Mead), 11-5
195—Dalton Hoover (MF) d. Justin Allman (PS), 3-1 OT
220—Caleb Nice (Mag) d. Clay Poling (Cald), 6-2

285—Michael Furbee (STC) d. Chance Rucker (Cald), 5-3

CONSOLATION FINALS

106—Abe Frizzell (Mead) p. Owen Ott (HC), 1:54; 113—Brandon Bertrand (JM) d. Jason Muldrew (SS), 4-2 OT; 120—Brandon White (HC) d. Quinton Bookman (BvL), 3-1; 126—Logan Ball (Camb) d. Josh Kahl (SS), 8-7; 132—Luke Coniker (SC) d. Donnie

Starkey (Tor), 8-3; 138—Anthony Rice (Steub) d. Kolby Rayner (Cald), 3-2; 145—Brett Kahl (SS) d. Ryan Taylor (PS), 4-1; 152—Alex Shuman (OG) md. Devin Crum (UL), 10-0; 160—Anthony Risley (HC) d. Billy Johnson (SS), 7-2; 170—T.J. Lambiotte (PS) d. Adam Frisco (U), 3-2; 182—Logan Wotring (Morg) d. Carlos Kusic (Bpt), 4-2 OT; 195—Drew Lowery (Tor) d. Calde Bunfill (Barn), 5-2; 220—Garret Wolfe (PS) d. Isalah Myers (WP), 4-3 UT; 285—Gage Giovengo (L) d. Justin Kilburn (MC), 7-2

FIFTH-SIXTH PLACE

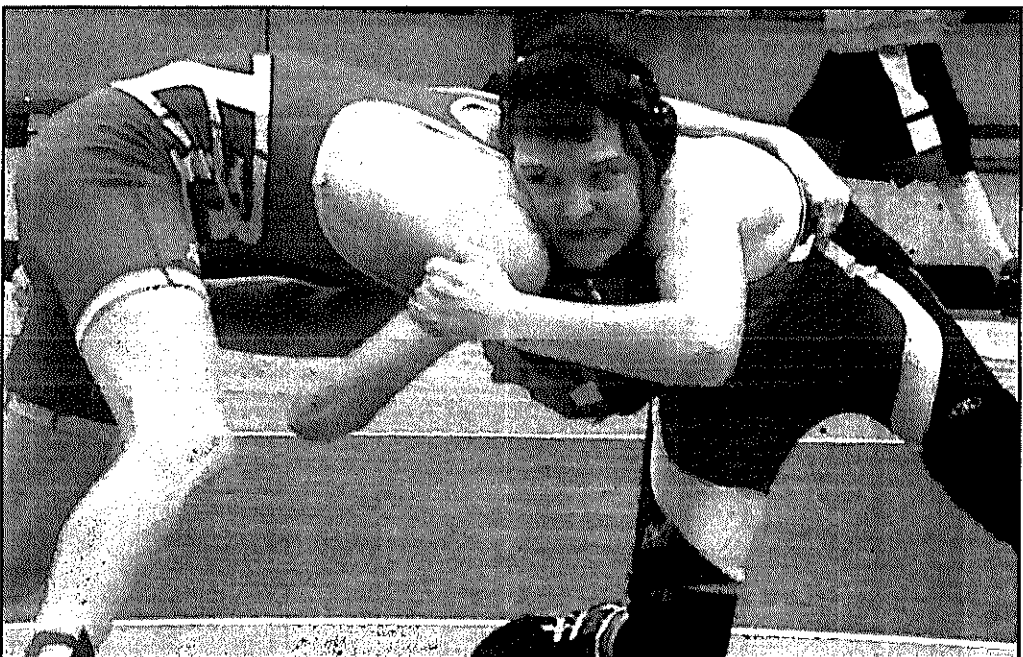
106—Terry Gatrell (Camb) won by inj. default over Tucker Winland (PS); 113—Tim Sarge (EL) d. Jacob Simpson (U), 6-0; 120—Mikey Shamblyn (PS) won by inj. default over Riley Nice (Mag); 126—Tommy

Curtlin (L) won by inj. default over Mason Kuneff (Bpt); 132—Beau Smith (BvL) d. Daniel Hague (IC), 5-3 OT; 138—Jarrit Flinn (PS) won by inj. default over Phillip Good (Mad); 145—Devon Eakle (IC) d. Mark Johns (Ed), 4-2; 152—Franklin Cottrell (U) d. Zane Hinzman (PS), 6-1; 160—Kaleb Simpkins (WP) d. Donnie Roberts (Ed), 3-0; 170—Paden McConaughy (Mag) p. Austin Allen (SS), 2:37; 182—Cole Skaggs (STC) md. Austin Mayfield (EL), 12-2; 195—Matthew Doll (Brk) p. Anthony Winters (FF), 0:52; 220—Hunter Bodkin (MF) d. Tommy Moore (Camb), 2-1 OT; 285—Tyler Ely (Steub) p. Loudon Haga (PS), 4:16

SEVENTH-EIGHTH PLACE

106—Cole Harris (Tor) p. Jake Mathews (BuL), 2:51;

113—Brayden Starkey (IC) d. Maison Richardson (WP), 2:3; 120—Alec Cook (Mad) m. Parker Mazik (IC), 8-0; 126—Dustin Martsolf (BvL) d. Jacob Roberts (PS), 3-1 OT; 132—Owen Zelders (U) md. Coll Hunter (SS), 15-2; 138—Se Cade (Ed) p. Clay Adarr (Mag), 2:23; 145—Loge DeLong (STC) d. Jared Wrig (BvL), 5-3; 152—Chas McCo (JM) md. Devin Eakle (IC), 9-160—Drew Dunbar (PS) d. Tristan Goss (Morg), 3-1 O' 170—Garrett Cook (Mad) d. Nathan Thomas (IC), 8-182—Nick Valachovic (U) d. Luke Matusik (R), 4-3; 195—Austin Cobb (Cald) d. Cha Mays (BvL), 5-3 OT; 220—Drona Moore (Steub) d. Austy Dozler (EL), 3-2; 285—Dor Wallace (MF) d. Tanner S (CB), 2-1



BELLAIRE'S JOSEPH Bonfini right, competes in the Buckeye 8 Tournament last weekend in St. Clairsville.

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rugged freshman was a force at 182 pounds after enjoying a very fine football campaign.

Bellaire leaves the 195-pound class open.

Freshman Caden Honeywell is a work in progress at 220 pounds.

Senior Todd Morris rounds out the lineup at heavyweight. Morris, who enjoyed a fine season at tackle for Coach Mark

Spigarelli's playoff-qualifying Reds, just recently became a mat starter, winning his lone match of the year.

Sophomore Hayden Lowery and freshman Dalton Garloch are the heavyweight understudies.

"I am proud of how are younger wrestlers have developed. We have shown much progress from day one," LaMotte said. "The

future really looks good with this program. We are loaded with underclassmen on the roster and we have 55 youngsters involved with our PeeWee program.

"The OVAC Tournament is always one of the highlights of the season, along with the post-season," he added. "We have some kids who have a chance to perform well this weekend in the OVAC"

Bellaire will have a busy slate after the OVAC event. The Big Reds' schedule includes a triangular with Shenandoah and Clairsville, a dual with Shadyside, the Buckeye Local Panther Classic and dual with Martins Ferry before the post-season tournaments commence.

LaMotte is being assisted by former River High wrestler Payden Stewart.



PICTURED IS the 2016-17 Union Local wrestling team. Front row, from left, are Kohl Clark, Riley Crall, Malah Miller, Jenn Paynter, Serina Lodge, Jordan Dalby and Ben Howell. Second row, from left, are Braden Robinson, McCade Milburn, Santiago Rivera, Logan Amos, Brian McWhorter, Colin Kovacs, Bryson Utter and Klayton Davis. Third row, from left, are assistant coach Travis Clark, Kade Clark, Zach Greene, Isaiah Palko, Josh Taylor, Devin Crum, assistant coach Bobby Stewart and head coach Zach Powell.

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Union Local ready to endure at OVAC

By RICK THORP
Times Leader Sports Writer

MORRISTOWN — Zach Powell believes his team endures a tough schedule, so the first-year Union Local head coach hopes his squad is ready to endure the rigors of the 64th annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament.

Action begins Thursday night at WesBanco Arena and Powell is eager to see how his team performs under the spotlight.

"We wrestle a tough schedule and the OVAC Tournament is just more good competition for us leading up to the sectional, district and state tournaments," Powell said.

The Jets are competing in a loaded Class 4A field with the likes of powers Steubenville, Oak Glen and Meadowbrook, so Powell is well aware of what his team is up against. However, he is confident some of his competitors will make noise in downtown Wheeling.

"We only have two wrestlers on the team who have ever placed at OVACs," he said. "We need to get more guys on the podium Saturday night."

Ben Howell and Devin Crum are those wrestlers.

Howell, a junior, finished seventh at 120 pounds two years ago and will compete at 138 this week. His record is 6-7.

One weight class up, Devin Crum is enjoying a fine season thus far. At 15-4, the senior is ranked third in the rankings issued by www.ovac.org. One of his big wins came against Shadyside's Cody Hawthorne, ranked eighth.

"He started the season at 145 and has been wrestling at 152," Powell said of Crum, who finished fourth at 152 at OVACs a year ago.

"He will be dropping back down to 145 (this week). Devin has the potential to be an OVAC champion."

The one thing Powell likes about his squad is that everyone contributes.

"We have a solid lineup across all the weight classes," he said. "We are only giving up 126 pounds. Everyone on the team makes a difference in our team scores and they have all been pretty consistent up to this point."

The Jets finished fourth in their own Rick Link Invitational, while taking seventh at the Barnesville Invitational and eighth at the Coshocton Classic.

"We have improved individually at each tournament we have been to," Powell said. "This is an attribute of wrestling at some tough tournaments and getting good competition from our wrestlers."

One competitor Powell wants folks to keep an eye on is Riley Crall, a sophomore

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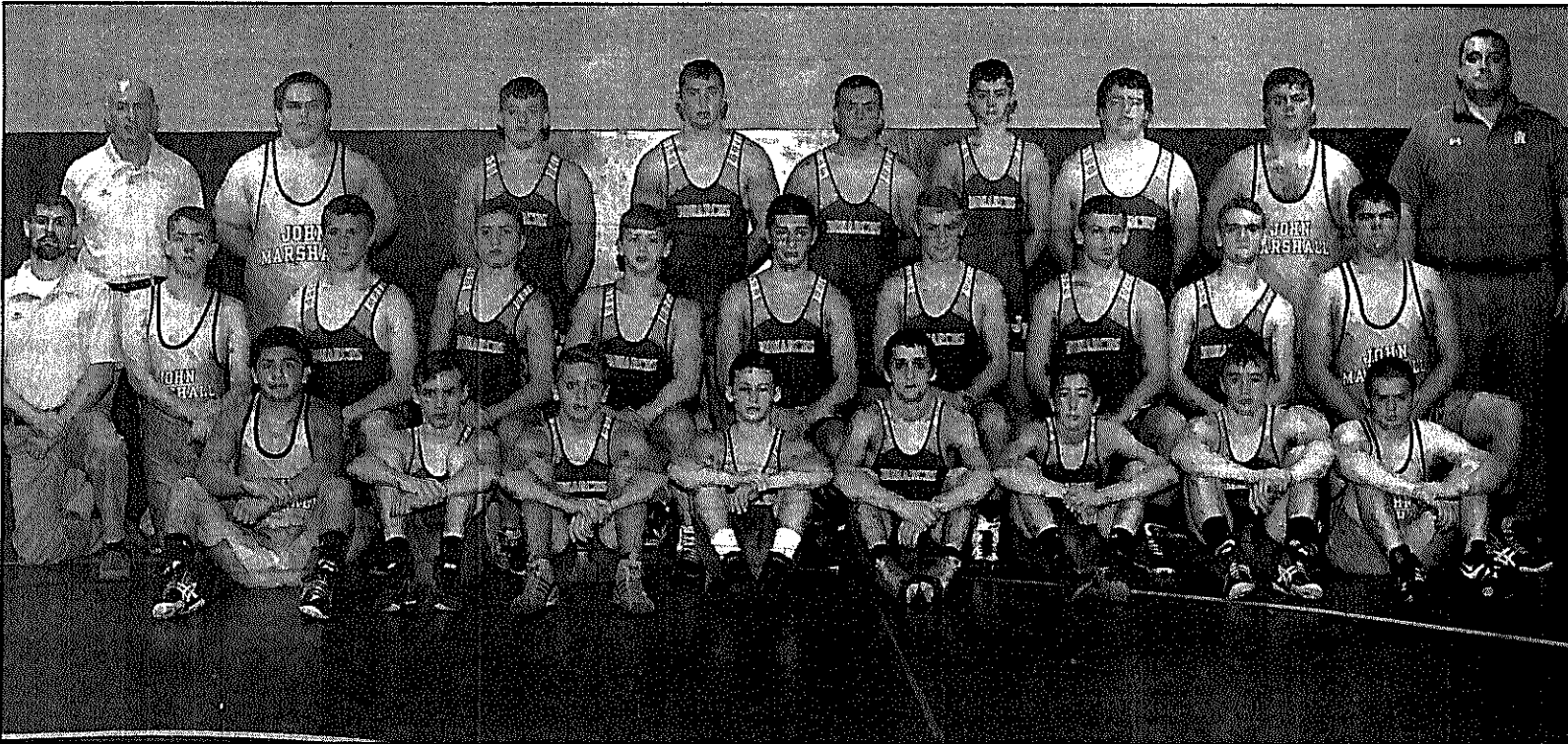
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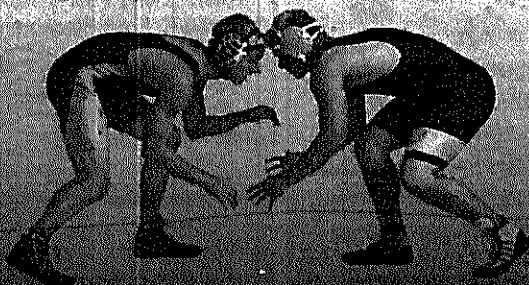
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John Marshall is always a big presence at OVAC

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MOUNDSVILLE — Year in and year out, there's one thing area wrestling fans can count on — John Marshall will have a big presence at the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament.

2016 should be no exception as Head Coach Ted Zervos has a young, but talented group, headed for downtown Wheeling this weekend for the 64th annual event.

"Competing in the OVAC is a good measuring stick on how the season is progressing," Zervos said, "I compare it to a midterm test. We use the results to make adjustments for the final stretch of the season."

JM's wrestling tradition goes back to the late 1960s when Hall of Fame mat boss Bill Hinegardner started to stitch together what would end up being one of the most dominant programs in, not only the OVAC, but West Virginia Class AAA. That tradition continued long after Hinegardner's retirement, with Ed Dugas, Ed West and now Zervos carrying it on.

"This year, I have seen steady growth and improvement from a very young team," Zervos said. "I feel that their best wrestling is yet to come."

Zervos had similar feelings last winter when his squad was comprised of mostly

rookies.

"Last season's team was made up mostly freshmen," he said. "We only had two wrestlers on the podium at OVAC. I'm hoping another year of experience, hard work and maturity will translate into multiple winners."

The Monarchs are currently ranked sixth overall by www.ovac.org and boast eight wrestlers with winning records.

Included in that group is sophomore Jordan Wood, the 120-pounder who was runner-up last year and ended up fourth in the state tournament in Huntington. Wood sports a 15-6 mark.

Anthony Carman, another sophomore also placed fourth at state last year. This year, he's jumped out to a sparkling 24 record at 138 pounds.

"I have high expectations for several boys this year," Zervos said. "Freshman Ethan Gray may be our most improved wrestler this year. He is having a fine season and knocking off some highly-ranked wrestlers along the way."

Gray, a 106-pounder, is 21-6 and ranked eighth by ovaec.org. Victories against Wheeling Park's Isaac Murphy and University's Matthew Simpson are highlights in Gray's resume.

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OVAC Ron Mauck Tournament Past Overall Team Champions

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| 1954 — Bridgeport, George Kovalick | John Vrotsos | 1975 — Warwood, Eric Carder | Darrell Davis | 1996 — Buckeye Local, Dan Doyle | Gene Monteleone |
| 1955 — Bridgeport, George Kovalick | 1965 — Martins Ferry, John Vrotsos | 1976 — Weir, Charles Murray | 1986 — East Liverpool, Nick Trombetta | 1997 — Buckeye Local, Dan Doyle | 2007 — Oak Glen, Larry Shaw |
| 1956 — Bridgeport, George Kovalick | 1966 — Martins Ferry, John Vrotsos | 1977 — John Marshall, Bill Hinegardner | 1987 — Steubenville, John Craig | 1998 — Martins Ferry, Jeff Oberdick | 2008 — Wheeling Park, Sean Doyle |
| 1957 — Bridgeport, George Kovalick | 1967 — Martins Ferry, John Vrotsos | 1978 — Wheeling Park, Eric Carder | 1988 — East Liverpool, Nick Trombetta | 1999 — Martins Ferry, Jeff Oberdick | 2009 — Harrison Central, Todd Dunlap |
| 1958 — Bridgeport, George Kovalick | 1968 — Martins Ferry, Art Hehr | 1979 — Wheeling Park, Eric Carder | 1989 — Steubenville, John Craig | 2000 — East Liverpool, Scott Heimstra | 2010 — Parkersburg South, Paul Jackson |
| 1959 — Bridgeport, George Kovalick | 1969 — St. John Central, Joe Bates | 1980 — Steubenville, John Craig | 1990 — Wheeling Park, Buzz Evans | 2001 — East Liverpool, Scott Heimstra | 2011 — Parkersburg South, Paul Jackson |
| 1960 — Bridgeport, George Kovalick | 1970 — Wheeling Central, John Hibbert | 1981 — Cadiz, John Stephenson | 1991 — Oak Glen, Larry Shaw | 2002 — Oak Glen, Larry Shaw | 2012 — Parkersburg South, Paul Jackson |
| 1961 — Martins Ferry, John Vrotsos | 1971 — St. John Central, Dennis Bowman | 1982 — Steubenville, John Craig | 1992 — Steubenville, John Craig | 2003 — Beaver Local, Rich Wright | 2013 — Steubenville, Mike Blackburn |
| 1962 — Martins Ferry, John Vrotsos | 1972 — John Marshall, Bill Hinegardner | 1983 — John Marshall, Ed Dugas | 1993 — Martins Ferry, Jeff Oberdick | 2004 — Oak Glen, Larry Shaw | 2014 — Parkersburg South, Donna Dixon |
| 1963 — Martins Ferry, John Vrotsos | 1973 — John Marshall, Bill Hinegardner | 1984 — Steubenville, John Craig | 1994 — Wheeling Park, Buzz Evans | 2005 — Oak Glen, Larry Shaw | 2015 — Parkersburg South, Donna Dixon |
| 1964 — Martins Ferry, John Vrotsos | 1974 — John Marshall, Bill Hinegardner | 1985 — Barnesville, Darrell Davis | 1995 — Steubenville, Rick Camilletti | 2006 — Wheeling Park, Gene Monteleone | 2016 — Parkersburg South, Shaun Smith |

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The Monarchs are still awaiting the return of Chas McCool, an OVAC placer from last season who's injured. But JM has plenty of other competitors who've stepped in admirably.

Sophomores Austin Love and Jacob Berisford have enjoyed solid campaigns thus far. Love, at 126, is 195, while Berisford, at 152, is 19-7.

Another sophomore, Brady Williams, sports a 17-8 record at 220 pounds.

"We have one junior, Brandon Durrah, who has fired up his offense and is putting together a fine season," Zervos noted.

Durrah is 17-10. "Nathan Simmons (a senior heavyweight who is 22-4) is providing great leadership and is looking forward to being on the

podium Saturday night," Zervos said.

Rounding out the Monarchs' roster are freshmen Izac Baiczuk (113, 12-14), Brandon Harrison (132, 7-12), Dakota Sharps (145, 8-13), Izak Wiley (160, 12-15) and Austin Moore (195, 1-2).

"Making the transition from middle school to high school wrestling is developing at a faster rate this

year," Zervos said. "The mental aspect of a much longer season and competing against stronger, faster and more experienced kids hasn't deterred our youthful wrestlers' enthusiasm.

"Good balance throughout the lineup has been a positive for us this year. A large sophomore class with good leadership has also helped the team enjoy the challenges that each season holds."

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who stands 13-9.

"He gets tougher every match he wrestles," Powell said. "I think he will be a guy that could surprise some people at 120.

"We also have Jordan Dalby at 113 (12-10), Isaiah Palko at 160 (11-9) and Kade Clark at 285 (14-7). I expect them all to be wrestling on Saturday."

Rounding out the Jets' contingent are Bryson Utter at 132 (2-10), Collin Kovacs at 152 (5-9), Zach Greene at 170 (0-10), Nathan Bomboris at 182 (8-8), Josh Taylor at 195 (10-7) and McCade Milburn at 220 (1-9).



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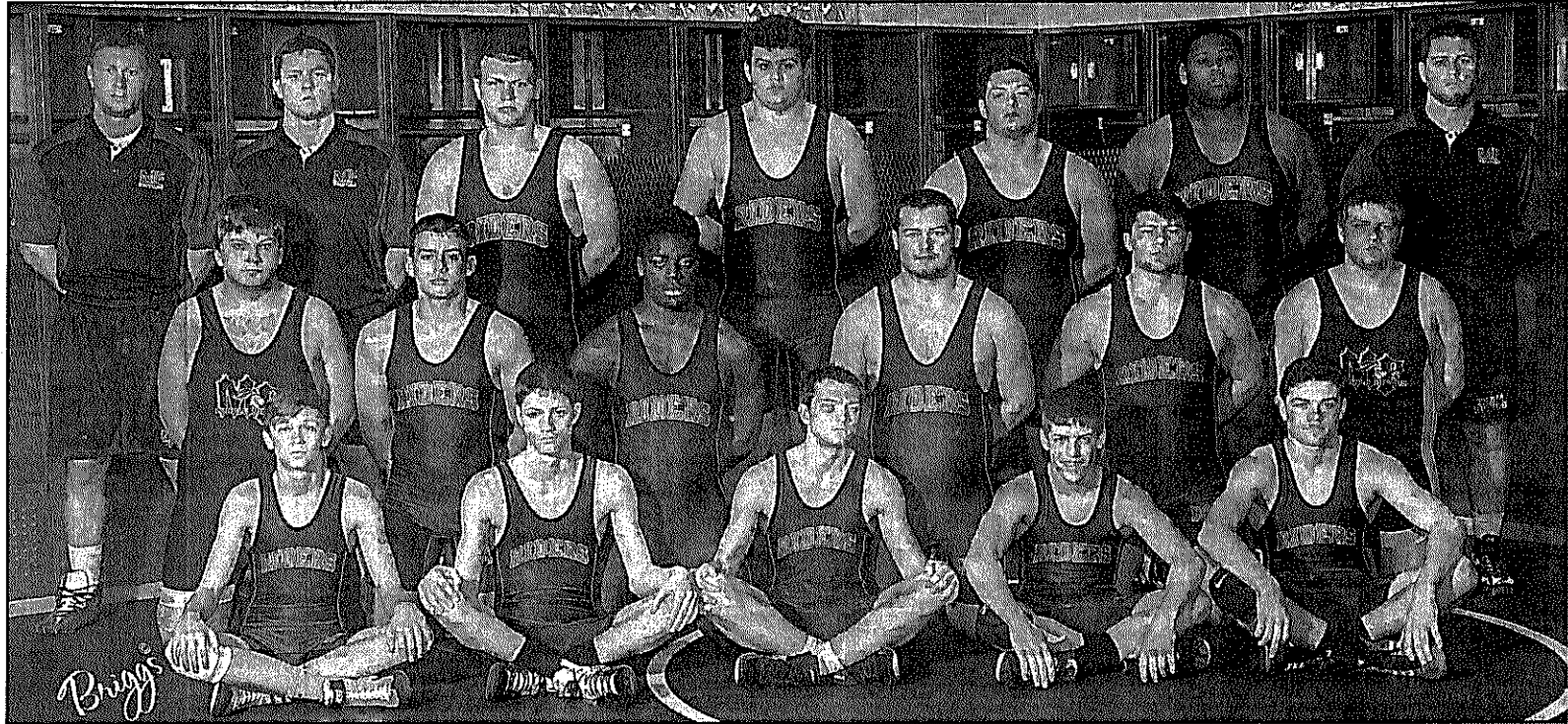
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PICTURED IS the 2016-17 Martins Ferry wrestling team. Front row, from left, are Chase Ward, Kaiden Oliver, Anthony Blankenship, Alexander Lude and Richard McFarland. Second row, from left, are Connor Patterson, Drake Dobson, Nate Boxley, Drake Rice, Dalton Hoover and Trent Blount. Back row, from left, are assistant coach Chad Ware, Asst Coach Taylor Yoder, Keith Wilson, Donte Lewis, Hunter Bodkin, Dom Wallace and head coach Chas Yoder.

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Ferry's Hoover seeks repeat performance

By KIM NORTH
Times Leader Sports Writer

MARTINS FERRY — The rebuilding process continues for the Martins Ferry

wrestling team. The numbers are slightly up from a year ago, and the quality is even better than last year when a trio of Purple Riders advanced to the Division III

state tournament, with two of them earning places.

Head coach Chas Yoder will fill nine of the 14 weight classes as Martins Ferry looks to improve upon its showing from last winter when the 64th annual Ron Mauck Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Tournament begins Thursday inside downtown Wheeling's refurbished WesBanco Arena. The event runs through Saturday night's championship finals.

"If our team wrestles to their ability, we have a chance to compete for the 3A team race," Yoder

admitted. "All of our wrestlers will have to win some tough matches to contribute to the team score."

The aforementioned state tournament qualifiers all return, with junior Dalton Hoover (8-0) leading the way. Although the 195-pounder has only wrestled a handful of matches this season, he will be a force to deal with in defending his championship from a year ago when he, as the second seed, defeated Parkersburg South's top-seed Justin Allman 3-1 in overtime. Allman, who has also been injured this season, was nationally ranked when

Hoover prevailed.

"I look for Dalton to win another title," Yoder said. "He's a very tough kid."

In addition to his Ron Mauck OVAC championship, Hoover was a state runnerup last March in Columbus. He dropped a heartbreaking, 3-2, decision to Will Bolanz of Atwater Waterloo when an apparent third-period takedown was ruled to have occurred just after the final buzzer.

According to www.ovaec.org, Hoover, who was also a two-way standout in football while earning first team all-state honors, is ranked No. 1 at 195, just ahead of Allman, who is a three-time finalist and two-time runnerup.

The other two stalwarts are junior Hunter Bodkin (220) and Dom Wallace (285), both of whom reached the podium at last year's tournament.

Bodkin, a three-year regular, is already a two-time Ron Mauck OVAC placewinner. He finished fourth as a freshman and fifth last year despite losing

his first-round bout as a No. 3 seed. He also placed eighth in the state.

"Hunter is an extremely hard worker who continues to improve," Yoder said. "I he wrestles like he is capable of, he could win the title."

Bodkin (20-2) has already won the Doan For Barnesville Invitational while finishing fifth at the prestigious Brecksville Invitational in late December. He is ranked No. 2 behind returning champion Caleb Nice of Magnolia.

His older brother Jonathan, won a title his junior season as a heavy weight.

Wallace has only been wrestling full-time for two seasons, but Yoder is pleased with what he has seen out of the 285-pounder.

"Dom has probably improved more than anyone on this team over the past two years," the head coach said. "His only two losses this year came by one point in each match."

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Brecksville. We are excited to watch him compete this year."

Wallace (18-2) was seventh at Brecksville and finished in the same spot in last year's Ron Mauck OVAC tournament.

He is currently ranked fourth by www.ovaec.org. The top three all placed ahead of him a year ago.

He was also a state qualifier and won the Doan Ford Barnesville Invitational.

"All three of those guys beat on each other in practice, especially Hunter and Dom," Yoder noted. "They make each other better every day in the practice room."

That trio also won Buckeye 8 titles last weekend

Other returning lettermen are senior Anthony Blankenship (132) and sophomores Drake Dobson (160) and Nate Boxley (182). Three freshmen - Chase Ward (106), Alexander Lude (138) and Richie McFarland (152) - complete the entrants.

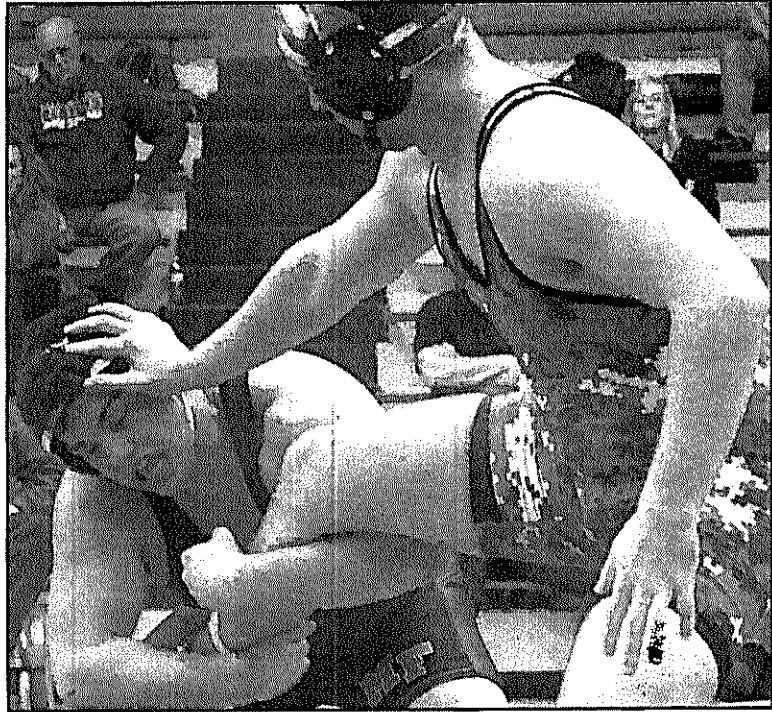
"Anthony needs to eliminate the little mistakes in order to win some matches this weekend," Yoder said of Blankenship. "Dobson is on the bubble. He has the potential to be an OVAC placer. Nate is only in his second year, but he catches on quickly and has the ability to place this weekend."

Yoder is also high on Ward.

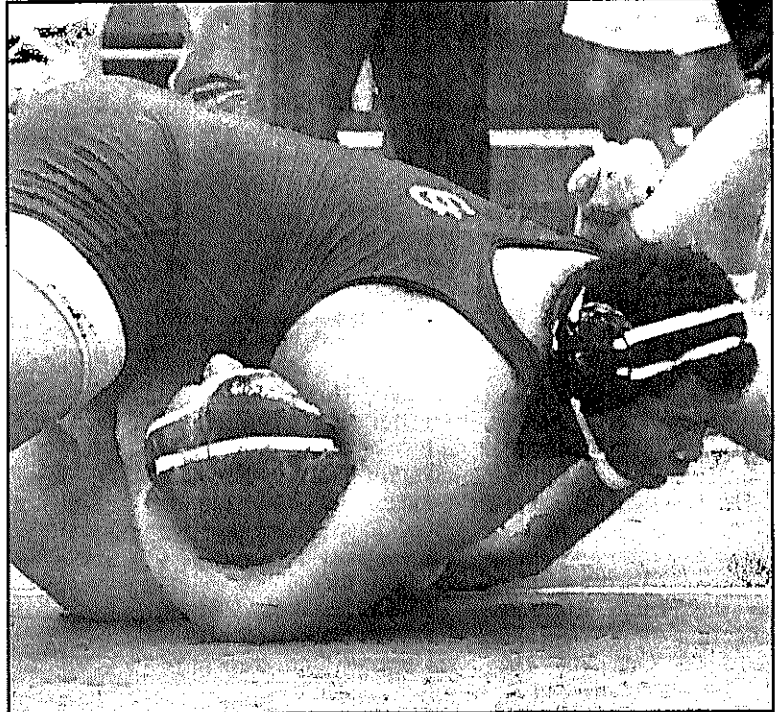
"He is a tough kid and a hard worker with good technique," he said. "He keeps improving every day. If he wrestles a good tournament, I look for him to place."

"Alexander and Richie are two young kids that are improving. I think they both could win a couple of matches this weekend."

Yoder is assisted by Greg Ware and Taylor Yoder.



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Harrison brings youthful bunch to tourney

By KIM NORTH
Times Leader Sports Writer

CADIZ — Harrison Central has enjoyed success in past Ron Mauck Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling tournaments, but veteran head coach Bill Bryant, who has been associated with the program for 17 years, including the last seven as head coach, brings a young team into this year's event.

The Huskies will have a lot of fresh faces in their lineup when the 64th annual event kicks off a three-day stay inside downtown Wheeling's WesBanco Arena on Thursday. They lost 10 lettermen from last winter's squad and have a mere two seniors in their projected lineup.

Harrison Central was fifth in Class 4A last winter and 15th overall. It captured the 3A and overall titles in 2009 under head coach Todd Dunlap.

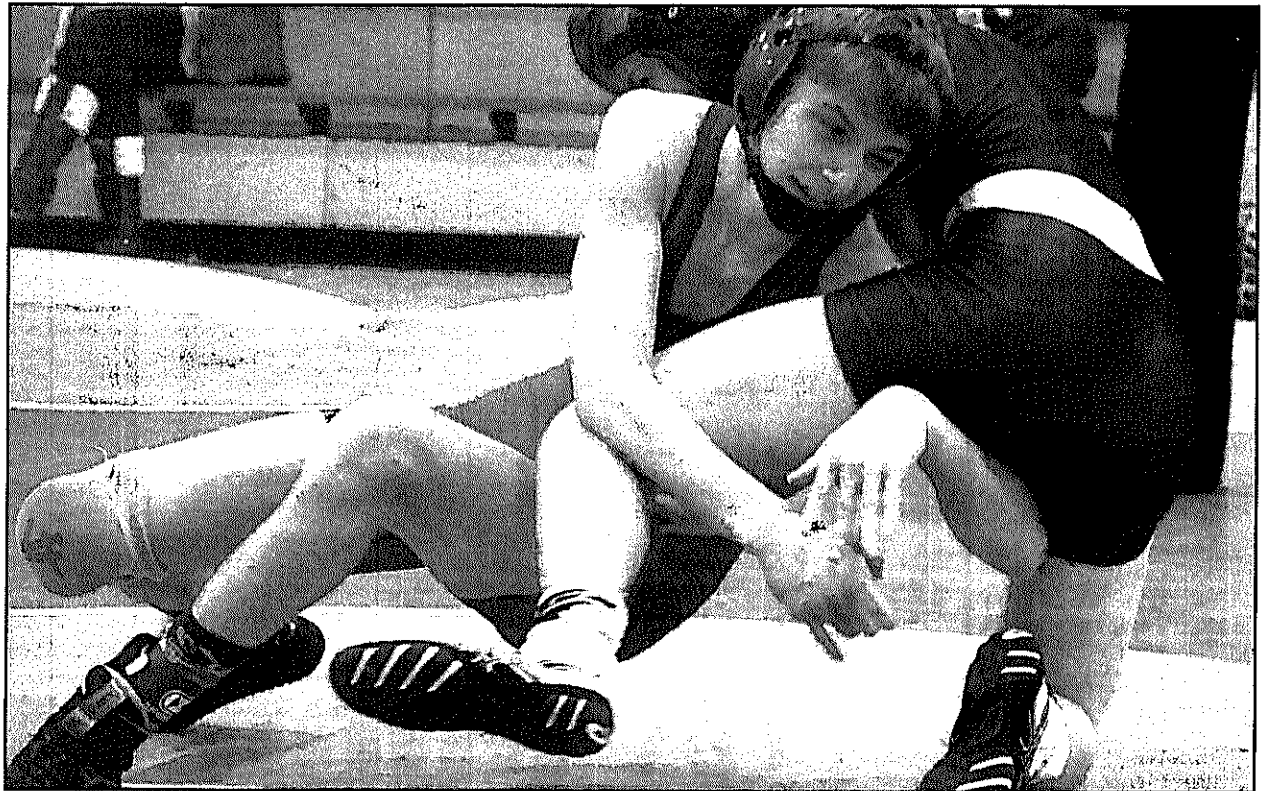
"We have a great group of young men that I'm proud of. They all work

hard in the practice room and they almost always leave it on the mat, win or lose," he said. "There is a lack of varsity experience in our lineup, but most of them have been wrestling since 7th grade. They are all getting better each week.

"To do well at the OVAC Tournament, we are going to have to have every wrestler win a match or two," he continued. "We have several wrestlers that could possibly place, but for all of them to do that we will have to have our best outing of the season."

Five Harrison Central grapplers are ranked among the top in their respective weight classes by ovaec.com, with junior Owen Ott No. 3 at 106. He has competed most of the season at 113 and is currently 14-6. He placed fourth as a sophomore.

"Owen has seen some stiff competition at 113 this year, so I feel he has been tested," Bryant said. "If he drops down to 106, he will be tough to beat."



Freshman Austin Howard is penciled in at 120. He is ranked 13th.

"For a freshman he has done well for himself," Bryant noted. "He is currently out with an injury, but we're excited about getting him back on the mats."

Junior Coleman Dodds is also 9-9 at 152. He is ranked 14th.

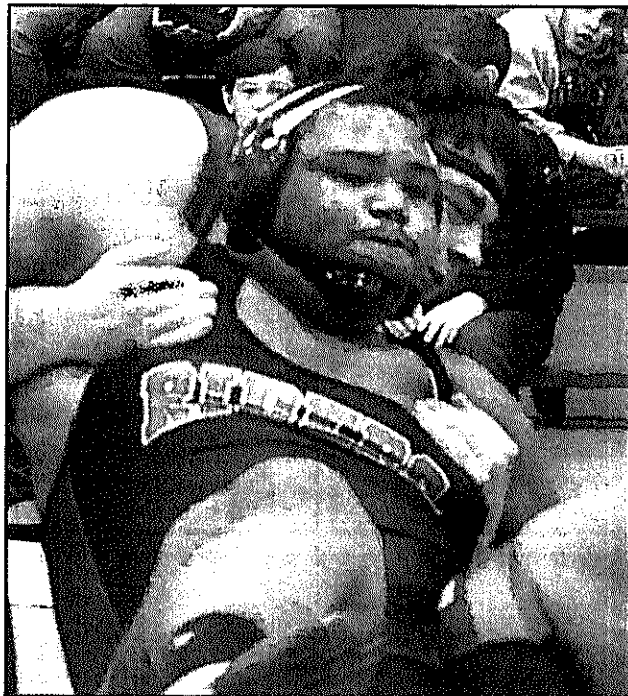
"He may have suffered a season-ending injury, but he is remaining very optimistic," Bryant pointed out. "If he gets a chance to compete, he should be a placer."

Sophomore Blayne Erwin is No. 6 at 170 despite his 8-9 record.

"He is wrestling very well this season and has recently dropped a weight class," Bryant said. "He should be ready to compete full speed by the OVAC Tournament."

Senior Brenton Stull is an impressive 18-1 this season at 285. He has a career record of 87-40 and is ranked eighth.

The remainder of the



TOP: Harrison Central's Owen Ott reverses Buckeye Local's Brandon Kaiser during the Buckeye 8 Tournament Saturday at St. Clairsville High School.

LEFT: Harrison Central's Brenton Stull tries to use his chin to put Martins Ferry's Dom Wallace to the mat during the Buckeye 8 Tournament.

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lineup consists of:

At 126 is sophomore Zane Everhart, who is 9-9.

"He has developed as a wrestler over the last year, and if he can continue I feel he could push himself deep into the tournament,"

Bryant allowed.

Freshman Bryce Ward is 4-11 at 132.

"He is undersized at his weight, but he goes out every match and gives us everything he has," Bryant added.

Zach Marbais is 4-5 as a sophomore at 138.

"He is having a rough start to the season with multiple injuries, but he is battling and staying competitive."

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At 145 is junior Jabyn Moore who is 10-7.

"He has really been wrestling to his potential and if he continues to be committed, I believe he has a chance to place at the OVAC Tournament," Bryant stressed.

The other senior, 160-pound Malcolm Boyer is 10-5 thus far.

"What a great individual. He's all about this team," Bryant noted. "He has been in our lineup for four years. He will battle with the best of them."

"He could make a push for placement depending on the draw."

Cody Gamble is a sophomore 182-pounder with a 10-5 mark.

"He is another kid that may have suffered a season-ending injury, but he is ready to go if released," Bryant said. "He is a very hard worker and has been the biggest surprise so far this season. I believe if he can get through the injury, he'll have a chance to be on the podium Saturday night."

Junior Chandler Greer is 0-0 at 195.

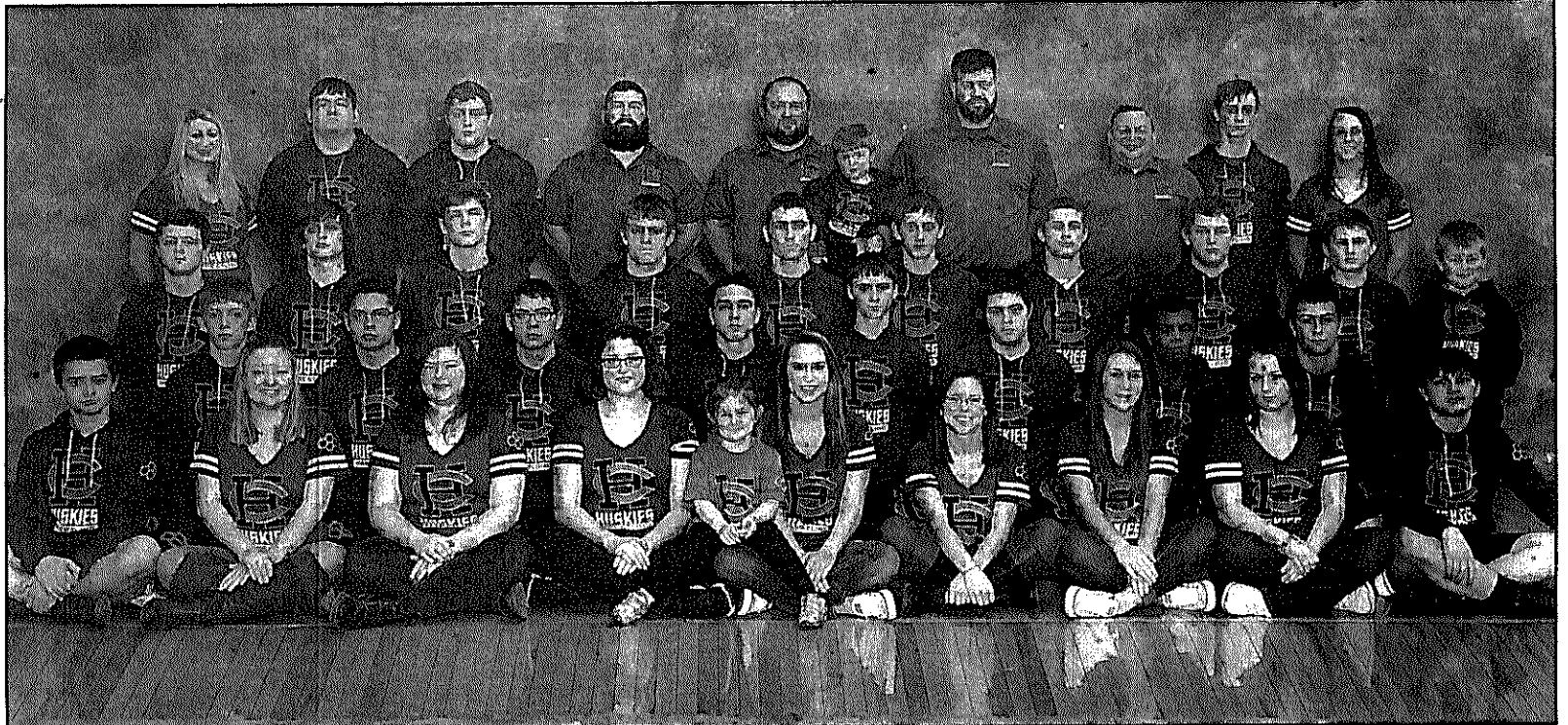
"He is a first-year wrestler who hasn't been allowed to compete yet, but we are excited to get him on the mat because he is a very coachable wrestler and listens to what the coaches are telling him," Bryant explained.

Josh Croft, a sophomore, is 9-10 at 220.

"After missing most of last year with an injury, it has taken him some time getting back in the groove, but he has started to wrestle better lately."

Lost to graduation were third-place winners Brandon White and Antony Risley. The duo were state qualifiers.

Bryant is assisted by Dunlap, Bill Bryant, Richard McKinney, Joe Thomas, Adam Cummings, David "Opy" Nameth, Ian Howell, Matt Shurina and Brad Bryant.



PICTURED IS the 2016-17 Harrison Central wrestling team. Front row, from left, are Bryce Wade, Maddison Spoon, Victoria Morrison, Riley Eberhart, Aubrey Bryant, Alexis Jenkins, Taylor Kinsey, Katie Heavilin, Becca Boyer and Luke McKinney. Second row, from left, are Zane Everhart, Zac Taggart, Nic Taggart, Coleman Dodds, Owen Ott, T.J. Birney, Malcolm Boyer, Tucker Coultrap and Cael Bryant. Third row, from left, are Jacob Delucas, Jacob Howard, Jabyn Moore, Cody Gamble, Blayne Erwin, Hayden Wallace, Austin Howard, Chandler Greer and Ethan Toto. Fourth row, from left, are Caitlyn Rocchi, Brenton Stull, Josh Croft, Adam Cummings, Bill Bryant, Brasen Bryant, Joe Thomas, Rich McKinney, Zach Marbais and Sara Gilbert. Absent were Todd Dare, Todd Dunlap, Brad Bryant and Matt Shurina.

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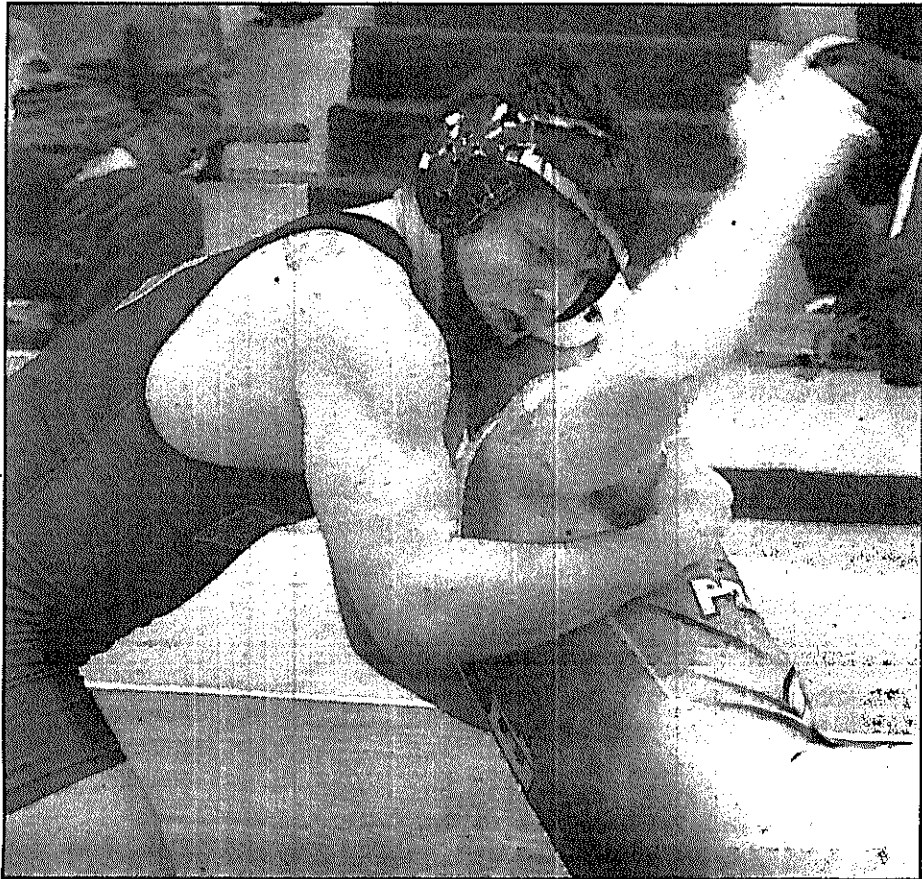
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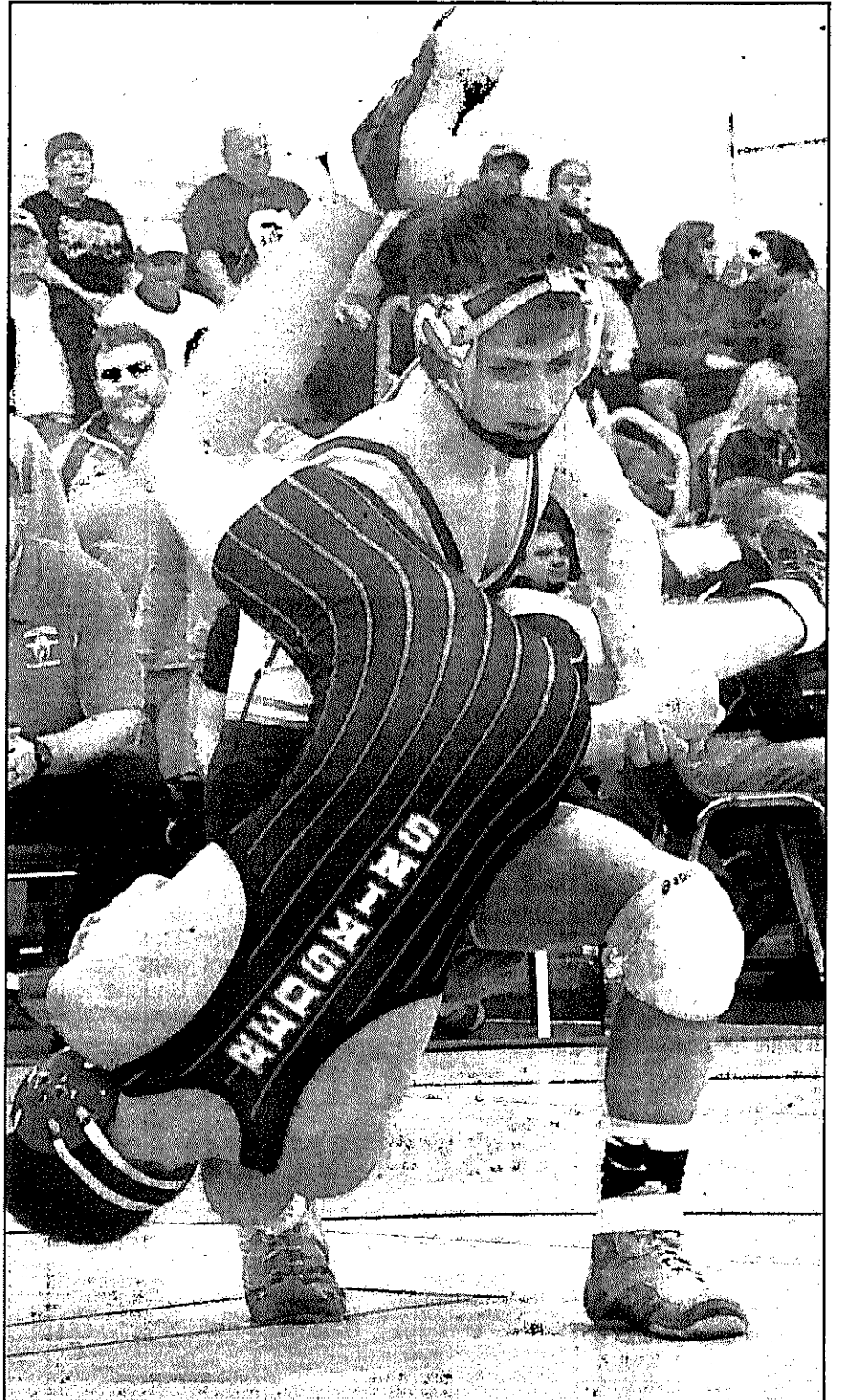
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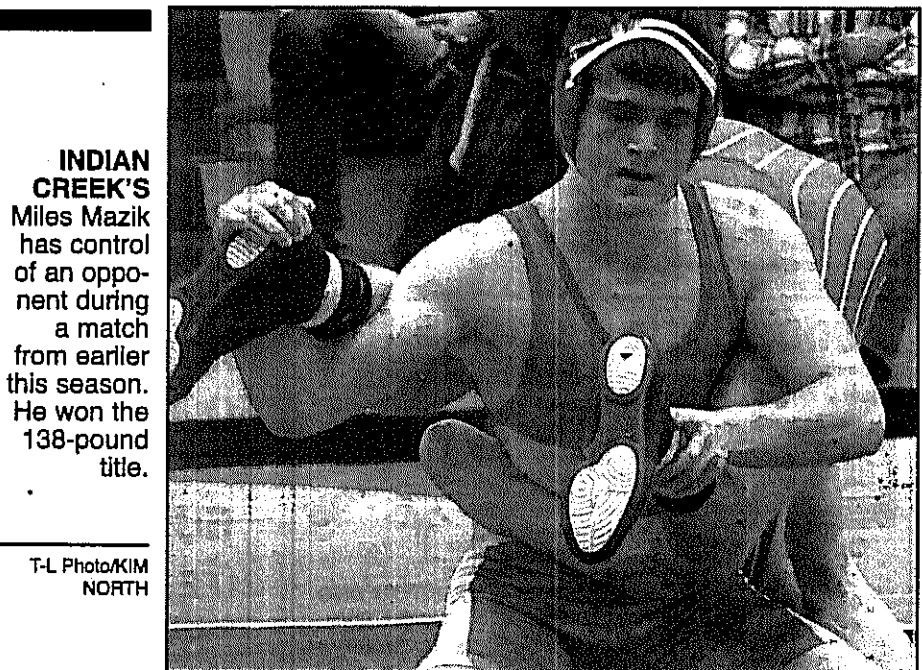
Defending OVAC Ron Mauck Tournament Champions



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MARTINS FERRY'S Dalton Hoover, left, controls his opponent during the 195-pound championship match at the Buckeye 8 Tournament last weekend. The Purple Riders' sophomore won the 195 title a year ago in overtime.

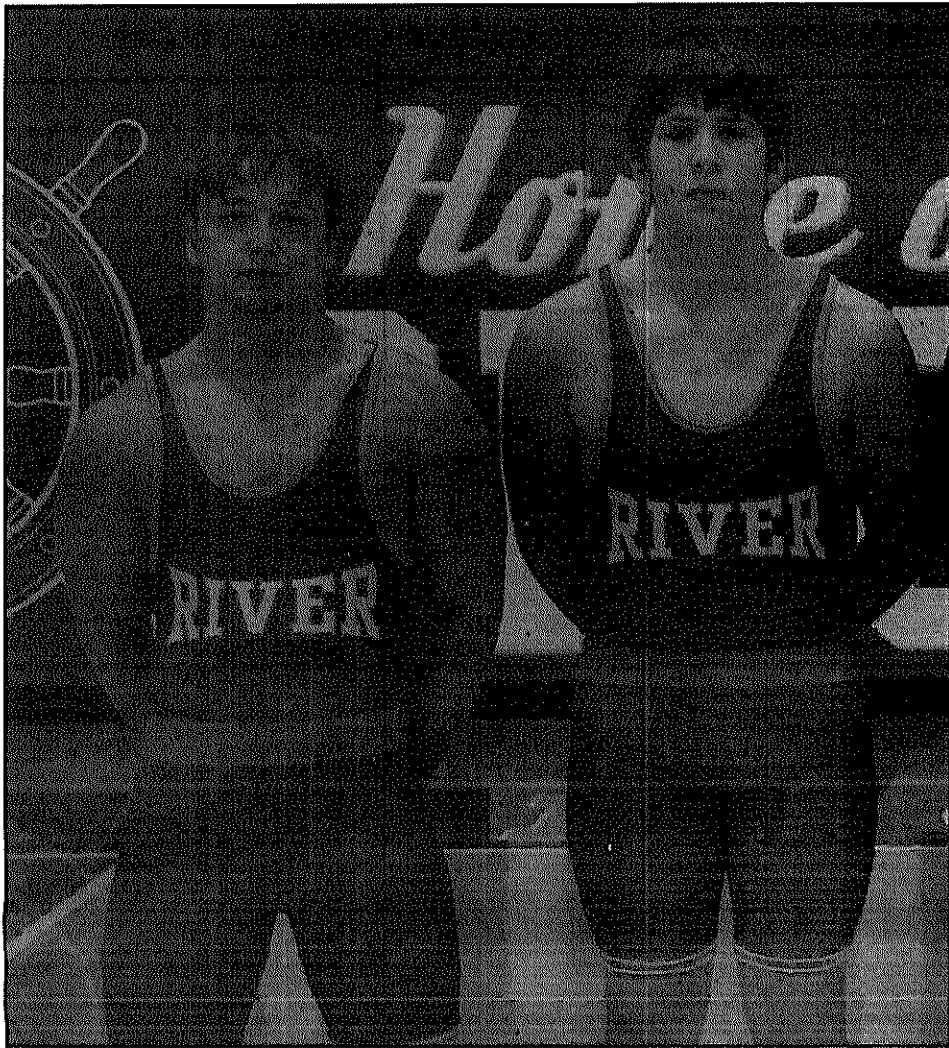


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SHADYSIDE'S GREG Quinn competes during the Shadyside Last Man Standing Tournament earlier this season. The Tigers' senior captured the 113-pound title last year. He is also a Division III state runnerup and the Shadyside school record holder for career victories.



INDIAN CREEK'S Miles Mazik has control of an opponent during a match from earlier this season. He won the 138-pound title.

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PICTURED IS the 2016-17 River wrestling team. From left are Zach Talbot and Ethan Lively.



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PICTURED IS the 2016-17 Monroe Central wrestling team. From left are Gage Modra and Renee Richter.

River, Monroe each enter two wrestlers

By RICK THORP
Times Leader Sports Writer

River and Monroe Central might be sending small contingents to this week's Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament, but both head coaches are eager to see what kind of impacts they can have on the mat.

Pilots boss Chuck Baker and Seminoles mentor Robert Muntz will both guide two competitors each at the 64th annual event in downtown Wheeling and both see positives in their entrants.

"They both have improved tremendously from last year," Baker said of his wrestlers.

Competing for River will be Zach Talbot and Ethan Lively.

Talbot, a 160-pound junior, is ranked eighth by the local website oveac.org. He's 11-6.

"He's strong, a good worker and is quite a young man

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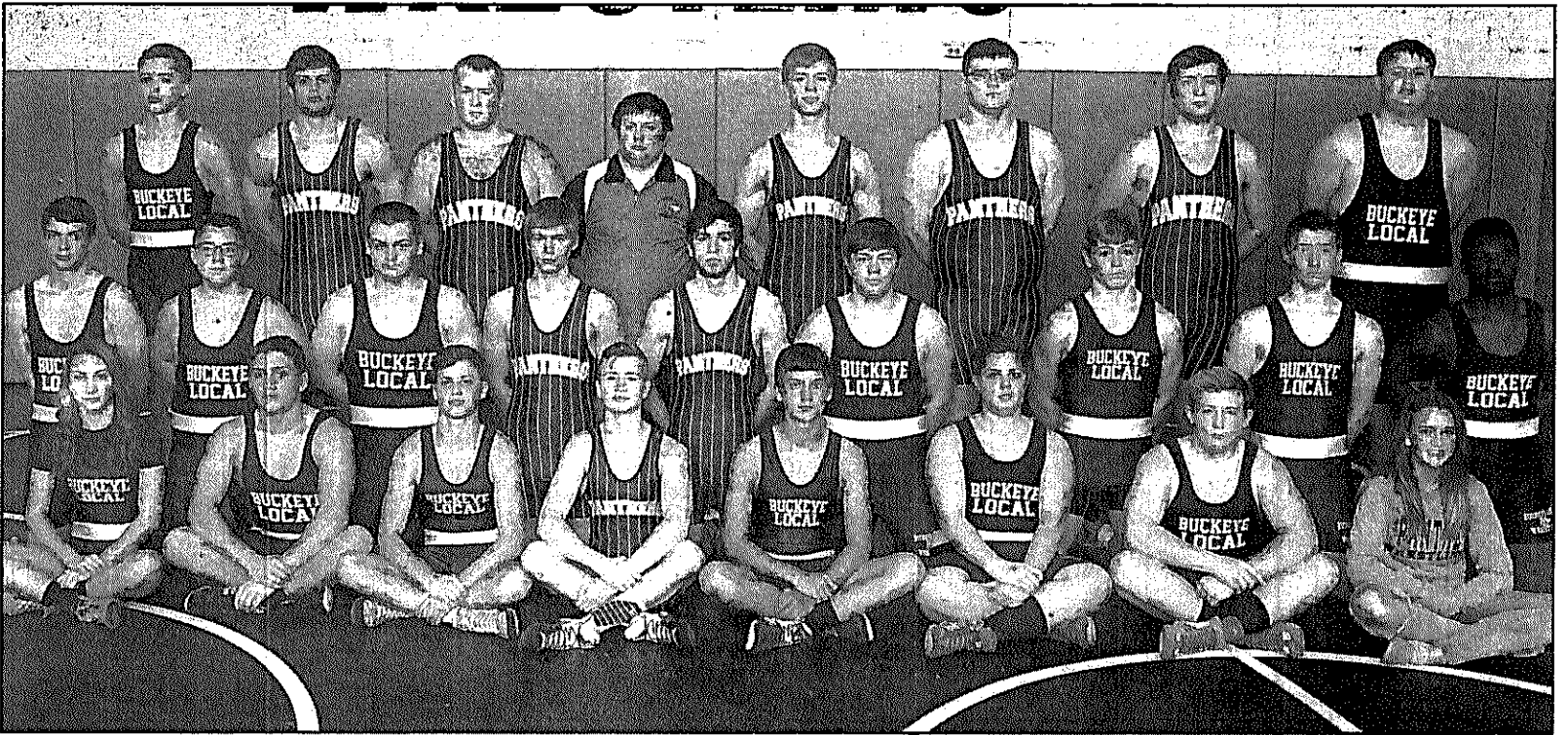


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GOOD LUCK BUCKEYE LOCAL PANTHERS

Saxton has Buckeye on the road back

By RICK DeLUCA
Times Leader Sports Writer

Whether it is the intensity at which they competed or the level of preparation that carried them into matches, wrestling seems to be the one sport that good wrestlers become good coaches.

Such is the case at Buckeye Local, where success during the Dan Doyle, Jay Michael and Brian Davis eras has fallen off and now has a former Panther state champion trying to rebuild and regenerate a program in need of a reconstruction project.

Willie Saxton is in the midst of his second year as the head coach at his alma mater and in just that second year it appears that Saxton may just be on the right track.

"We set some achievable goals for the team this year and so far we have reached three of them," Saxton said looking over the current season. "We are 4-9 in duals. That might not seem like much, but we only had one win in duals last year and I'm not sure if they had any in the two years before."

Saxton also brought to attention the fact that numbers in the wrestling program at Buckeye have improved. While the Panthers were caught in numerous forfeited weight classes last year, that hasn't been an

issue this season.

"We went through a stretch when injuries forced us to forfeit a couple classes this year, but we are at more than full strength this season," he pointed out. "We are in the midst of wrestle-offs in a few classes to determine who wrestles in the OVAC and that is because of the numbers we have."

Saxton also mentioned that the numbers also lead to belief that the future looks bright on the Panther mats.

"We only have seven seniors on the squad, but some of the younger wrestlers have push the seniors to the point that they have earned their way to start in the varsity matches".

"This is a young team," he added. "We have a lot freshmen and sophomores filling weight classes this year and we have a group of eighth graders that will provide us with some quality next season. There is a group of five junior wrestlers that have done extremely well this season."

Buckeye lost only three wrestlers through graduation from last season including District qualifier Ryan Morrow, District alternate Kyle Mason and four-year letterman Tristan Jones.

After the OVACs, the Panthers will be involved in two tri-matches. One of those See, BUCKEYE, Page 21

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tri's will include St. Clairsville and Meadowbrook while the other will include Bridgeport and Steubenville. Buckeye will again be hosting the Panther Classic before heading into the Sectionals.

Heading into the Buckeye 8 competition, Saxton's squad had put together a 4-9 dual record with wins over Weir, Edison, Steubenville Catholic and Preston County. They also fair well at the Rick Link Invitational at Union Local, the Barnesville Invitational and the always-rugged Wheeling Park Duals.

Saxton is hopeful that two wrestlers can find their way to the front of the stage at the OVAC tournament. Seniors Jason Binkiewicz and Brandon Kaiser were both successful last season as place finishers in the sectional tournament. Kaiser finished second and was a District qualifier and Binkiewicz finished third and just missed out on the District.

Binkiewicz, a 170-pounder has really turned his wrestling career around after a major learning experience as a freshman and sophomore. He finished at 39-11 last season and is currently 17-6 this season.

Kaiser, at 113 pounds, has had some very impressive wins this season. According to Saxton, he just keeps getting better with each outing and was close to placing in the OVAC tournament last year.

"Binkiewicz and Kaiser are two of wrestlers that I expect to place in the OVACs," Saxton said. "They have both shown a lot of improvement and along with the other seniors have been great

leaders for this team."

At 106, Saxton has a much improved wrestler in Jordyn Spencer. According to Saxton, she has worked very hard and has recovered from a concussion at the state duals that sidelined her for a time. She was 7-13 last season and as a sophomore this year stands at 8-9.

At 120, the Panthers have a freshman in Travis Light. The young wrestler has a deceptive 10-9 mark this season.

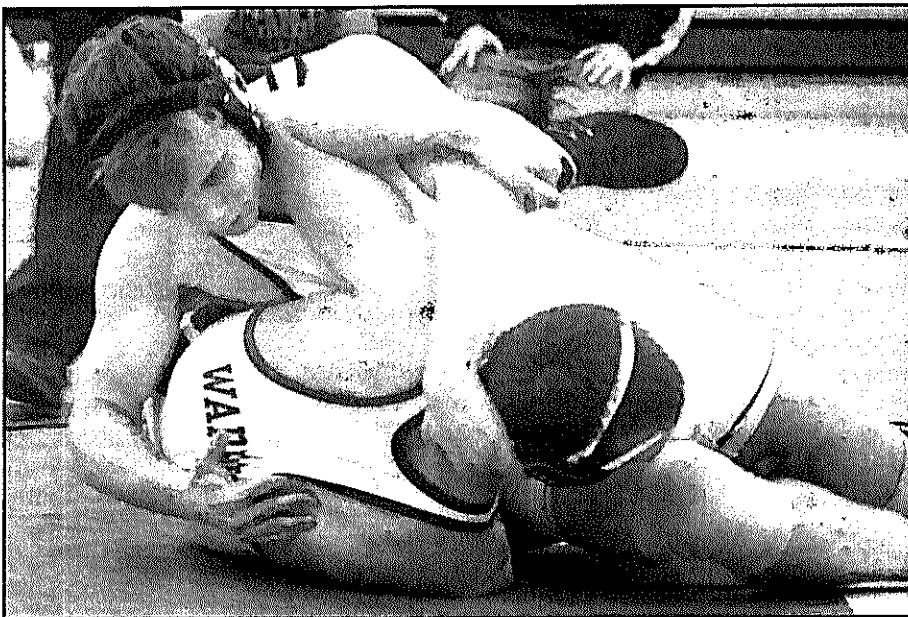
Freshman Seth Richardson wrestles at 126 with a 4-6 record. This only the second year that Richardson has wrestled, but has shown great heart and determination according to his coach.

At 132, senior Jake Miller has returned to the mat after sitting out the sport following his freshman season. Miller is currently 10-9 and has been a pleasant surprise for the Panthers. Saxton believes that Miller, a District alternate as a freshman, could be the sleeper in this year's OVAC tourney.

Saxton has Wheeling Park transfer Arch Newman at 138 pounds. Newman, a sophomore, has overcome some early season issues on the mat to build a 6-5 record.

At 145, the Panthers have another freshman who is out for the sport for the first time. Although winless, Skylar Hatten has shown great improvement and is grasping the sport very well.

Saxton has an unusual situation at 152 with three quality young wrestlers. Freshman Charles Smith came into the season as a



BUCKEYE LOCAL'S Jason Binkiewicz goes for a pin in a match from earlier this season.

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highly-touted junior high wrestler. Smith was a state qualifier last season and finished fourth in the OVAC junior high tournament. He owns a 3-4 record, but has been sidelined with an injury and will likely miss the OVAC.

Also at 152 is junior Dalton Barnes, owner of a 3-6 mark, has filled the spot well since Smith was injured. The third wrestler at 152 is an offspring of Buckeye Local's top wrestling family. Max Kendjorsky, a freshman with a 3-4 record this season is just another in a family that produced standouts including Nate and Hank Kendjorsky.

Another sophomore fills the 160 pound weight class in Jack Reese. At 2-7, Reese has been showing improvement since

slow start.

Senior Wyatt Cornish started the season at 3-2 for the Panthers at 182 before an injury sidelined him for the season.

Sophomore Shayne Christian has filled the spot since with a 2-4 mark.

Saxton believes that the 195-pound weight class is a very tough one at the OVAC tournament and he has three wrestlers vying for the in freshman Zack Cesario with a 4-14 mark, sophomore Dylan Weir at 1-1 and freshman Steve Bezak at 1-2.

The coach noted that Bezak could bounce between 195 and 220.

At 220, the Panthers have three wrestlers, all seniors, vying for the spot. Reece Johnson has a 3-12 mark and David Crites, in

his second year, stands at 0-3. Michael Ingram, at 1-0, has a great attitude in only his second year on the mats.

At heavyweight, Saxton has a battle between two sophomores, Matt Barsch and Lucas Dickerson. Dickerson, at 9-7, is vastly improved over last year. According to Saxton, Dickerson has lost to some very wrestlers and has beaten some very good wrestlers.

Barsch, who bested Dickerson in a wrestle-off last year and participated in the OVAC owns a 2-2 record, but continues to improve in the highly-competitive Panther weight class.

Saxton has a good staff that includes Dillon Stickler, Ronald Clark, Mike Wilt, J.D. Nidle and Tony Francis.

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to have on the team," Baker said. "He works hard. He's been lifting constantly and his upper body is well-built."

Baker said Talbot has been wrestling about years. He added that he sometimes falls under the radar.

"He can place," he said. "He's that good. He's beat a couple of good kids."

"He went out to

Barnesville and finished fourth.

"And, everyone knows what a beast that tournament is. He was getting beat by two good kids and went out and pinned them in the third period."

"It's always a battle for six minutes when you wrestle him."

While Talbot has been through the rigors, Baker

said Lively isn't as polished, but he's getting there.

"He's doing pretty good," Baker said. "Next year, I expect a lot more out of him."

Having two wrestlers presents pluses and minuses, Baker noted.

"It's very challenging," he said. "Those same two kids go after it night in and

night out. It gets kind of boring, you have to mix it up."

"The only good thing about it is the kids get more individual attention."

That's what Muntz is doing with his two wrestlers at Monroe Central.

The Seminoles will be represented by freshman Gage Modra and junior

Renee Richter. Modra competed at 138 pounds, while Richter checks in at 132.

"I'm proud of how they compete everyday," Muntz said.

Muntz, a 1999 Monroe Central grad, said Modra keeps growing as a wrestler each time out.

"He's trying to get better and better," he said.

As for what that means

this week?

"I'm hoping he can reach Day 2," he said. "That would be a good goal."

For Richter, Muntz has been around her since she was a youngster.

"Her goal was to win 10 matches last year," he said, adding he's hopeful she can taste victory this weekend."

2017 OVAC Ron Mauck Tournament First Round Pairings

64th Annual OVAC Ron Mauck Wrestling Tournament

First Round Pairings

106—Cole McComas (BvL) vs. Logan Amos (UL); Ty Logston (OG) vs. William Moore (Shen); Justin Buchelt (EL) vs. Peyton Blasko (Steub); Tucker Winland (PS) vs. Jordyn Spencer (BuL); Dylan Reirdan (Brk) vs. Marshal Niswonger (Cald); kali Corrao (Tor) vs. Terry Gattrell (Mead)
 113—Tim Young (Steub) vs. Dawson Wiley (EL); Aubrey Antill (Camb) vs. Michael grimm (IC); Matt Dudich (L) vs. Cannon Welker (WP); Jake Staud (U) vs. Kason Delancey (FF); Cameron Lancaster (Brk) vs. Cole Harris (Tor); Owen Ott (HC) vs. Cole Giroud (Weir); Nicolas Hall (Mag) vs. Ian Irizarry (PS); Shawn Moore (OG) vs. Izak

Babiczuk (JM); Jessica Weires (Bpt) vs. Abe Frizzeil (Mead)
 120—Greg Quinn (Shady) vs. Ryan Lancaster (Brk); Jake Stoltz (Bell) vs. Levi Pemberton (Cald); Brayden Roberts (PS) vs. Travis Light (BuL); Patrick Egan (Tor) vs. Skyler Lasure (BvL); Jordan Wood (JM) vs. Kyler Cecil (Mag); David Moore (Camb) vs. Maison Richardson (WP); Jacob Simpson (U) vs. Eric Shriver (Morg); Jake Finogle (IC) vs. Peyton Hall (OG)
 126—Luke Martin (PS) vs. Seth Richardson (BuL); Alex August (SL) vs. Alex Good (Camb); Riley Nice (Mag) vs. Zane Everhart (HC); Isaiah Wilhelm (Bell) vs. Austin Love (JM); Jacosn Cole (Weir) vs. Muldrew (Shady) vs. Tino Kayafas (WP); Jullan Giovengo (L) vs. Zane Minella (Steub);

Collin Wiley (Cald) vs. Quintin Elerick (STC); Kyre Smith (Tor) vs. Caleb Rea (Weir)
 132—Quinton Bookman (BvL) vs. Nathaniel Fuller (Morg); Bryce Farrabee (Barn) vs. Jesse Fulton (Tor); Charles Mirandy (WP) vs. Andrew Hardenbrook (Crest); Mikey Shamblin (PS) vs. Renee Richter (MC); Johnathan Simmons (Cam) vs. Clayton Moore (Bell); Braeden Pauley (U) vs. Jack Booth (Mag); Cody Hunter (TC) vs. Alec Cook (Mad); Josh Kahl (Shady) vs. Anthony Blankenship (MF); Blaze Cain (Weir) vs. Colin Stanley (OG); Bryce Wade (HC) vs. Parker Mazik (IC); Michael Gray (Steub) vs. Michael Brinsky (ED); Brandon Harrison (JM) vs. Dylan Milhoan (SL); Bryson Utter (UL) vs. Tommy Curtin (L)
 138—Robert Bozek (OG) vs. Alexander Lude (MF); Austin Rohrbaugh (U) vs. Justin Sarge (EL); Cooper Kerns (Camb) vs. Jeremiah Timberlake (WP); Mitch Wukelic (IC) vs. Jesse Law (Brk); Elliott Dean (Bpt) vs. Vince Pullice (Mad); Blake Pickenpaugh (Cald) vs. Logan Mackey (Cam); Gage Oliver

(Mead) vs. Noah Smith (BvL); Anthony Carman (JM) vs. Jayden Porter (Shen); Robert Frank (SL) vs. Isaac Ricketts (Crest); Griff Heatherington (Bell) vs. Arch Newman (BuL); Collin Kovacs (UL) vs. Collin Hunter (Shady); Donte Vincenzo (STC) vs. Zach Marbais (HC); Colton Meade (TC) vs. Landon Flinn (PS); Dylan Glotfeldy (Barn) vs. Dustin Lengyel (Weir); Gage Modra (MC) vs. Anthony Rice (Steub)
 145—Jashon Hubbard (Steub) vs. Skyler Hatter (BuL); Andrew Bjork (Cald) vs. Reese Wills (Weir); Jared Wright (BvL) vs. Izak Wiley (JM); Leo Baker (FF) vs. Cody Hawthorne (Shady); Devin Crum (UL) vs. James Todd (Mad); Bobby Pettingill (WP) vs. Jonathan Creese (OG); Braydn Strous (Barn) vs. Mike Doyle (TC); Trevor Wintermantle (SL) vs. Owen Zeiders (U); Mark Johns (ED) vs. Gregory Lawson (EL); Josey Stern (Cam) vs. Jabyn Moore (HC); Christopher Helms (Brk) vs. Anthony Porter (Camb); Sam park (L) vs. Jarritt Flinn (PS); Mason Kuneff (Bpt) vs. Ben Hagood (Morg); Cody Albaugh (Bell) vs.

Michael Vannest (STC); Skylar Yoho (Mag) vs. Jacob Dean (Crest); Chase Cooper (Tor) vs. Miles Mazik (IC)
 152—Beau Smith (BvL) vs. Rivera/Glenn (UL); Ronald Chico (L) vs. Isaac Sweat (Weir); Devin Eakle (IC) vs. C.J. Moore (Mead); Bryce Haight (Tor) vs. Nick Scott (Steub); Mathew Ketchum (EL) vs. Dalton Barnes (BuL); Corey Naylor (STC) vs. Cory Hupp-Lasure (Morg); Will Brown (Shady) vs. Dalton Yost (Brk); Hayden Wallace (HC) vs. Tino Kusic (Bpt); Phillip Good (Mad) vs. Carter Pyles (Mag); Clay Baker (FF) vs. Jon-Louis Locklear (Cald); Bryan Clouse (Barn) vs. Seth Kerner (Wells); Daniel Skelton (WP) vs. Seth Cade (ED); Jordan Hamlin (U) vs. Richie McFarland (MF); Nick Beckett (Bell) vs. Jacob Berisford (JM); Colton Dodds (Cam) vs. Kyle Hart (Crest); Schafer/Stewart (Shen) vs. Zane Hinzman (PS)
 160—John Nash (WP) vs. Dallas Raines (Barn); Jarret Deaton (Bpt) vs. Christian Lerussi (BvL); Cody Davis (Cald) vs. Trenton Robinson (Mag); Dale Hawthorne (Shady) vs. Gage Barnhart (Brk);

David Tuttle (Steub) vs. Zack Leach (JM); Dominic Sopinski (Weir) vs. Wyatt Strum (OG); Zac Talbott (Riv) vs. Wesley Watson (TC); Jack Reese (BuL) vs. Michael Starcher (Cam); Drew Dunbar (PS) vs. Timmy Ferguson (Mead); Chance Darrah (Bell) vs. Chase Mercer (Camb); Nick Falno (L) vs. Latrell Crute (SL); Ryan Compton (Morg) vs. Anthony Mecum (EL); Logan Wilson (IC) vs. Michael Hermann (SCC); Drake Dobson (MF) vs. Hunter Baird (Mad); Isaiah Palko (UL) vs. James Dodds (STC); Todd Dare (HC) vs. Adam Frisco (U)
 170—T.J. Lambiotte (PS) vs. Jesse Hudson (JM); Frank Hague (IC) vs. bye; Daniel Wirth (BvL) vs. Eli Gregg (Cald); Matt Stacey (Wells) vs. Colten Zombeck (Brk); Victor Giovengo (L) vs. Wyatt Wingrove (Cam); Jeremy Clawges (Morg) vs. Chase Hickman (Barn); Jacob Todd (Mad) vs. bye; Hunter Duffey (Bpt) vs. Stevie Cool (OG); Kaleb Simpkins (WP) vs. Kevin Denning (SL); Hayden Starcher (U) vs. Keith Bodnar (Steub); Timothy Bell (Bell) vs. Jason Binkiewicz (BuL); Dakota Stratton (Crest) vs. Andrew Elerick (STC); Brady Blattner (Mead) vs. Hayden Daley (SCC); Zach Greene (UL) vs. Billy Johnson (Shady)
 182—Hunter DeLong (PS) vs. Taylor Prickett (Shady); Billy Snyder (Steub) vs. Zach Ware (Mag); Kyler Flanigan (OG) vs. Joven
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PICTURED IS the 2016-17 Shadyside wrestling team. Front row, from left, are assistant coach Bryan Crozier, Collin Hunter, Cody Hawthorne, DJ Hoge, Greg Quinn, Will Brown and assistant coach Luke Burkhardt. Second row, from left, are assistant coach Chase Grinch, Josh Kahl, Josh Robinson, Billy Johnson, Donnie Meadows, Wyatt Schrader, Jacson Muldrew and head coach Sean Grinch. Absent were Dale Hawthorne and Taylor Prickett.

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Shadyside shooting for high place; Quinn looks to repeat championship

By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Editor

SHADYSIDE — Basically every coach would love to go into a game or event under the radar, if you will.

As it pertains to this weekend's 64th annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament, Shadyside isn't afforded that opportunity.

After all, the Tigers are coming off their best showing in school history in 2016 in the three-day mat extravaganza that opens Thursday evening. Last season, the Tigers finished third overall, had an individual champion and eight total placers.

"There were pretty high expectations surrounding us coming into the season because of how well we did last year and we have such a strong senior class," Shadyside head coach Sean Grinch said. "We have a target on our back and our guys realize that. They also know and understand the expectations of the program. We just need to go out and perform. We don't want any additional stress or pressure placed on our guys. We'll wrestle as hard as we can and see where the chips fall."

Along with its OVAC success last season, the Tigers advanced to the OHSAA state team tournament and

had an individual state runnerup.

This season hasn't gone totally as planned for the Tigers. Whether it because of injury or a challenging schedule, Shadyside hasn't had quite the amount of success it enjoyed last winter. But, according to Grinch, that's OK.

"We have a solid lineup, but we might not have the depth for a dual because of we're down in numbers and because of some of the injuries we've dealt with," Grinch continued. "We don't have a slouch in the lineup. We're probably a better tournament team than we are a dual team and we're hoping for a good weekend."

The OVAC Tournament will always be one of the main events on the Shadyside schedule, but Grinch has stressed to his team that it's not "the end all, be all" of the season either.

"I think sometimes I may have put too much emphasis on the OVAC," Grinch said. "It's a good tournament and a tournament we want to do well in, but it doesn't determine the rest of our season. The ultimate goal is to get as many guys to Columbus for the (individual) state tournament and then hopefully get them onto the podium there. But, a good performance in the

OVAC hopefully will lead to good things down the road."

Grinch, who was an OVAC Coach of the Year finalist last year, believes the 1A/2A race could be a battle that comes all the way down to Saturday night's rounds.

"Hopefully, we can duplicate what we did last year, but it's going to be tough within our division," Grinch said. "We want to get as many guys to Saturday as we can. I know Madonna and Caldwell are both solid teams. Our guys are looking forward to going and competing."

The Tigers have certainly challenged themselves to help prepare for the stretch run of the season, which begins this weekend. They took part in a loaded Brecksville Tournament over the Christmas break. They also took part at Union Local and Barnesville's invitationals. They won the team title at their own event earlier this month. In duals, the Tigers are 3-2 with losses to Indian Creek and Wheeling Park.

"For a school our size, I think we've wrestled a very competitive schedule," Grinch noted. "December was tough on us and we knew that going in, but it's starting to come together for us."

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113-Tim Young (Steub); 2. Abe Frizzell (Mead); 3. Owen Ott (HC); 4. Cole Harris (Tor); 5. Jake Staud (U); 6. Ian Irizary (PS); 7. Shawn Moore (OG); 8. Connon Walker (WP); 9. Aubrey Antill (Camb); 10. Jake Mathews (ED); 11. Jordan Dalby (UL); 12. Brayden Reynolds (Bam)

120-Greg Quinn (Shady); 2. Peyton Hall (OG); 3. Jordan Wood (JM); 4. Skyler Lasura (BvL); 5. Brayden Roberts (PS); 6. Maison Richardson (WP); 7. Jacob Simpson (U); 8. Levi Pemberton (Cald); 9. Bill Murray (Steub); 10. Derik Houser (Crest); 11. Ryley Crall (UL); 12. Roman Baird (Mad)

126-Luke Martin (PS); 2. Caleb Rea (Weir); 3. Jacson Mukdrew (Shady); 4. Austin Love (JM); 5. Riley Nice (Mag); 6. Zane Minella (Steub); 7. Colin Wiley (Cald); 8. Alex Good (Camb); 9. James Torres (ED); 10. Gage Walker (EL); 11. Chris Yanni (BvL); 12. Brise Bennett (U)

132-Quinton Bookman (BvL); 2. Tommy Curtin (L); 3. Josh Kahl (Shady); 4. Alex Cook (Mad); 5. Mikey Shamblyn (PS); 6. Parker Mazik (IC); 7. Michael Gray (Steub); 8. Andrew Hardenbrook (Crest); 9. Bryce Farrabee (Bam); 10. Dylan Milhoan (SL); 11. Blaze Cain (Weir); 12. Clayton Moore (Bell)

138-Robert Bozek (OG); 2. Anthony Rice (Steub); 3. Anthony Carman (JM); 4. Noah Smith (BvL); 5. Mitch Wukelic (IC); 6. Colin Hunter (Shady); 7. Donte Vincenzo (STC); 8. Jeremiah Timberlake (WP); 9. Austin Rohrbaugh (U); 10. Landon Finn (PS); 11. Griff Heatherington (Bell); 12. Vince Pulice (Mad)

145-1. Jashon Hubbard (Steub); 2. Miles Mazik (IC); 3. Mark Johns (ED); 4. Owen Zelders (U); 5. Devin Crum (UL); 6. Jarritt Flinn (PS); 7. Mason Kunelf (Bpt); 8. Cody Hawthorne (Shady); 9. Jared Wright (BvL); 10. Michael Vannest (STC); 11. Christopher Helms (Brk); 12. Jonathan Creese (OG)

152-1. Beau Smith (BvL); 2. Zane Hinzman (PS); 3. Phillip Good (Mad); 4. Tino Kusic (Bpt); 5. Mathew Ketchum (EL); 6. Seth Cade (ED); 7. Jordan Hamlin (U); 8. Nick Scott (Steub); 9. Devin Eakle (IC); 10. Jacob Berisford (JM); 11. Brylan Clouse (Bam); 12. Cory Hupp-Lasura (Morg)

160-1. John Nash (WP); 2. Adam Frisco (U); 3. Drew Dunbar (PS); 4. Michael Starcher (Cam); 5. David Tuttle (Steub); 6. Anthony Mecum (EL); 7. Logan Wilson (IC); 8. Gage Barnhart (Brk); 9. Cody Davis (Cald); 10. Hunter Baird (Mad); 11. Nick Falbo (L); 12. Wyatt Strum (OG)

170-1. T.J. Lambiotte (PS); 2. Billy Johnson (Shady); 3. Kaleb Simpkins (WP); 4. Stevie Cool (OG); 5. Victor Giovengo (L); 6. Jason Binkiewicz (BuL); 7. Dakota Stratton (Crest); 8. Colten Zornbeck (Brk); 9. Daniel Wirth (BvL); 10. Hayden Daley (SCC); 11. Hayden Starcher (U); 12. Chase Hickman (Bam)

182-1. Hunter DeLong (PS); 2. Nick Valachovic (U); 3. Nathan Thomas (IC); 4. Chad Mays (BvL); 5. Garrett Finsley (Brk); 6. Mason Miklas (WP); 7. Brandon Durrah (JM); 8. Joven Householder (Tor); 9. Billy Snyder (Steub); 10. Mason Wiley (Cald); 11. Nathan Fields (Weir); 12. Christian Bond (Shen)

195-1. Dalton Hoover (MF); 2. Justin Allman (PS); 3. Jud Ramage (Mead); 4. Austin Mayfield (EL); 5. Donovan Kirby (Mad); 6. Brandon Keys (TC); 7. Austin Loew (WP); 8. Hazekiah Scurry (Steub); 9. Derek Witsberger (STC); 10. Dalton Rice (Shen); 11. Duran Q-Thornton (Weir); 12. Landon Ellifritz (U)

220-1. Caleb Nice (Mag); 2. Hunter Bodkin (MF); 3. Caido Bunfill (Bam); 4. Alex Edgell (Brk); 5. Garret Wolfe (PS); 6. Tommy Moore (Camb); 7. Drone Moore (Steub); 8. Dylan Wood (WP); 9. Landon Talbert (Crest); 10. Garrett Givens (BvL); 11. River Pappas (EL); 12. Brady Williams (JM)

285-1. Gage Giovengo (L); 2. Tyler Ely (Steub); 3. Loudon Haga (PS); 4. Dom Wallace (MF); 5. Cory Chippo (TC); 6. Brenton Stull (HC); 7. Nathan Simmons (JM); 8. Zach Thomas (BvL); 9. Grg Hawkins (Weir); 10. Josh Robinson (Shady); 11. Kade Clark (UL); 12. Zack Meade (Bam)

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What I'm about to share with you are factual events that only wrestlers will truly understand. It is the story of my personal sacrifices as a high school wrestler in Pennsylvania which is only a microcosm of what all committed matmen in my day experienced.

As a wrestler, I never thought about the "time sacrifice" I made during my four years as a high school student-athlete. In my day, the school year began after Labor Day and ended before Memorial Day. That equates to nine months. Our wrestling season started at the beginning of November and concluded



Bill Welker
Wrestling Columnist

at the end of March. That's five months of the school year.

So, what's the point? Well, over a four-year period, my fellow wrestlers and I spent 20 months of training and competing. Thus, we had only 16 months (out of 36) those four years to relax and enjoy our high school experience.

But there were other personal sacrifices as well!

As every devoted wrestler of my day, to be in top condition, we had to watch our weight. It was the belief of that time that to be in the best physical condition possible a wrestler had to lose as much weight as possible.

In the 60s, we didn't know any better and coaches had no medical research on proper dieting. So, we utilized any and all dietary methods to make weight. Again, we didn't know any better. It was the culture of wrestling back then. Today, this is no longer the case; everyone is now educated (coaches, parents, and wrestlers) on proper nutritional eating habits.

Back to the past. It couldn't have been a worse time of year to watch our weight; we also had to endure "holiday" sacrifices. While our fellow classmates celebrated those Thanksgiving meals, we had to eat lightly to maintain our weight. Then there was the Christmas Season. If you never wrestled, you would never know or even understand what we had to sacrifice and endure.

We had to practice (and, of course, watch our weight) between Christmas and New Year with a tournament in between, while other athletes and students were enjoying the festivities and the luscious food that is associated with that time of year.

In February, Valentine's Day was another bummer when it came to calorie-ridden chocolate delights for

us wrestlers. But we again endured.

If you haven't noticed, I have yet to mention the grueling part of wrestling - competition - week in and week out. After six weeks of honing our wrestling skills and conditioning ourselves for a sport that requires physical training far beyond any other scholastic sport, we spent the next three and a half months competing.

The road to states was a four-week elimination process. Unlike today's matmen, who could move to the next level if they placed high enough, we had to win every match (absolutely no losses) if we wanted to be crowned a state champion at Penn State's Rec Hall.

Of all the scholastic sports of which many athletes compete in today, none will ever compare to the extreme physical conditioning that dedicated wrestlers display to succeed in the mat sport.

I challenge anyone to prove me wrong that wrestling is the most strenuous scholastic sport. Should you try to do so, you better do your homework, because I have for over 60 years.

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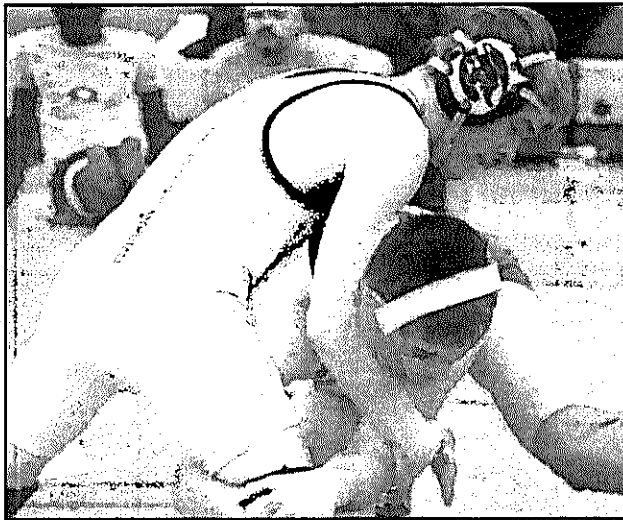
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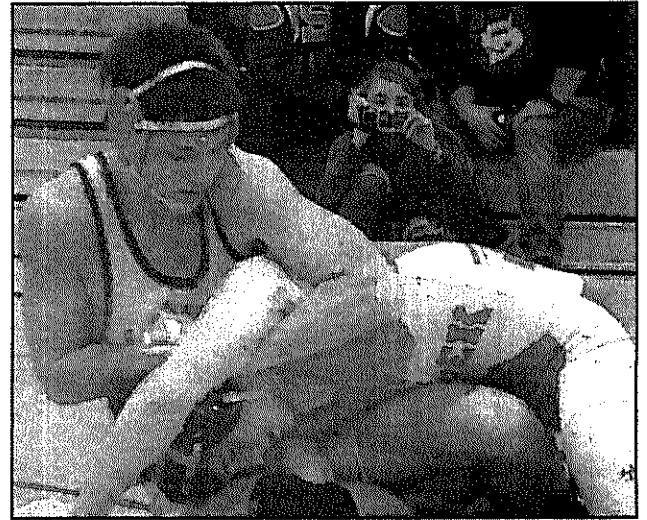
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• Shadyside

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The Tigers will fill 11 of the 14 weight classes this weekend. Their only vacancies come at 106, 113 and 195.

Shadyside is led into this weekend by senior standout Greg Quinn. The reigning 120-pound champion is back at that weight and owns a 24-0 record for the season. Quinn was a Division III state runnerup last season and is now Shadyside's all-time win leader.

Along with his title last season, Quinn was second as a freshman and third as a sophomore.

"Greg's done it all, basically," Grinch said. "His story isn't finished though. His ultimate goal is to win a state championship. He wants to win every tournament he enters and dominate. He enjoys imposing

his will on his opponents. He's a fun wrestler to watch because he's good in every position."

Sophomore Jackson Muldrew follows Quinn at 126 pounds. After finishing fourth at 113 last winter, Muldrew has bumped up two classes. He was a state qualifier as a frosh at 120 and is currently 20-3 on the season.

"Jackson had a good OVAC last year and it kind of springboarded him into the postseason," Grinch explained. "He's carried that over to this season. He's gotten bigger, stronger and he works hard in the room. I expect big things from him."

Senior Josh Kahl holds down 132 pounds. He's a three-time OVAC semifinalist, but has yet to reach the title match. He's placed

sixth, fifth and fourth in the conference tournament. He enters with a 15-3 mark.

"It's time for Josh to punch his ticket (to the final)," Grinch said. "On paper, 132 is one of the deeper weight classes in the tournament. Regardless of where he's seeded, Josh has the talent to win it."

Senior Billy Johnson is one to watch for the Tigers at 170 pounds. After being slowed early by a football injury, Johnson is 7-1 on the season and is coming off a fourth-place finish last season.

"Billy's been beat up since football, but he's starting to get healthier and I think he needs more mat time," Grinch explained. "His goal is to win the OVAC title, and I think he can do it."

-Senior Collin Hunter,

who is 14-7 on the season, resides at 138 pounds. He was eighth last season in the conference and is looking to build on that.

"I don't think his record shows how solid of a season Collin has had," Grinch said. "He's battled a lot of tough guys. Confidence and pace are a big part of it for him."

Cody Hawthorne gets the call at 145 pounds. Though he didn't compete at the OVAC last season because of injury, he bounced back and qualified for the state tournament. He's currently 16-9 on the season.

"Cody has had an up and down year, but he wrestled well at our tournament and is starting to show some flashes of where he was last year," Grinch said. "He's going to have to wrestle well to place, but I think he

has it in him."

Senior Will Brown will be entered at 152 pounds with a 14-8 record. He, too, didn't wrestle in the OVAC last season. He's bounced around in terms of weight class this season.

"Will has really grown and is still adjusting to wrestling at the heavier weight," Grinch said. "He needs a good draw, but I think he can knock some guys off."

Josh Robinson will enter at either 220 or 285, according to his head coach. Now 12-7, Robinson has placed in three tournaments. If Donnie Meadows, who was a placer last season, is able to compete for the first time this season, Robinson will go at 220.

"Josh has had a pretty good season," Grinch said. "I know his goal is to place

(in the OVAC) and I think he has the ability to do it, but it's probably going to come down to the draw."

Two relative newcomers to the team will enter at 160 and 182 pounds, respectively. Dale Hawthorne will enter in the lighter weight, while senior Taylor Prickett holds down the latter.

Along with Meadows being slowed by injury, Shadyside is also without the services of D.J. Hoge and Wyatt Schrader.

Graduation claimed OVAC placers Brett Kahl and Austin Allen as well as Bailey Chaplin, Matt Shaw and Eli Karkowski.

Grinch is being assisted by Chase Grinch, Bryan Crozier and Luke Burkhardt at the varsity level. Kurt Glasser and Jeff Campbell guide the junior high program.

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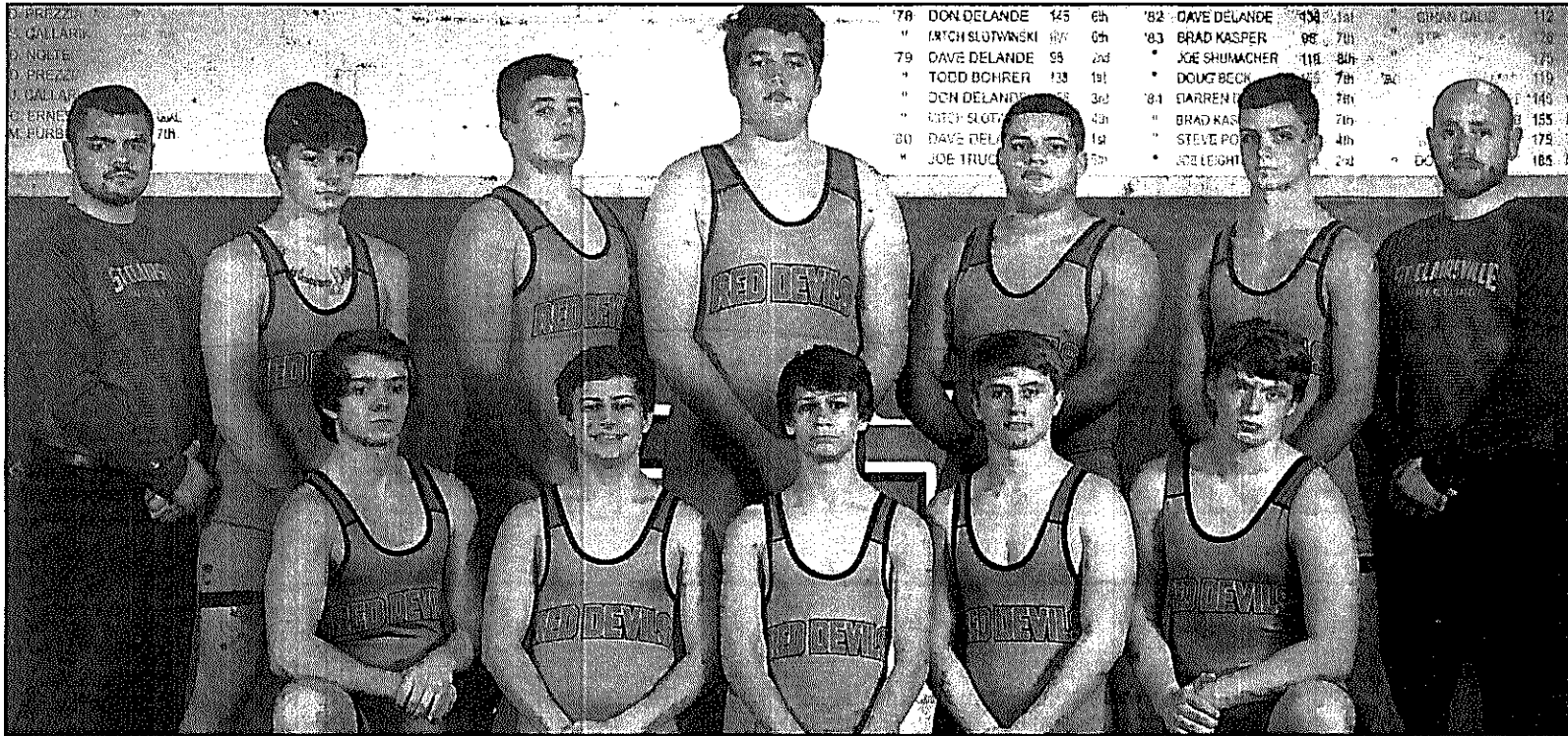
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PICTURED IS the 2016-17 St. Clairsville wrestling team. Front row, from left, are Michael Vannest, Quintin Elerick, Ethan Bethel, Corey Naylor and Andrew Elerick. Back row, from left, are assistant coach Bobby Richmond, Dylan Alwine, Derek Witsberger, Trey DelGuzzo, Justice McCamick, Donte Vincenzo and Head Coach Joel Sansone.

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Red Devils could surprise some people this weekend

By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Editor

ST. CLAIRSVILLE — As it pertains to this weekend's 64th annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament, St. Clairsville is a team that many of the pundits aren't expecting much from as it pertains to the team race.

Head coach Joel Sansone, who is in his seventh season at the helm of his alma mater, is OK with that, too.

"We're not ranked very highly, but we have some guys who many people have never heard of that have a chance to make a name for themselves and I know they're looking forward to the opportunity," Sansone said.

The Red Devils actually have nary a competitor this weekend who has stood on the OVAC podium or took part in last season's Division II district tournament.

"We're a very, very young team with five freshmen and three sophomores in our lineup," Sansone said. "I actually think we've overachieved to this point."

The Red Devils are currently 3-1 in duals and only took part in an invitational at Atwater Waterloo and their own America's Best Value, Inn Tournament during the Christmas break prior to last weekend's Buckeye 8 Tournament.

"Since we have such a young team, we

decided not to schedule anything between our tournament and the Buckeye 8," Sansone said. "We wanted to reassess and break down some things in terms of what we need to improve on. We've been working hard in the (practice) room since our tournament to get better."

The Red Devils finished ninth out of 23 teams at Waterloo with five individual placers and then finished fourth in their own event with nine grapplers earning a place in the top six.

"Honestly, I like where we're at right now," Sansone said. "Each time we've competed, we've exceeded expectations. Our kids are young and hungry to win. They give everything they have each day and when they put the ankle band on and the whistle blows, they're ready to go."

The Buckeye 8 tournament — and this weekend's OVAC event, which opens Thursday at WesBanco Arena in downtown Wheeling — started quite the finishing stretch for the Devils.

"Everything we've done up until the Buckeye 8 was basically like the pre-season to get ready for what's ahead," Sansone said. "We still have the OHSAA Duals and the OVAC Duals and then the sectional, so we have a lot of big events left. This is the point in the season where we want to start getting better."

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2017 OVAC Ron Mauck Tournament First Round Pairings

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| Householder (Tor); Garrett Finsley (Brk); Shayne Christian (BuL); Joseph Zaccirey (L); Christian Bond (Shen); Zak Tokash (Mad); Nate Bomboris (UL); Jordan Grewell (Mead); vs. Chad Mays (BvL); Nathan Thomas (IC); Devin Danhart (Bpt); Nathan Fields (Weir); Caleb Glover (SL); Austin Cain (Cam); Mason Miklas (WP); Brandon Durrah (JM); Blayne Erwin (HC); | Austin Carter (Wells) vs. Mason Wiley (Cald); Jared Dugan (Barn) vs. Nick Valachovic (U); 195—Dalton Hoover (MF) vs. Chandler Greer (HC); Derek Witsberger (STC) vs. Matt Paxson (SL); Tylor Yost (Morg) vs. Hezekiah Scurry (Steub) vs. Donavan Kirby (Mad) vs. Zach Thorpe (Mag); Blake High (Camb) vs. Landon Ellifritz (U); Dylan Weir (BuL) vs. Austin Mayfield (EL); Jud Ramage | (Mead) vs. Zachary Kuneff (Bpt); Duran Q. Thornton (Weir) vs. Danta Pelino (Crest); Austin Moore (JM) vs. Brandon Keys (TC); Austin Loew (WP) vs. Ethan Lively (Riv); Briar Cunningham (Wells) vs. Dalton Rice (Shen); Jacob Wounaris (IC) vs. Justin Allman (PS); 220—Caleb Nice (Mag) vs. Walker Anderson (Cam); Landon Talbert (Crest) vs. Kris Lincke (Weir); Josh Hite | (Morg) vs. Dylan Wood (WP); Garret Wolfe (PS) vs. Reese Johnson (BuL); Cash Presnell (Shen) vs. Brady Williams (JM); Justice McCamick (STC) vs. Billy Haislet (IC); River Dibell (TC) vs. Alex Edgell (Brk); Caide Bunfill (Barn) vs. Adam Loughman (Bpt); Devon Little (SL) vs. Trevor Hayes (Cald); River Pappas (EL) vs. Josh Sanders (U); Killian Joseph (L) vs. Tommy Moore (Camb); Drone Moore (Steub) vs. Josh | Croft (HC); Joe Lewis (Tor) vs. Garrett Givens (BvL); Ryan Eikey (Mad) vs. Skylor Wooley (EL); Caden Honeywell (Bell) vs. Hunter Bodkin (MF); 285—Gage Giovengo (L) vs. Liam Fowler (U); Greg Hawkins (Weir) vs. Logan Kmatz (EL); Austin Baumgartner (FF) vs. Zach Thomas (BvL); Cory Chipps (TC) vs. Todd Moore (Bell); Zack Almy (SL) vs. Zack Meade (Barn); Garth Charlton (Camb) vs. Isaac | Rosohac (OG); Calvin McGaha (WP) vs. Dom Wallace (MF); Loudon Haga (PS) vs. Ryan Fox (EL); Lucas Dickerson (BuL) vs. Sam Robinson (IC); Kade Clark (UL) vs. Kevin Cuervo (SCC); Trey Delguzzo (STC) vs. Brenton Stull (HC); Nathan Simmons (JM) vs. Easton Hitchens (Shen); Neil McKnight (Morg) vs. Josh Robinson (Shady); Justin Haynes (Tor) vs. Tyler Ely (Steub) |
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Leading to what Sansone called "a rebuilding year" was the graduation of three OVAC placers, including reigning 285-pound champion Michael Furbee, who is now grappling at Cleveland State University. Also gone from last season are Cole Skaggs, who was fifth, and Logan DeLong, who was seventh.

St. Clairsville has 11 wrestlers on the team and will fill 11 weight classes this weekend. It's only vacancies are at 113, 120 and 132.

Though they're young and somewhat inexperienced, the Red Devils have eight of their entrants who own a .500 or better record.

"We noticed early in the season that when it's time to go live, this group goes live," Sansone said. "They battle every day. The results have definitely been a pleasant surprise."

Leading the way for the Devils this weekend is senior captain Dante Vincenzo at 138 pounds. He's currently 14-4 and boasts a bronze medal from Waterloo and a silver at St. C.

"Dante has been in the round of 12 at the OVAC, so he knows what it's like to be a match away from placing and he's hungry to make the podium," Sansone explained. "He has a great work ethic and really leads by example."

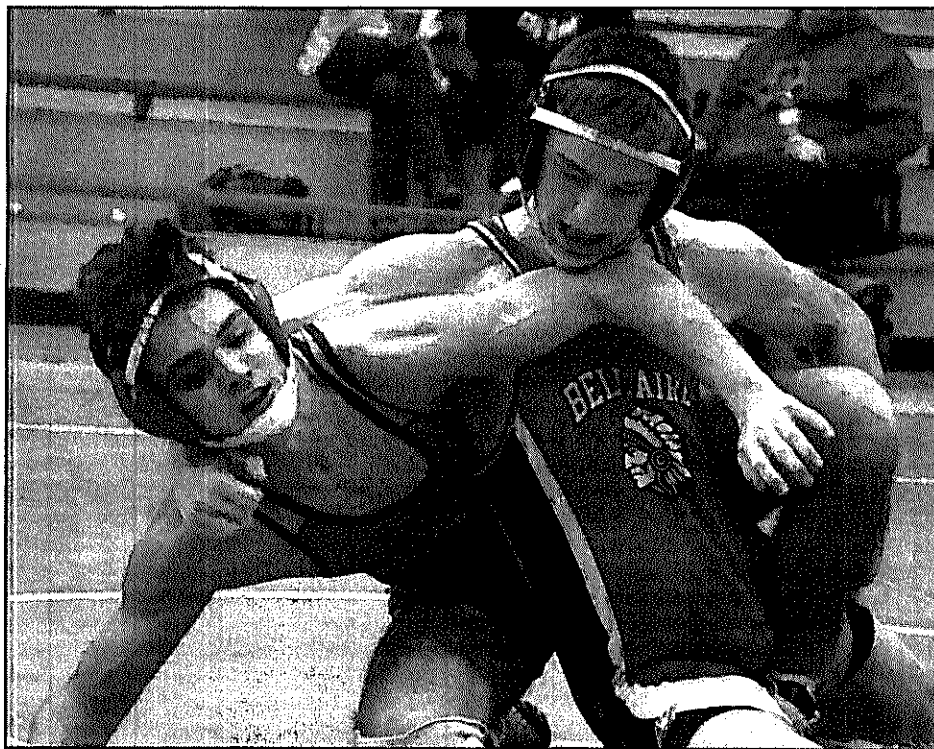
Freshman Derek Witsberger has been impressive at 195 pounds. He's currently 15-4 with a third-place finish at Waterloo and a fifth-place award at St. C. on his resume.

"Derek's a talented kid who was a two-time junior high state qualifier," Sansone said. "He's had good showings and scored a lot of points for us."

Junior Michael Vannest is the entrant at 145 pounds. With a 12-5 record, Vannest also sports a runner-up finish at St. C. on his resume. He went 7-1 during the course of the event.

"I think Michael has a good, outside chance to place," Sansone said. "His biggest attribute is he doesn't care about who he's wrestling. He just goes after it."

At 106 pounds, freshman



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ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S Donte Vincenzo, left, competes against Bellaire's Griggin Heatherington during Saturday's Buckeye 8 Tournament.

Ethan Bethel will be entered. He comes in with a 14-4 mark as well as a runner-up finish at Waterloo.

"We've seen a lot of good

things from Ethan," Sansone said. "He's very wiry and scrambles well. If he does what he's been doing, there's no reason he

can't make the podium. He has to wrestle a complete tournament."

Freshman Quintin Elerick will enter at 126

pounds with a 6-4 record. He's spent most of the season either 132 or 138, but dropped down for the first time this season last week.

"Quintin has a motor that doesn't stop," Sansone said. "He comes to practice every day wanting to get better."

Sophomore Justice McCamick enters at 220 pounds. He's currently 12-4 and was third at St. C.

"Justice was Michael Furbee's practice partner last year, so he learned a lot from him," Sansone said. "He's a lot bigger and stronger this season and actually looks like a 220 pounder. He might surprise some people."

Sophomore Andrew Elerick is on the bracket at 182 pounds with a 4-4 record despite being a first-year wrestler and battling injuries.

Sophomore Trey Delguzzo (285), freshman Corey Naylor (152) and freshman James Dobbs (170) round out the lineup for the Red Devils.

Sansone is being assisted by Bobby Richmond.

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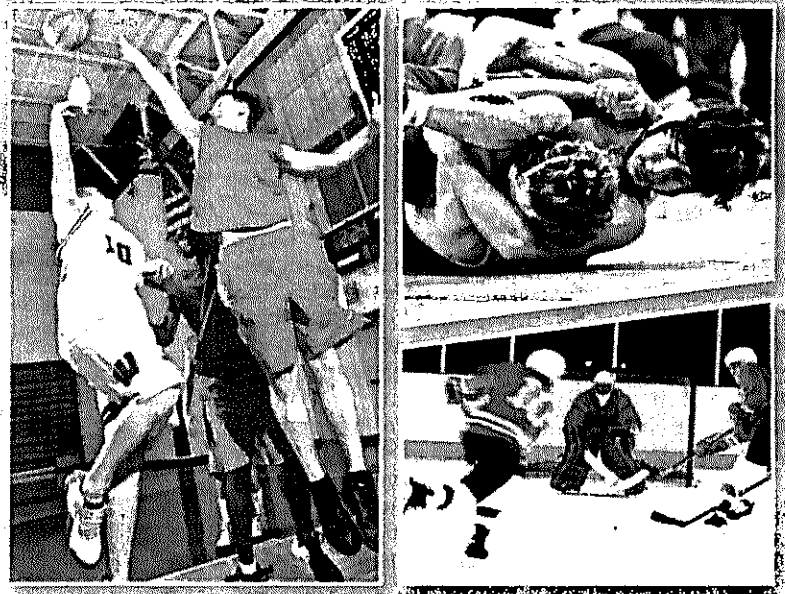
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