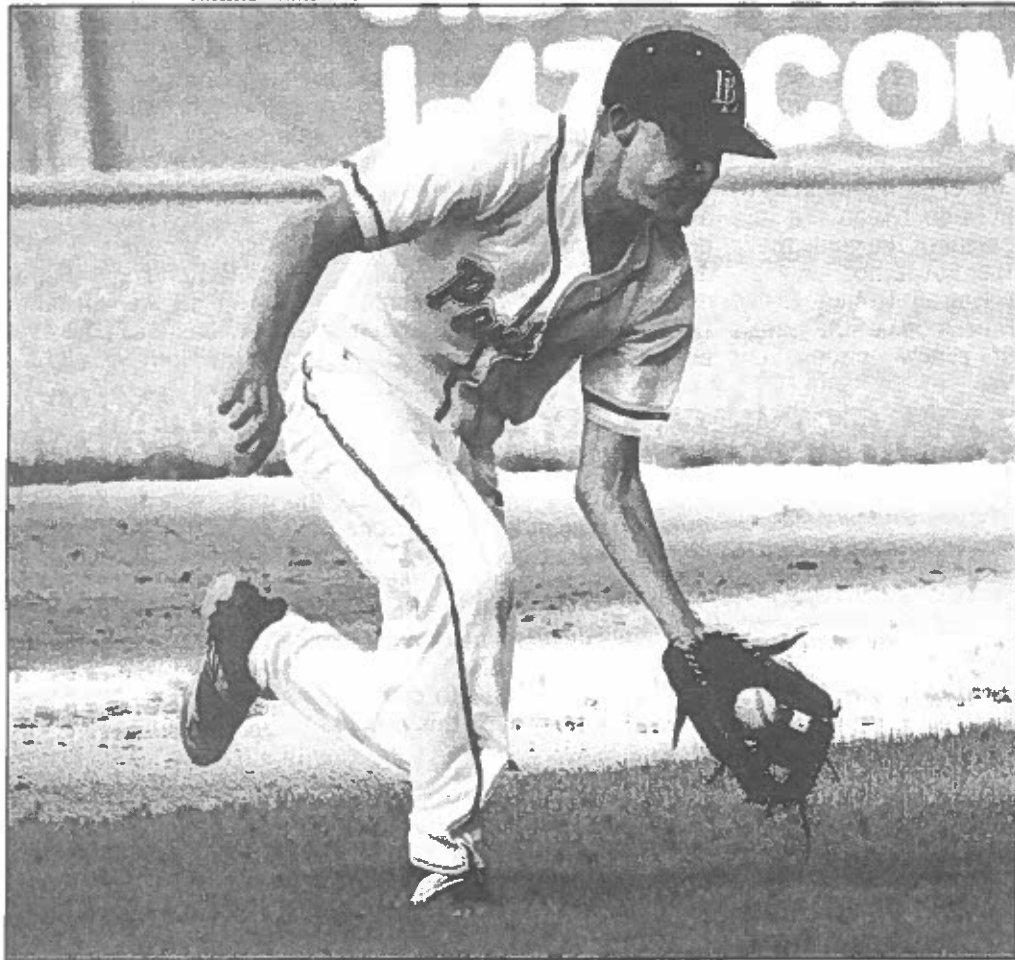


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GEORGE KOVALICK OVAC ALL-STAR BASEBALL GAME



BUCKEYE LOCAL'S Alan Burkett fields a ground ball during Tuesday's OVAC All-Star Baseball Game at the J.B. Chambers I-470 Complex in Elm Grove. Ohio suffered a 7-6 setback to West Virginia.

Photo/CODY TOMER

West Virginia walks off a winner over Ohio, 7-6

By **CODY TOMER**
For The Times Leader

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Pirates stage a comeback over ChiSox

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pinch-hitter Erik Gonzalez's two-run single highlighted a four-run rally in the seventh inning as the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the skidding Chicago White Sox 6-3 on Tuesday night.

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"We haven't had a lot of luck the last few weeks in getting the big hit," second baseman Adam Frazier said. "It seems like the other teams get a big hit and we don't answer. Maybe this will get the ball rolling a little bit."

The White Sox are rolling in the wrong direction. They were swept in a four-game series at Houston last weekend, getting outscored 27-8 by the Astros.

"It's kind of like a test right now," starting pitcher Lucas Giolito said. "Rough series (in Houston) and we drop this first game. Maybe a little wakeup call we need. We have to come ready to play from the beginning of the game."

"We have to try to learn from these last few days. Come out maybe a little more aggressive, hair on fire tomorrow and get back on track."

Frazier homered for the Pirates, and Bryan Reynolds had two hits and two RBIs.

David Bednar (1-1) got the last out of the seventh for his first major league win. Richard Rodriguez earned his ninth save in 11 tries with a 1-2-3 ninth as the Pirates won for the third time in four games.

Grandal's home run off starting pitcher Tyler Anderson was his 11th of the season and fourth as a pinch-hitter in his 10-year career. The lead didn't last long after Giolito was removed for a pinch-hitter later in the inning.

Gregory Polanco and Phillip Evans hit back-to-back singles to start the Pittsburgh seventh. Kevin Newman then beat out a bunt for a single and Polanco scored the tying run when third baseman Yoan Moncada made a wide throw to first for an error.

"It was intended to be a sacrifice but it was placed better than I intended and I got on base so it was a win-win," Newman said.

Gonzalez followed by grounding his go-ahead single into left field. Reynolds added an RBI single later in the inning to make it 6-3.

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Barton rallies past Shadyside

By **KIM NORTH**
Times Leader Sports Writer

CRESCENT — Defending Ohio Valley Baseball League champion Barton has been playing in a funk so far this summer. Tuesday night was no exception, but the end result is all veteran manager Billy Timko cares about.

No-hit for five innings, the Braves (4-4) recorded only two safeties but rallied for a 3-2 victory over a much-improved Shadyside (0-12) squad on Henning Field inside Pramesa Park.

"I hope this snaps us out of this spell we've been in. There was no flow to the game tonight. It was kind of dry," Timko said. "We just haven't been hitting the ball like we are capable of, but we keep battling and battling."

"We lucked out you could say. They (Shadyside) played one heckuva game," Timko added. "Their guy pitched a great game. We weren't hitting him."

Deadlocked at two with Isaac Rine at third and two outs in the bottom of the seventh, Kaden Blomquist lifted a major-league pop

behind short that fell untouched to complete the comeback from a 2-0 deficit. Rine reached second to open the inning when his flyball to right was misplayed. He stole third with two outs.

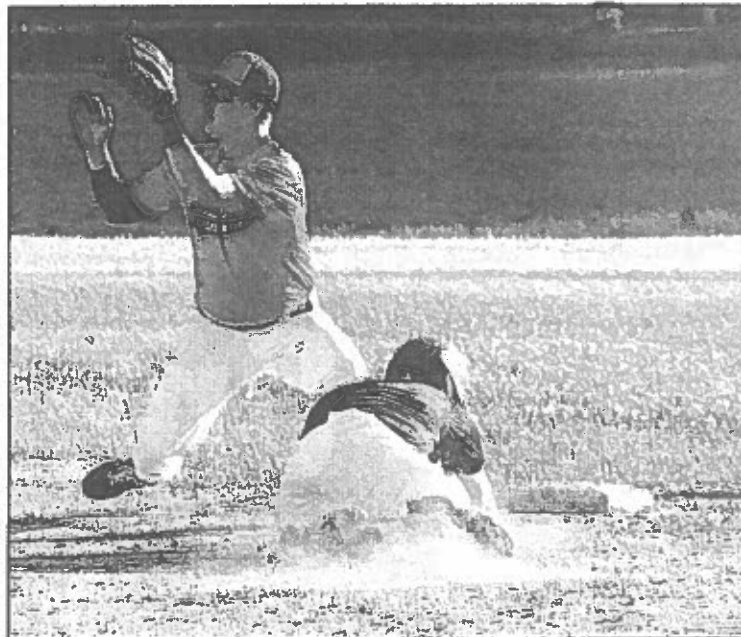
"That's baseball for you. Not everybody is perfect and not everything goes your way," Shadyside player/assistant manager Collin Holmes said. "That's why you play the game."

Barton actually trailed 2-0 entering the bottom of the sixth against former Martins Ferry product Dom Wallace. The righty struck out seven and walked five, but only allowed three balls to be hit out of the infield.

"My gosh," Holmes said of Wallace's outing. "We couldn't have asked any more from him. We had his back the whole game. He was letting them hit the ball and we played pretty good defense behind him."

However, Austin Bassa and Kaden Blomquist drew back-to-back walks to start the sixth. A wild pitch advanced both runners 90 feet before Bailey McGrath lined a 2-2 pitch to right-center that drew the hosts even.

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T-L Photo/KIM NORTH

SHADYSIDE'S COLLIN Holmes waits for a throw as Barton's Aaron Marovich steals second during Tuesday night's Ohio Valley Baseball League game on Henning Field inside Pramesa Park.

the Reds had plenty of energy left for a late surge against Minnesota after the Twins took a game of back-and-forth rallies the night before.

Tyler Naquin went 4 for 4 with a three-run homer that broke a ninth-inning tie right after the ragged Cincinnati bullpen lost a five-run lead, and the Reds beat the Twins 10-7 to stop their five-game losing streak on Tuesday afternoon.

Amir Garrett got his fourth save in six chances with a scoreless ninth after fellow relievers Art Warren, Lucas Sims and Tejay Antone stumbled through a five-run eighth for

playing hard," said Naquin, who joined the Reds in February on a minor league contract.

Max Kepler hit a two-run homer, Trevor Larnach added a solo shot and Alex Kirilloff had the tying two-run double off Antone (2-0), but the right-hander in his first game back from the injured list recovered to record the last two outs of the inning.

Tucker Barnhart homered and had three RBIs and Jesse Winker hit a two-run double for the Reds, whose relief ERA (5.70) is the worst in the major leagues. Injuries have made an impact on that, to be sure, and

there's been signs along the way," he said. "I love the way the guys are approaching it."

After grinding through a 12-inning victory on Monday night that lasted 5 hours, 14 minutes, the longest in MLB this year, the Twins experienced some bullpen problems of their own.

Alex Colome allowed three runs in the eighth, though third baseman Miguel Sano's second fielding error of the game made two of them unearned.

Then Hansel Robles (3-4), who has been one of the team's steadiest relief options, put

the Reds a season to smile on the way home.

"What a season he's having," Bell said. "He's really settling in, and his talent is coming out."

Wade Miley gave the Reds another strong start, too, with two runs allowed on a homer by Ryan Jeffers over seven otherwise-easy innings. Jeffers was the catcher for all 12 innings of the marathon game on Monday and returned to his crouch behind the plate again on Tuesday, as the Twins tried to shake off the bad news of star center fielder Byron Buxton's broken left hand.

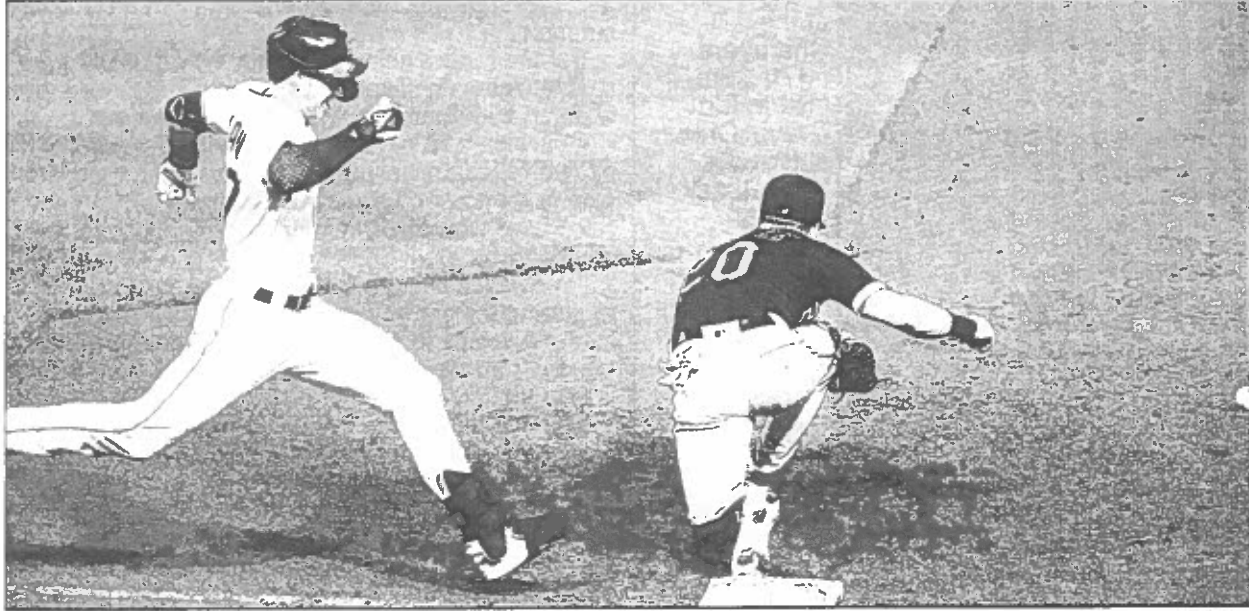
innings, Twins manager Rocco Baldelli said.

GETAWAY GUY

Miley, who has given up two earned runs in 11 of 13 starts this season, was exactly the pitcher the Reds wanted on the mound for this wrapup to a nine-game road trip. He's a quick worker who made a particular attempt to keep the pace on a day when he knew his position players would be tired.

UP NEXT

Reds: Following a day off today, RHP Tony Santillan (0-1, 4.70 ERA) will take the mound to begin a series against Atlanta on Thursday night.



AP Photo

CHICAGO WHITE Sox second baseman Danny Mendick (20) can't handle an errant throw from third baseman Yoan Moncada on an infield single by Pittsburgh Pirates' Kevin Newman, left, during the seventh inning of a game in Pittsburgh, Tuesday. Newman advanced to second on the error, and a run scored from third.

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Anderson allowed three runs and five hits in 6 1/3 innings with four strikeouts and one walk. In six innings, Giolito gave up two runs on four hits while striking out seven and walking two.

Giolito threw a no-hitter against the Pirates last season in Chicago.

"We did not allow him to get easy outs all game long," Pirates manager Derek Shelton said.

"We really battled. It's a testament to our guys. This is a guy that no-hit us and we made him work the entire game."

Frazier helped the Pirates take a 2-0 lead. He hit a solo home run in the third and walked and scored on Reynolds' single in the sixth.

BUSY BUCCOS

Tuesday began a stretch in which the Pirates are scheduled to play on 20 consecutive days leading up to the All-Star break.

Shelton said the Pirates are likely to call up some pitchers from the minor leagues to make spot starts in the coming days.

That would give the regular members of the rotation extra rest and afford the rebuilding Pirates a chance to look at some of their prospects.

UP NEXT

White Sox RHP Dylan Cease (5-3, 3.99 ERA) is scheduled to face RHP Chase DeJong (0-1, 4.26) today in the finale of the two-game series.

Cease is 2-3 with a 6.89 ERA in seven road starts this season.

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Another Purple Rider product, Drake Dobson, fanned nine and didn't walk a batter in four innings on the hill for the Braves. He threw 78 pitches (52) strikes and scattered three hits.

"Drake did a good job and kept us in the game," Timko said. "Matt (Fouty) came in and did what we asked of him."

Fouty picked up the win with three relief frames. He struck out four and yielded just one hit.

The Casketmakers took a 1-0 lead in the top of the fourth on Ryan Florence's RBI single. They made it 2-0 two innings later when Florence drilled a double to deep center that chased in Adam Och. It was only the second time this sea-

son that Shadyside had the lead in a game.

Barton is back in action tonight at Weirton in a re-match of last year's championship series. First pitch is at 6 on Edwin J. Bowman Field.

Shadyside is idle until Friday when it travels to Moundsville to face the first-place Expos.



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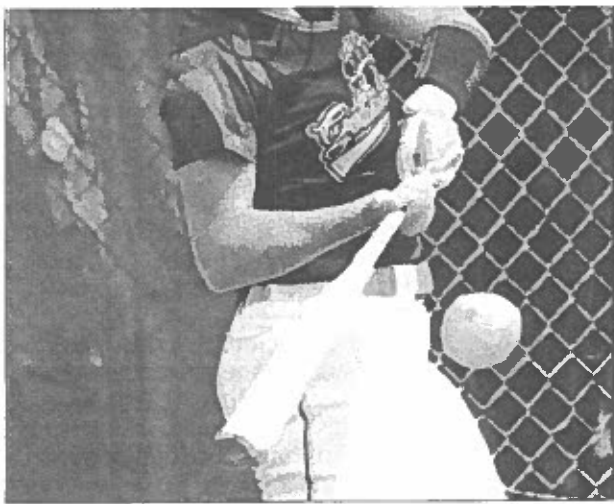


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Oak Glen's Sarah Brown records a triple during Tuesday's state softball tournament game in Charleston.

Oak Glen Moves On to Day Two

By JOE CATULLO
For The Intelligencer
SOUTH CHARLES-

TON — After allowing the tying run to cross home plate with nobody out during the seventh inning Tuesday night, Oak Glen pitcher Maddie McKay knew she had to stay calm for her team.

Sissonville had runners on first and second, then second and third with one out following a sacrifice bunt. The winning run stood just 60 feet away.

"I've been so through many games and know that anything can happen. You just have to stay in it," McKay said. "You can't get yourself rattled. You have to block out all of the fans, and I just threw my pitches."

"They did a really good job of battling with two strikes. They went after my pitches that were out (of the strike zone)."

The University of Toledo commit struck out the next two hitters, one swinging and the other

looking, to send Game 4 of the Class AA state tournament into extra innings.

From there, the Golden Bears tacked on the eventual game-winning unearned run, and McKay tossed a 1-2-3 frame to lift Oak Glen to an all-important 3-2 victory.

With the win, Oak Glen (30-1) claimed a spot in the championship game at 2:15 p.m. today. The Indians will face Herbert Hoover in the consolation game at 9:45 a.m.

"We are going to the state championship, and this is what we worked so hard all year for," McKay said. "This is our time. We get to sleep in, and I get to get my voice back."

Following two straight singles to being the bottom of the seventh, Gracelyn Hill delivered with the RBI base knock to knot the score at 2-2.

Head coach Sherrie Garner promptly made her

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Eliminated at State



Photo by Kyle Lutz

John Marshall's Sophia Adkins makes a sliding attempt into third base during a West Virginia Class AAA state tournament game against Washington.

Monarchs rally against Washington comes up short

By KYLE LUTZ
Sports Writer

SOUTH CHARLESTON — John Marshall's 2021 state tournament appearance was short-lived. After falling to St. Albans in the morning session, the Monarchs had to play catch-up against Washington Tuesday evening.

Falling behind 4-1 after the top of the second, John Marshall kept chipping away at the lead. Although the Monarchs eventually tied it, the Patriots scored in the seventh to secure a 5-4 victory at Little Creek Park.

"I think the second inning pretty much killed us," John Marshall coach Ed West said. "The way we threw the ball around and didn't make plays. I feel like they got all their runs unearned except maybe the last one. Even there we made an error. I'm not very pleased with the defense. I'm proud with the comeback, the way they came back and they played hard. We had a chance to win the game. But you can't give up easy runs. We should've been out of the inning. We didn't."

The Monarchs did plate the first run of the game. Shelby

Koontz secured a double in the first inning and was brought in by a Kadence Pettit double.

However, Washington was able to respond in a big way. After a RBI single by Meg Ruffner to tie the game, Morgan Cave laid down a bunt. No throw was made to first and Cave burst for second. The throw there was off the mark and went to center field. The ball went deep enough for Ruffner and Cave to score to make it 3-1. Ally Dodson then tripled and scored on a wild pitch.

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West Virginia Earns Walk-Off Win in OVAC All-Star Game

JM's Black drives in Park's Vargo in ninth

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A hit batsman, two errors and a walk loaded the bases for OVAC 2A Player of the Year, Jake Rose of River, who was also hit by a pitch to plate a run.

With the bases still loaded, St. Clairsville's Will Balgo evened the score with a two-run double.

"All-star games are so much fun," Ohio All-Stars coach Tom Sliva of St. Clairsville said.

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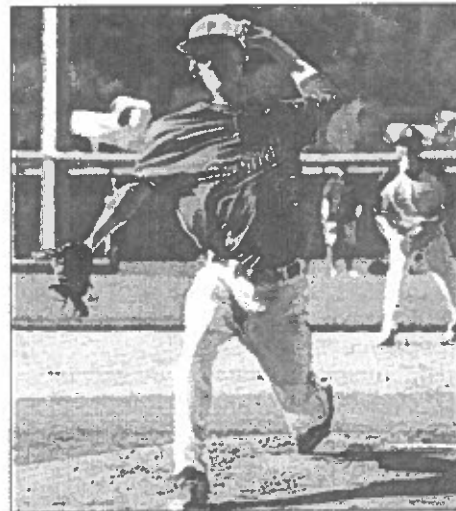


Photo by Cody Tomer

Wheeling Park pitcher Chris Vargo earned the start for West Virginia in the OVAC All-Star Game on Tuesday.

Harler Will Have Hoops Camp Monday

Central grad bringing event to Wheeling

By CODY TOMER
Sports Writer

WHEELING — Wheeling Central grad and West Virginia University alum Chase Harler is having a busy, yet, productive summer.

Not only is Harler joining forces with West Virginia's alumni team Best Virginia, but he is giving back to his hometown in the best way possible — by helping the kids.

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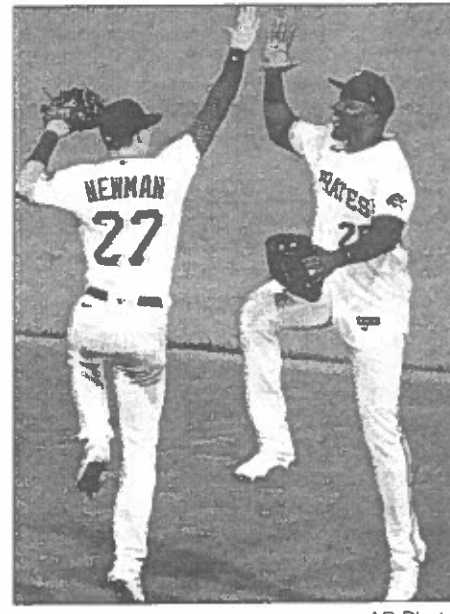
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AP Photo

Pittsburgh Pirates' Kevin Newman, left, celebrates with Gregory Polanco.

rallying to beat the Mavericks and Jazz in the first two rounds.

The Crowder-to-Ayton connection negated a Clippers rally that was led by Paul George, who had 26 points.

George made a layup with 31 seconds left to give the Clippers a 101-100 lead for their first advantage since early in the third quarter. Suns guard Devin Booker responded with a jumper of his own with 27 seconds left.

George calmly took the ball on the next possession and drilled a long two-pointer for a 103-102 lead.

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"I'm proud of my girls," Washington coach Amanda Orkoskey said. "We said all season we're fighters. We could have easily dropped down when they came back and tied that game up. We fought, we controlled and played our game. They came together and I'm proud of them."

And over the next three innings, the Monarchs kept chipping away at the lead. In the second inning, Ava Blake plated a run on a RBI single.

In the bottom of the third, A.C. Cumberledge blasted a double to score Pettit and the score read, 4-3.

Finally, after Blake's second single, Tessa Wise delivered a RBI single of her own and tied the game at 4-4.

Unfortunately, for the Monarchs, they couldn't take the lead.

"We had some opportunities and chances. We just came up short," West said.

One of those opportunities came in the fifth

8.2 seconds remaining and the Suns had a chance to win, but it looked as if it wouldn't happen when Mikal Bridges missed a corner 3-pointer and the ball was deflected out of bounds.

Instead, it set up Crowder's heave to Ayton, who was dominant in the paint all night.

The Suns have won nine straight in the playoffs, which is a franchise record.

The Suns were led by Cameron Payne, who finished with a career-high 29 points. Ayton had 22 points and 14 rebounds, while Booker added 20.

as Dori Kins led the fifth inning off with a single. Emily Bailey came into pinch-run and made it to third, but couldn't but was left stranded.

In the top of the seventh, Brittany Cenate put Washington in business as she secured a double with one out. Caitlin Katwink came in to pinch-hit and laid down a bunt. The throw was on target, but the ball went off the baseman's glove and up the first baseline.

That scored Cenate, which proved to be the game-winner.

"We've done this before," Orkoskey said about the message to her team when John Marshall tied the game. "We've got to prove it to everyone else. They say we're young. They count us out and it's time to prove it. It's up to us on how to do it and they decided to do it. I'm proud of them for it."

Cenate also had a triple for the Patriots while Maddy Ruffner fired 10 strikeouts.

For the Monarchs, Blake tallied two singles and Pettit had six strikeouts.

"We had some good games this year. There were times where we played really well and times we didn't play so good," West said. "Overall we had a good season. We won 23 games, made it to the state tournament and fell one run short. We were right there. We just didn't quite get it done."

**St. Albans 3
John Marshall 0**
SOUTH CHARLESTON — University of Kentucky commit Tayven Stephenson fired a one-hitter as St. Albans defeated John Marshall in the first game of the Class AAA state tournament.

Taylor Glancy smacked a two-run single in the first for the Red Dragons while Stephenson also secured a RBI triple.

Tessa Wise delivered the lone hit for the Monarchs.

Kadence Pettit was solid in the circle as she fired six strikeouts.

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"There are a lot of well-coached kids who play the right way. They are great kids to be around and there is a lot of camaraderie in the dugout. Being around the other coaches is a lot of fun, too. The kids had a blast and it was a well-played all-star game."

The mountain state went out to a 3-0 lead heading to the fourth after Linsly's Kobe Hill scored on a passed ball, Magnolia's Silas McKeever raced home on an error and Oak Glen's Cody Patterson grounded out to plate Morgantown's Ethan Smith.

Ohio got two runs back in the fourth after Shenandoah's Cade Denius recorded a bunt single and scored on a RBI knock from Martins Ferry's Logan Smith.

Smith later trotted home on a balk to make it a 3-2 score.

River's Carter Dennis tied the game at 3-3 in the seventh when he doubled and later scored.

However, West Virginia got the lead right back with a three-run seventh

when McKeever, Ethan Smith and Oak Glen's Colten Ash all drove in runs in the bottom of the frame to create a 6-3 margin before the ninth-inning excitement took place.

Linsly's Zac Taylor paced West Virginia's offense with two hits, while Balgo led Ohio with a single, a double and two RBI, followed by Denius who finished with a single and a double.

John Marshall's Joel Wise struck out three in two innings, while teammate Bryce Rayl fanned two in one frame. Vargo earned the start on the hill and struck out one for West Virginia.

OVAC 3A Player of the Year Ayden Hannahs of Barnesville was the starting pitcher for Ohio and he struck out one and walked one in one inning.

"We had a lot of fun," Myers said. "It was good to see some of the kids you watch your kids compete against throughout the season and you can finally root for them. It's a great group of kids."

HARLER

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Kids today see the dunks and fancy dribbling in the NBA but Harler is focused on helping the kids hoan in on the fundamentals of the game — and yes, have a lot of fun in the process.

"We had a camp last summer and I just want to kind of show these kids different things about basketball," Harler said. "I want to teach them the fundamentals and we'll have some fun games along the way."

"I just want them to be around the game of basketball. It can take you to some really cool places. It's taken me to China and Lithuania."

Harler turned in 15

points, 2.4 rebounds and 3.2 assists per game in his first professional season with Palangos Kursiai in Lithuania this year, while playing in 27 games.

As Harler's game and his brand continues to grow, he believes it gives him the perfect opportunity to give back to the place he will always call home.

"I'm from the small town of Moundsville and I went to a small high school in Wheeling Central," Harler said. "I set out to play at West Virginia and I set out to play pro ball and I accomplished those goals. I'm just trying to lead young kids by example."

"I had a lot of time to brainstorm over in Lithuania and one of my goals was to come back to West Virginia and bring some different looks to the Ohio Valley.

"We have some big AAU Tournaments coming to town and we'll still have a camp with Will Grier (former WVU QB and current Carolina Panthers quarterback) this summer.

"Best Virginia, our WVU alumni team is coming to Wheeling this summer, as well. I feel like I'm in a position where people like Will can answer me and we can do some good things in the community."

pearances.

Max Paciorety scored for Vegas. Marc-Andre Fleury, the league's active leader in playoff wins (90) and games played (162), made 22 stops

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way to the circle, although she noticed McKay was calm.

"When I went out there, I said, 'You girls have to play for an out.' Then (McKay) said, 'We got this,'" Garner said. "That was an uncharged timeout just to settle in. They have the confidence in each other. We've been in a situation like this before, and we're grateful for that because it made us stronger."

"It was a very well-played game. It was a battle until the end. I can't say enough about our kids' grit: They're here to win, and that's their attitude."

Olivia Munoz led off the top of the eighth with a single on a 3-2 pitch. Makayla Zoellers then grounded the ball to second and reached on a throwing error. Munoz reached third, and the Bears love to bunt in big spots.

Amber Moore got it down and drove Munoz home for the 3-2 advantage.

"She has bought into a role of pushing the runner across," Garner said. "It takes one to win a game, and there have been other times where she has come through to have that type of success. She's good at it, and she supports that."

Before heading into extra innings, it was the Lizzie Kell show at the plate. She finished with a single, two triples and an RBI. She rocketed a three-bagger to left field to begin the third and was brought home on a McKay double to tie the game at 1-1.

In the fifth and with the left fielder still playing her medium-deep at best, Kell tripled again to score Sydney Brown.

"She's called the little nugget for a reason. She's something special — she really is," Garner said. "Whether it's on defense, pitching, coming through at the plate, she really had a

tactics, in limiting space and dominating the neutral zone.

The Golden Knights, who have scored 11 goals in the series, have gotten just four from their forwards.

fantastic day."

Kell hit another deep drive to left in the seventh, but Sissonville finally played no-doubles defense.

Kell started in the circle and started slow before finishing her three innings of work strong.

Emma Meade opened the bottom of the first with an opposite-field triple, then scored on an error in right. After that, the Indians did not reach base against Kell, who finished with one unearned run on one hit, no walks and struck out nine.

It was part of the game plan to let her pitch through the first round of the lineup, then let McKay finish it out. She earned the victory in five innings, allowing one run on four hits, no walks and punching out six.

Madison Legg started the first seven frames for the Indians. She allowed two runs on eight hits, two walks and struck out 10. Alyssa Soblit took the loss in the eighth.

With two outs in the bottom of the fourth inning, left fielder Makayla Zoellers made a reaching catch to her left near the warning track and just hung on to the ball.

To Garner's knowledge, this is the first 30-win season in program history since 1998 when the Bears last won a state title.

EARLIER IN THE DAY

Oak Glen opened its portion of the Class AA state tournament Tuesday morning playing the way it did all season, which has been very successful.

McKay tossed a two-hit shutout, the top of the lineup reached base multiple times and drove runs home, and everybody else played solid defense during the Golden Bears' 5-0 victory over Independence.

PIRATES

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"Maybe a little wake-up call we need. We have to come ready to play from the beginning of the game."

"We have to try to learn from these last few days. Come out maybe a little more aggressive, hair on fire tomorrow and get back on track."

Frazier homered for the Pirates, and Bryan Reynolds had two hits and two RBIs.

David Bednar (1-1) got the last out of the seventh for his first major league win. Richard Rodriguez earned his ninth save in 11 tries with a 1-2-3 ninth as the Pirates won for the third time in four games.

Grandal's home run off starting pitcher Tyler Anderson was his 11th of the season and fourth as a pinch-hitter in his 10-year career. The lead didn't last long after Giolito was removed for a pinch-hitter later in the inning.

Gregory Polanco and Phillip Evans hit back-to-back singles to start the Pittsburgh seventh. Kevin Newman then beat out a bunt for a single and Polanco scored the tying run when third baseman Yoan Moncada made a wide throw to first for an error.

"It was intended to be a sacrifice but it was placed better than I intended and I got on base so it was a win-win," Newman said.

Gonzalez followed by grounding his go-ahead single into left field.

Reynolds added an RBI single later in the inning to make it 6-3.

Anderson allowed three runs and five hits in 6 1/3 innings with four strikeouts and one walk. In six innings, Giolito gave up two runs on four hits while striking out seven and walking two.

Giolito threw a no-hitter against the Pirates last season in Chicago.

"We did not allow him to get easy outs all game long," Pirates manager Derek Shelton said. "We really battled. It's a testament to our guys. This is a guy that no-hit us and we made him work the entire game."

Frazier helped the Pirates take a 2-0 lead. He hit a solo home run in the third and walked and scored on Reynolds' single in the sixth.

**NATIONALS 3
PHILLIES 2**

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Max Scherzer threw his glove and hat to the grass, then stared down Phillies manager Joe Girardi after getting checked for a third time by umpires for sticky stuff as the Washington Nationals beat Philadelphia.

**ROYALS 6
YANKEES 5**

NEW YORK (AP) — Gerrit Cole's strikeouts and spin rate dropped as he pitched for the first time since MLB's crack-down on sticky substances, and Ryan O'Hearn and Kansas City rallied for four runs in the eighth inning.

BRAVES 3, METS 0

NEW YORK (AP) — Charlie Morton struck out 11 in seven innings of one-hit ball for his 100th major league win, and Atlanta recorded its second straight shutout against New York.

CUBS 7, INDIANS 1

CHICAGO (AP) — Kyle Hendricks dominated over six scoreless innings to win his eighth straight start. Kris Bryant homered and Chicago avoided a two-game sweep by beating Cleveland.

**BLUE JAYS 2
MARLINS 1**

MIAMI (AP) — Cavan Biggio and Lourdes Gurriel Jr. doubled on consecutive pitches to break a ninth-inning tie, and Toronto beat Miami.

REDS 10, TWINS 7

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Tyler Naquin went 4 for 4 with a three-run home run that broke a ninth-inning tie after the Cincinnati bullpen lost a five-run lead, and the Reds stopped a five-game losing streak.

**ASTROS 3
ORIOLES 1**

BALTIMORE (AP) — Zack Greinke took a four-hitter into the eighth inning. Myles Straw homered and drove in two runs, and Houston defeated Baltimore for its ninth straight win.

**TIGERS 8
CARDINALS 2**

DETROIT (AP) — Jonathan Schoop and Jake Rogers each drove in three runs, leading Detroit over St. Louis.