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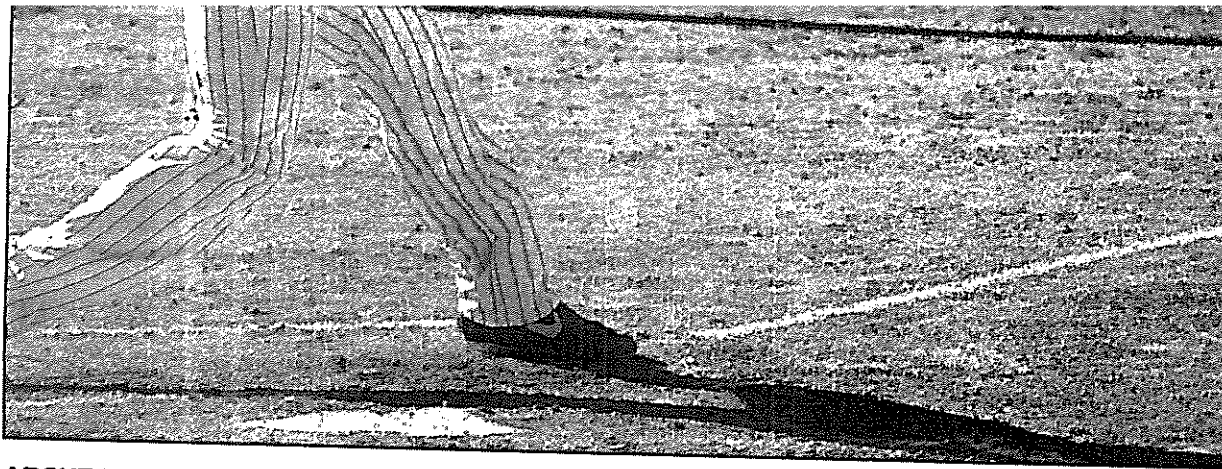
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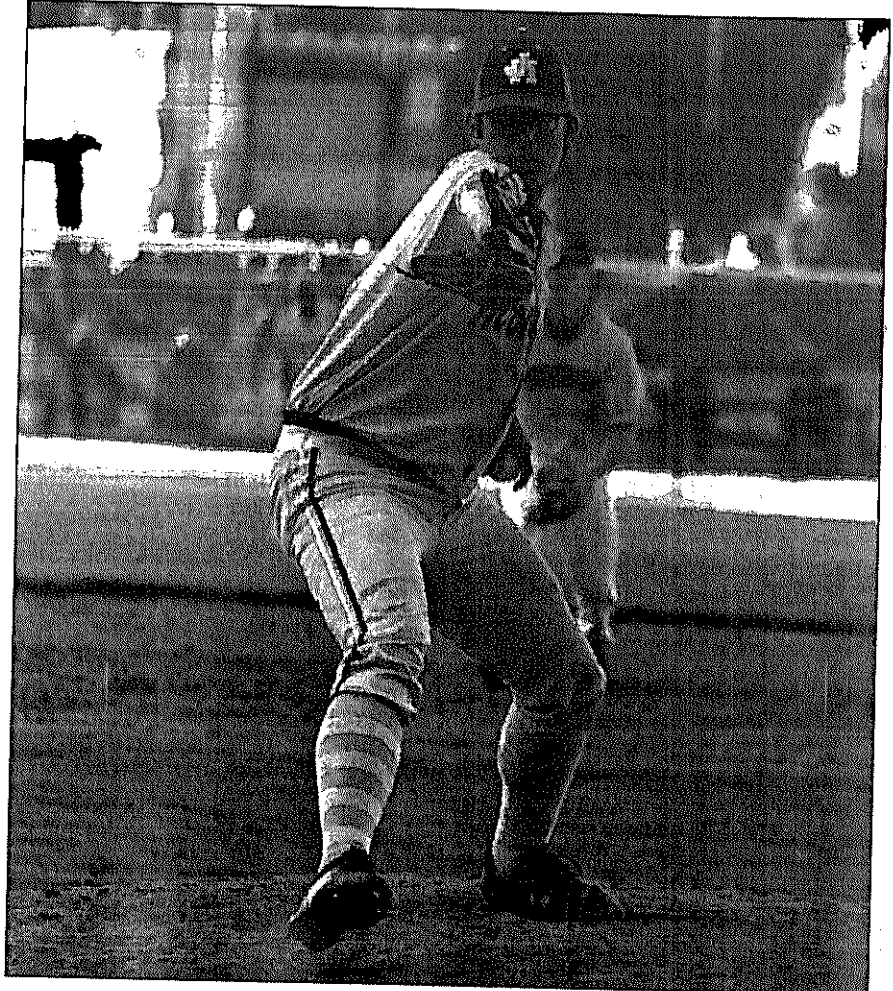


Photo by Seth Staskey
West Virginia's Shane Dobbs (John Marshall) delivers to the plate during Monday's OVAC All-Star Game at the I-470 Baseball Complex. Ohio won the game by a 9-3 final score.

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OVAC Baseball All-Stars

Photo by Cody Tomer.

The OVAC All-Stars were on hand for the conference showcase at the I-470 Field this week. Standing from left are, Anthony Sinicropi (Edison), Andrew Kinney (Edison), Aidan Lucey (Cameron), Alex Papadimitriou (Linsly), Eli Petho (Linsly) and Matt Fouty (Bridgeport). Kneeling are, Gerrett Brewer (Oak Glen), Josh Cline (Oak Glen), Nick Langley (Brooke), Chas McCool (John Marshall), Shane Dobbs (John Marshall) and Angelo Gentile (Wheeling Central). The all-star game is slated for 6 p.m. tonight at the J.B. Chambers I-470 Complex.

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