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## OVAC volleyball seniors face off

By NICK HENTHORN  
Sports Editor

MORRISTOWN — Star seniors from across the Ohio Valley got a final sendoff in the spotlight Sunday in the OVAC Volleyball All-Star game, where West Virginia battled Ohio in teams made up of some of the best fourth-year performers from either side of the river.

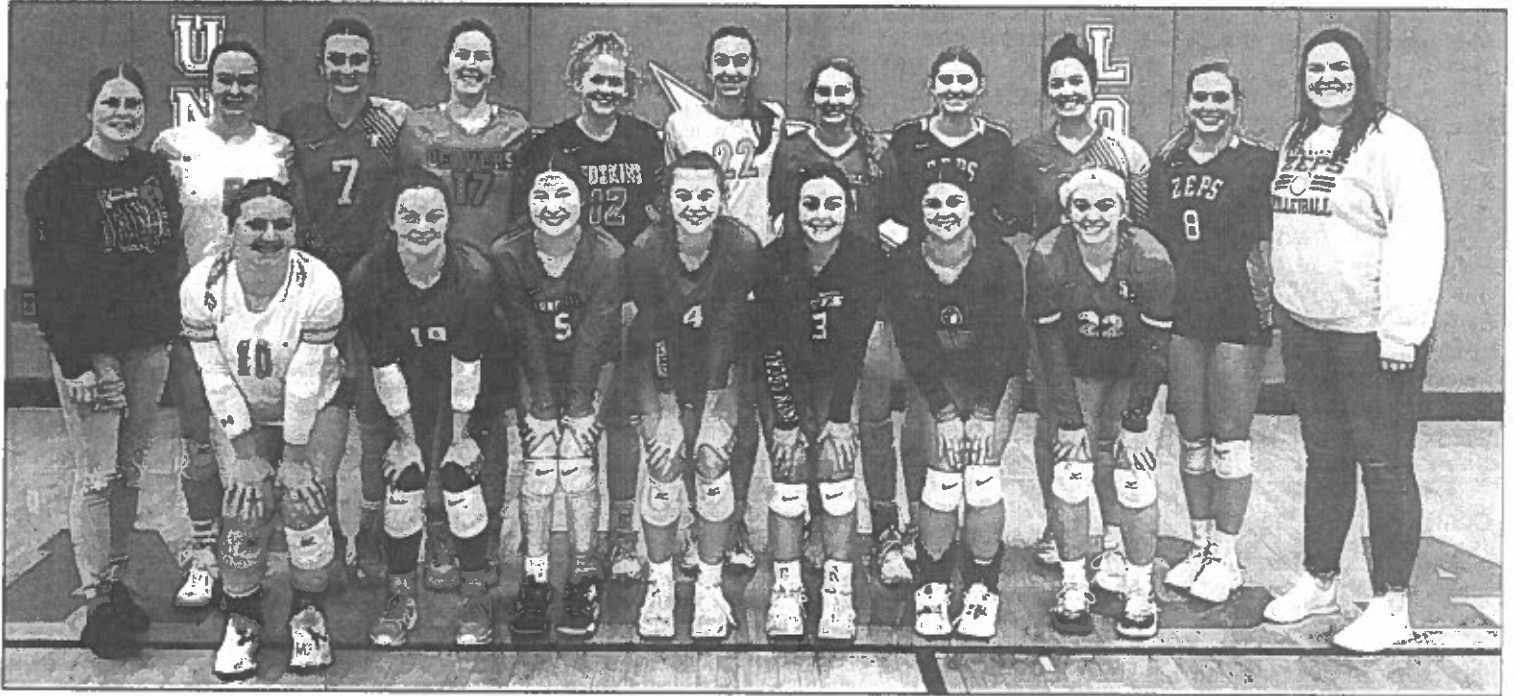
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"It's a great opportunity for them," Megan Grywalski, the head coach of the Shenando-



THE OHIO OVAC Volleyball All-Stars, coached by Shenandoah's Megan Grywalski, pictured after their game against West Virginia on Sunday. The team was made up of top senior performers from across the conference.

Photo by NICK HENTHORN

ah Zips who was the coach of Ohio, said. "To give them one last chance to play, I think that's a really cool experience."

While the talent of those involved shined through Saturday, there were also new challenges that came with playing with a new team, and players moving into different positions than usual.

"It's just a little tough, you have all the all-stars, and all

of our team was outside hitters pretty much," Grywalski said. "It's hard, because they have to go to different positions than they're used to, and they're playing with different girls, so I feel like you don't get to see them at your best. But they did a fantastic job filling in where they needed to, I had a girl playing middle who'd never played middle before and she did a great job with that, that

was cool to see.

"It's hard to get that cohesiveness that you get with your own team throughout a season, but it's still a really cool experience."

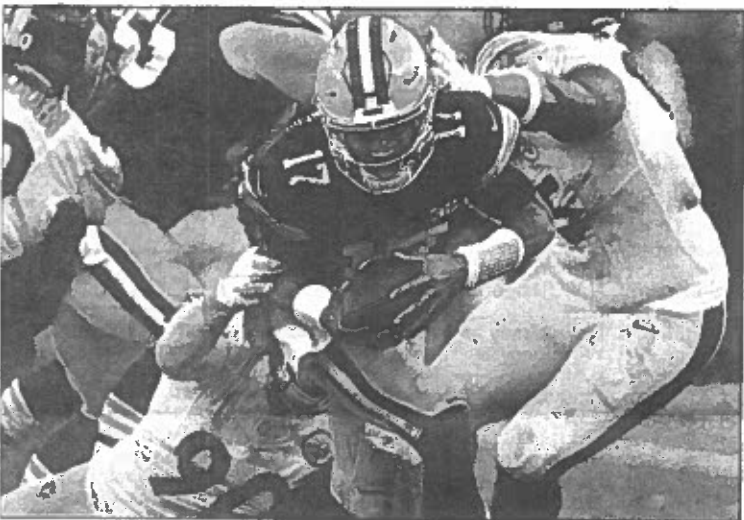
As well as a great experience for the players, it was also an honor for the coaches.

"I was definitely very honored to receive coach of the year in West Virginia, and we had a great turnout today," Sad-

dler said. "We had very talented players from both Ohio and West Virginia and it was great to see the girls come together and have some fun."

"This is my first year I've got to coach at the OVAC, so that was a really big honor," Grywalski said. "The other coaches vote on that so it means a lot that the coaches see me in that light."

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AP Photo

PITTSBURGH STEELERS linebacker T.J. Watt (90) hits Cleveland Browns quarterback Dorian Thompson-Robinson (17) during the second half Sunday in Cleveland.

## Last-second win for the Browns over Steelers

CLEVELAND (AP) — As Dorian Thompson-Robinson sat in the back of a golf cart swiping through text messages overwhelming his phone, wide receiver Elijah Moore slid in to an empty seat behind Cleveland's rookie quarterback.

"I'm going to sit next to the man," Moore said.

Thompson-Robinson laughed. A most unexpected star.

Delivering on a promise to improve in his second NFL start, Thompson-Robinson completed four straight passes on a clutch drive to set up Dustin Hopkins' 34-yard field goal with 2 seconds left that gave Cleveland a 13-10 win over the Pittsburgh Steelers on Sunday.

Thompson-Robinson's

(6-4). When Hopkins' kick sailed through the uprights, Thompson-Robinson squatted and was overwhelmed by emotion, needing to wipe away tears of joy.

"Yeah, man, I'm super happy," said Thompson-Robinson, who screamed himself hoarse by barking out plays in the huddle. "I'm glad that I can get this one for my teammates."

It was a stunning turnaround for Thompson-Robinson, who until those final moments had done little to think he was capable of a comeback.

His stats weren't great — 24 of 43 for 165 yards with a pick — and he had a few passes dropped, but most importantly, Thompson-Robinson only had one turnover after throwing

## Michigan and Ohio State have made it to The Game undefeated

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) — Michigan celebrated the 1,000th victory in program history with the understanding that No. 1,001 could be considerably sweeter.

If — and only if — it occurs next weekend against Ohio State.

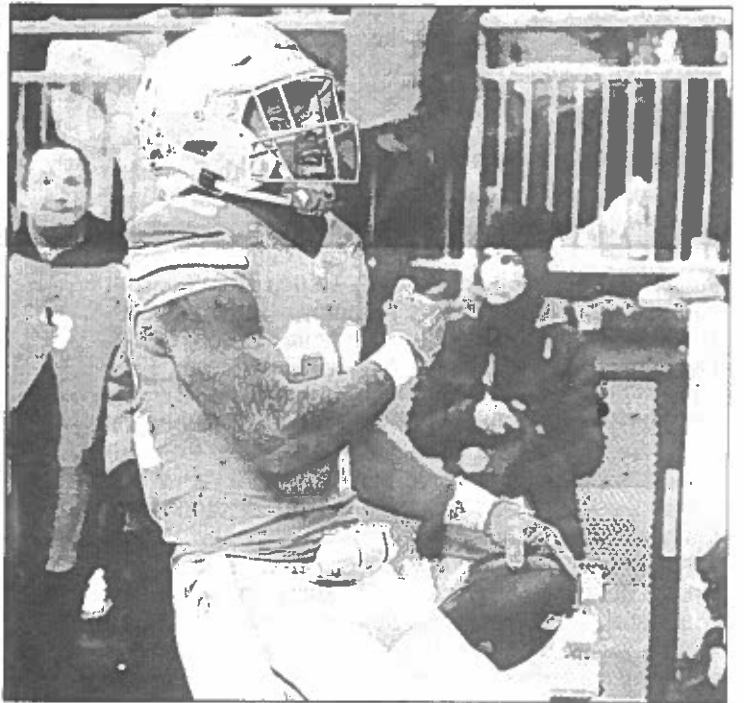
"I think guys were just ecstatic to get that thousandth win, but they all knew exactly what time it was right after," said offensive coordinator Sherrone Moore, who has been Michigan's acting head coach during Jim Harbaugh's suspension. "They all know what's ahead, so super excited for that challenge."

It's finally time for the Wolverines and Buckeyes to meet in The Game, and after weeks of turmoil and a couple of close calls, they'll do it with matching 11-0 records. It's the second straight year that's happened.

Michigan reached its milestone by escaping with a 31-24 win at Maryland on Saturday, and Ohio State handled Minnesota 37-3.

"There'll be a lot this week," Buckeyes coach Ryan Day said. "There'll be noise, there'll be everything. What we have to do is we have to do a great job of preparing, and we can't do anything different. We have to continue to stay with our routine, and then focus on maximizing every minute of this week."

Michigan and Ohio State swapped places in the latest



AP Photo

OHIO STATE running back TreVeyon Henderson celebrates after his touchdown against Minnesota during the first half Saturday in Columbus.

## AP Top 25: Ohio State jumps Michigan with move to No. 2

COLUMBUS (AP) — Ohio State passed Michigan and moved up to No. 2 in The Associated Press college football poll Sunday, a week before the Big Ten rivals play another top-five matchup, and No. 4 Washington flip-flopped with No. 5 Florida State.

Georgia remained No. 1 and received a season-high 61 first-place votes. The Bulldogs

game yet. The Wolverines, without suspended head coach Jim Harbaugh, beat Maryland 31-24.

The Buckeyes received one first-place vote after blowing out Minnesota.

"Our team did a great job of staying focused this week," Ohio State coach Ryan Day said after the game. "Not easy to do for anybody, but we did

**OVAC**

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**Lila Palmer (Valley)**  
-As a sophomore: first team Mason-Dixon, first team All-OVAC, All-Valley, All-State HM, as a senior: first team Mason Dixon, first team all-OVAC

Other all-stars include Ava Liston (University), Ella Liston (University), Kaitlyn Anderson (Morgantown), Isabelle DeVall (Morgantown) and Maia Johnson (Parkersburg South)

**OVAC OHIO ALL-STARS**  
**Peyton Roberts (Beaver Local)**  
-3-year letterman, team captain, OHSVCA District 1, Division 2 first team, All-OVAC first team, 2023 District Senior Classic, YSN All-Star Game

**Kyra English (Monroe Central)**  
-First team Division IV, District 12 in 2023, Second team all-OVAC in 2022

**Reese Scott (Indian Creek)**  
-2022 OVAC all-conference, 2022: District 5 second team and Buckeye 8, 2023 District 5 first team, team captain, two-year letterwinner, All-OVAC

**Tori Robertson (Indian Creek)**  
-2022: All-OVAC, District 5 second team, Buckeye 8; 2023: District 5 first

team, All-OVAC, three year letterwinner, team captain, school record holder in game, season and career kills

**Hannah Dobbs (Toronto)**  
-Division 4 player of the year, Under Armour All-American, led Ohio in kills, ranked #23 in Ohio by USA Today

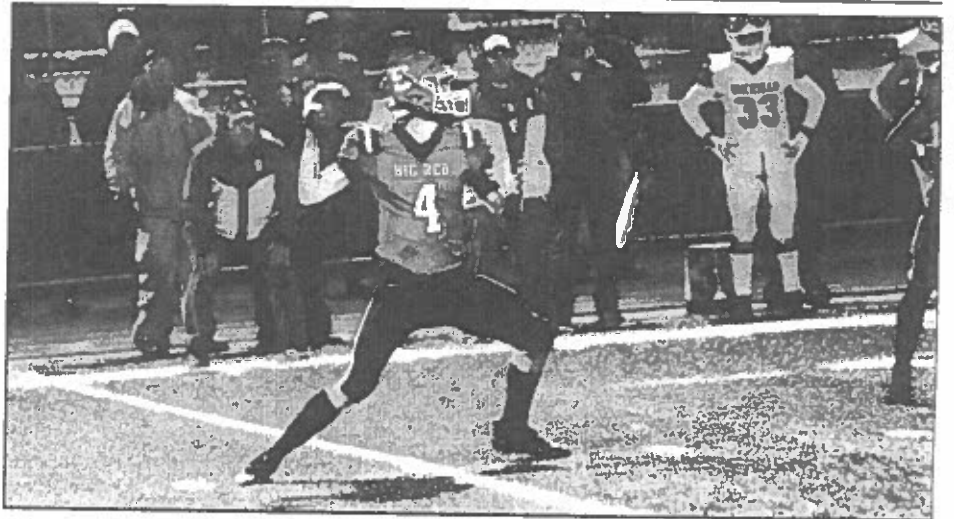
**Andrea Reeves (Toronto)**  
-All OVAC and District 5 four times, no. 1 ranked in Ohio in assists, 106.3 The River Athlete of the week

**Ellie Thompson (Barnesville)**  
-2021 and 2022 HM and 2023 first team all-District, first team all-OVAC, three year letterwinner

**Ava McFarland (Barnesville)**  
-District 12 HM in 2020, first team in 2021 and 2023, second team in 2022, All-OVAC 2021 & 2023, All-MOVL 2021 & 2022

**Julie Brousard (Union Local)**  
-All-OVAC, first team District 12, District 12 all-star

Other all-stars include Josie Lori (Caldwell), Ashley Shroades (Southern Local), Faith Grafton (East Liverpool), Kyla White (East Liverpool), Mya Leach (Shenandoah) and Brylee Alaina May (Shenandoah).



Stuebenville Big Red quarterback Aydan Manning loads up a pass against the Sheridan Generals during the two team's Region 15 Championship game on Friday inside Woody Hayes Quaker Stadium

Photo by Andrew Grimm

**RED**

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Big Red's first score came on the final play of the first quarter. Jalen Minniefield, who finished with 85 yards on just six carries, broke free for a 45-yarder as the clock hit zeros.

That came after Big Red had thrown an interception in the end zone on its first drive and turned it over on downs inside the 20 on its second.

"It wasn't pretty, but it was a hard-fought game," Saccoccia said. "We overcame a lot of mistakes and a lot of adversity - mistakes by the coaches and the players."

The Generals knotted the score on a 5-yard scoring run by Sheridan in the second quarter.

From then until Faulk's game-winning run in the fourth, the defenses held serve.

Manning left the game with an injury at one point, but returned to complete four of his last five passes. He finished with 112 yards on the night, hitting Isaac Hill for four of his seven completions for 59 yards.

The state semifinal will be played at Westerville Central High School next Friday night.

**KICKOFF**

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"I'm pretty happy. I've put a lot of work in during the offseason," Parsons said. "The team win was especially nice because we had a lot of players out this week."

Just missing the 300-mark was Wheeling Park senior Zac Davis (392-190-202) who finished third. Taking fourth was Weir's Shane Arnold (387-200-187) and Parkersburg South junior Dylan Holliday (384-162-222) rounded out the top 5.

The next five individuals were Weir senior Andrew Byers (361-155-206); Wheeling Park senior Sam Meztner (358-168-190); East Liverpool senior Jordan Wolf (339-175-164); Parkersburg South sophomore Kevin Oldaker (326-174-152); and Wheeling Park junior Kaden Miller (321-176-145).

On the girls side, Parkersburg South junior Corrisa Snider took home top honors with a 372, which included games of 180-192. Her total was 49 pins better than East Liverpool junior

Addison Rudibaugh (232-158-165).

"It feels really good. I'm proud of myself," Snider said. "I'm very pleased with my scores even though I think they could've been a little better, but I'll take what I can get."

She said the lanes "were a little oily. It was a struggle, but you've got to push forward."

Taking third was East Liverpool senior Paige Grimes (321-178-143). Completing the top 5 were Parkersburg South freshman Addison Giffin (310-174-136) and East Liverpool junior Mollie Petrie (309-167-142).

Rounding out the top 10 were Wheeling Park junior Emma Wear (299-165-134); John Marshall senior Shelby Crow (294-143-151); Parkersburg South freshman Brooklyn Taylor (289-152-137); and a pair of John Marshall juniors in Ash Browning (286-102-184) and Reagan Gorby (284-143-141).

The regular season gets under way on Monday, Nov. 27.

**FRAZIER**

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That seems to include everything but a goodbye gift.

Frazier is considered among the two or three top centers in the nation, which means it would be no surprise if he entered the draft.

WVU football General Manager Drew Fabianich recently analyzed Frazier's game on the Three Guys Before the Game Podcast:

"He plays longer than his length," he said. "He looks like he's short-armed and he's really not. He's 32.5 inches. Smart. Physical. Great quickness. He needs to stay in contact at the second level better. His feet need to follow his hands."

"He's gotten better. Against Texas Tech, he played really well. He played really well against TCU, too. Does he have a lot of knockdowns? Yes, he does. Is he tenacious? Yes, he is. This always goes back to 'Who does he remind you of?' I said he was better than

(Tyler) Biadasz. We at Dallas took Biadasz out of Wisconsin ... and Frazier's better than him. And Biadasz is starting in the NFL.

"Frazier's going to play 10 years (in the NFL) if he stays healthy."

He is also one of eight players under consideration for the Wuerffel Trophy "presented to the FBS player who best combines exemplary community service with leadership achievement on and off the field, and among 16 finalists for the William V. Campbell Trophy, presented to the college player with the best combination of academics, community service and on-field performance."

That trophy is called the "Academic Heisman."

Frazier is in the running, too, for the Rimington Award, given to the nation's top center, and the Outland Trophy, presented to the top interior lineman in the nation.

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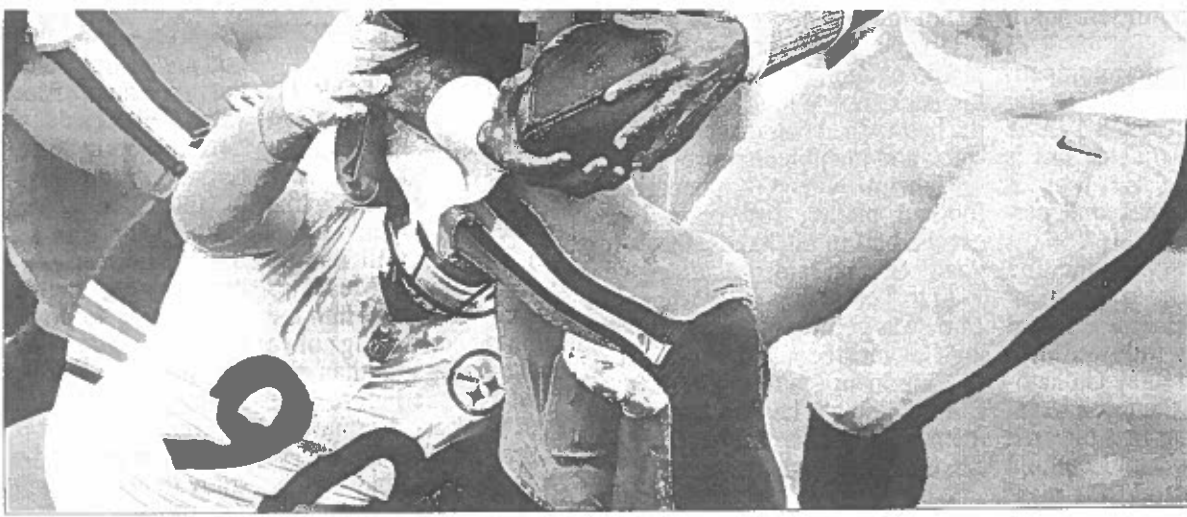
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Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker T.J. Watt (90) hits Cleveland Browns quarterback Dorian Thompson-Robinson (17) during the second half Sunday in Cleveland.

## Pittsburgh Offense Squanders Opportunities In Loss

By TOM WITHERS  
AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND — Dustin Hopkins kicked a 34-yard field goal with 2 seconds left after Cleveland rookie quarterback Dorian Thompson-Robinson completed four straight clutch passes, giving the Browns a 13-10 win Sunday over the rival Pittsburgh Steelers.

Making just his second NFL start, Thompson-Robinson rallied the Browns (7-3) just days after Deshaun Watson was lost for the season with a shoulder injury.

With the crowd chanting "D-T-R!" and Watson watching from Cleveland's sideline in sweats, Thompson-Robinson,

a fifth-round pick from UCLA, calmly completed his four passes for 39 yards to set up Hopkins. Last week, Hopkins kicked a 40-yard field goal as time expired to beat Baltimore 33-31.

The Browns have now beaten the Ravens and Steelers (6-4) in consecutive weeks for the first time in 15 tries. And Thompson-Robinson's performance, though at times raggedy, has given Cleveland hope this season can still be special without Watson.

The Steelers were outgained for the 10th straight week and couldn't do much going against Cleveland's top-ranked defense.

Steelers running back Jaylen Warren had a 74-yard TD run and finished with a career-high 129 yards.

Pittsburgh turned to its always reliable defense in the second half and did a nice job shutting down Thompson-Robinson until the final moments.

Cleveland took over at its own 35 with 1:18 left and the rookie QB completed passes of 15, 5, 8 and 11 yards to move the Browns to Pittsburgh's 34. The Steelers were called for a neutral zone infraction, moving the ball closer for Hopkins' winner.

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Scott Weir will play Saturday's Class AA quarterfinal in Madison, W.Va.

## Weir Wins In A Thriller To Make State Semifinal

By ANDREW GRIMM  
For The Intelligencer

MADISON, W.Va. — The rest of the state is certainly paying attention to Weir High now — they have no choice because the Red Riders are in the final four.

Malachi Stromile fired a strike over the middle to fellow senior Corey Lyons for the game-winning score with 33 seconds to go in the fourth quarter to propel No. 5 Weir to the Class AA state semifinals with a thrilling 35-33 victory on the road over No. 4 Scott on Saturday.

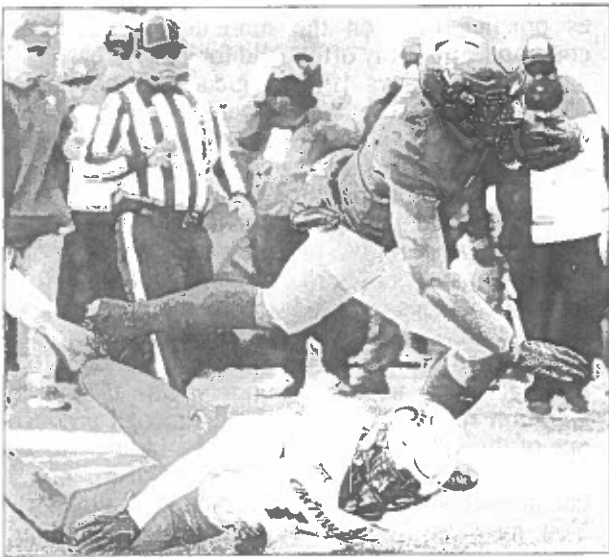
"They're all finding out. We didn't get a whole lot of attention coming off a playoff season last year, we didn't get a whole lot of attention (in other parts of the state) because we're in the panhandle and kind of an afterthought down here ... they're finding out how big the heart

of this team and this coaching staff is and the hard work that's been put in," said Weir High head coach Frank Sisini, whose team defeated a top-5 ranked team for the third time this season. "We're one step away from playing for a state championship and that's because of the hard work of these players and this coaching staff."

The late heroics capped both a roller coaster of emotions late in the contest that saw both sides look to be in position to win and a huge second half by the now 11-1 Red Riders, who fell behind 14-0 early and trailed at the half.

"It was amazing to watch the effort and how they never gave up," Sisini said. "We made a lot of mistakes in the first half, but we didn't quit. ...

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AP Photo

West Virginia's C.J. Donaldson dives into the end zone for a rushing touchdown over Cincinnati's Jordan Young during the first half Saturday in Morgantown, W.Va.

## Mountaineers Honor Nehlen, Get Big Victory Over Cincinnati, 42-21

By BOB HERTZEL  
WV News

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — It was supposed to be a Blue and Gold Saturday at Mountaineer Field, with West Virginia finishing off its home season against Cincinnati.

Instead, it turned into a Greene and White day for the Mountaineers.

It was a day where 12 players would walk on Senior Day and day when Don Nehlen, the Hall of Fame coach, who turned around the direction of the West Virginia program back in 1980 and led it into national prominence, would stand there before 43,588 fans,

friends and relatives — five of the grandchildren and nine great grandchildren — and see his name unveiled on the Diversified Energy Terrace, immortalizing him with the players who have had their numbers retired.

The day, of course, belonged to Nehlen and those seniors — Jared Bartlett, Beanie Bishop Jr., Devin Carter, Marcus Floyd, Zach Frazier, Luke Hamilton, Davoan Hawkins, Lee Kpogba, Noah Massey, Doug Nester, Malachi Ruffin and Jalen Thornton -- but it was Greene, the quarterback, and White, a true freshman running back, who muscled their way into the festivities.

White put on a spectacular show as he rushed for a career high 204 yards and caught a 75-yard touchdown pass from Greene.

"I don't know how many Jaheim ran for but he's the best back in America," Greene gushed. Those two led the Mountaineers to a 42-21 victory over Cincinnati in a game that guaranteed a winning season but, much more important than even that, erased the horrible nightmarish trip to Oklahoma a week earlier when the Sooners pushed them to the tune of 59-20.

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## Komets Rookie Goalie Shines As Nailers Fall

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — For the second time this weekend, the Wheeling Nailers put a shooting gallery on an opposing goaltender, but were unable to get two points to show for their efforts.

Wheeling poured 43 shots on rookie goaltender Brett Brochu, who was only beaten in the second period by Tanner Laderoute. The Fort Wayne Komets also succeeded in the special teams department, as Ture Linden scored two power play goals, while Fort Wayne blanked Wheeling's six power plays in a 3-1 win for the home side at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum.

The Nailers dominated the first period with a 13-4 shot advantage, but neither squad was able to turn on the red light during the opening 20 minutes. However, both sides wasted little time in getting on the board in the middle frame.

Fort Wayne struck first at the

1:26 mark. Wheeling attempted to clear the puck on the penalty kill, but William Provost made a steal and promptly set up Ture Linden, who zipped a wrist shot into the right side of the net. The Nailers answered 22 seconds later on a 2-on-1 break. Dillon Hamaliuk sauced a pass across the slot to Tanner Laderoute, who slammed in on the right side.

Although those were the only two goals in period two, there was an enormous save with 2:41 remaining, as Taylor Gauthier denied a penalty shot attempt by Jack Dugan, who led the Komets with 12 points.

Wheeling's power play struggled to dent the twine for the second time on the weekend, and at the 6:43 mark of the third period, Fort Wayne capitalized on its man advantage.

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Photo by Nick Henthorn

The OVAC Volleyball All-Stars from West Virginia and Ohio, pictured after their game against one another on Sunday at Union Local High School.

## OVAC Volleyball All-Stars Get Sendoff

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Buckeyes fans will offer that as evidence that the Wolverines needed nefarious help to beat OSU the last two years. If Michigan wins without the services of Connor Stalions — the former staffer at the center of the investigation — its partisans will say that shows the whole brouhaha was

“We’re in the same spot we were last year this time. We’re both undefeated,” Ohio State defensive end Jack Sawyer said.  
“This year, we’re going up there and it’s going to be a good game. We’re excited. All the focus goes to them though. We’re still confident.”

**Browns**

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And Thompson-Robinson’s performance, though at times ragged, has given Cleveland hope this season can still be special without Watson, who will undergo surgery this week.  
For the first time this season, the Steelers lost a close one.  
Pittsburgh was out-

gained for the 10th straight week and QB Kenny Pickett (106 yards) couldn’t do much against Cleveland’s top-ranked defense, which forced nine punts.  
The Steelers fell to 4-15 against rookie QBs since 1970.  
“We’ll learn from this,” coach Mike Tomlin said. “We’ll be back.”

**Top**

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Florida State dropped a spot after beating FCS North Alabama 58-13, but it suffered a far more significant loss. Quarterback Jordan Travis was carted off the field in the first quarter with what appeared to be a serious injury to his lower left leg.  
No. 6 Oregon, No. 7 Texas, No. 8 Alabama and No. 9 Louisville all held their spots after victories, and Missouri moved up to No. 10.

**POLL POINTS**  
Michigan and Ohio State will be a matchup of top-five teams for the 13th time, the most of any rivalry. The Buckeyes are 7-4-1 in those games.  
The Buckeyes and Wolverines will enter this season’s game exactly as they did last year: Both unbeaten, with Ohio State ranked No. 2 and Michigan No. 3. The Wolverines won The Game for the second straight season.

**OVAC**

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For West Virginia, their roster included Ashlyn Six from Oak Glen. Kaitlyn Anderson and Belle Devall from Morgantown. Kayli Darrow and Danica Deem from John Marshall. Jillian Huffman and Abby Heilman from Wheeling Park. Ava Liston and Ella Liston from University. Avery Sadlowski and Ava Gainer from Linsly. Maia Johnson from Parkersburg South. Jenna Blain from Magnolia. Lila Palmer from Valley and Alexis Hood from Wheeling Central.

For Ohio, their roster included Mya Leach and Bylee May from Shenandoah, Hannah Dobbs and Andrea Reeves from Toronto. Julie Broussard from Union Local, Ava McFarland and Ellie Thompson from Barnesville, Victoria Robertson and Reese Scott from Indian Creek, Kyia White and Faith Grafton from East Liverpool, Peyton Robers from Beaver Local. Ashley Shroades from Southern Local, Josie Lori from Caldwell and Kyra English from Monroe Central.

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SECN — Saint Joseph’s at Kentucky 8 p.m. CBSSN — Greenlight Sunshine Slam: Colorado vs. Richmond, Beach Bracket - Semifinal, Daytona Beach, Fla. 8:30 p.m. FS1 — Fort Myers Tip-Off: SMU vs. West Virginia, Semifinal, Fort Myers, Fla. 9 p.m. ESPN — Maui Invitational: Kansas vs. Chaminade, Quarterfinal, Honolulu 10:30 p.m. CBSSN — SoCal Challenge: Bradley vs. Tulane, Surf Division - Semifinal, San Juan Capistrano, Calif. 11:30 p.m. ESPN2 — Maui Invitational: UCLA vs. Marquette, Quarterfinal, Honolulu 1 a.m. (Tuesday) CBSSN — SoCal Challenge: California vs. UTEP, Surf Division - Semifinal, San Juan Capistrano, Calif. COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN’S) 12 p.m. ESPN2 — Battle 4 Atlantis: TBD, Championship, Nassau, Bahamas 2:30 p.m. ESPN — Battle 4 Atlantis: TBD, Third-Place Game, Nassau, Bahamas NFL FOOTBALL 8:15 p.m. ABC — Philadelphia at Kansas City ESPN — Philadelphia at Kansas City ESPN2 — Philadelphia at Kansas City (ManningCast) SOCCER (MEN’S) 3:20 a.m. FS1 — FIFA U-17 World Cup Group Stage: Ecuador vs. Brazil, Round of 16, Surakarta, Indonesia 6:45 a.m. FS2 — FIFA U-17 World Cup Group Stage: Spain vs. Japan, Round of 16, Surakarta, Indonesia 2:30 p.m. FS2 — UEFA Euro Qualifying Group Stage: Ukraine vs. Italy, Group C, Leverkusen, Germany 7 p.m. TNT — CONCACAF Nations League: Trinidad and Tobago vs. U.S., Quarterfinal - Leg 2, Port of Spain, Trinidad 3:20 a.m. (Tuesday) FS1 — FIFA U-17 World Cup Group Stage: Germany vs. U.S., Round of 16, Bandung, Indonesia

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NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to the playoffs.

**Saturday’s Games**  
Ottawa 2, Minnesota 1, SO Philadelphia 4, Vegas 3, OT Nashville 4, Chicago 2 Tampa Bay 6, Edmonton 4 Carolina 4, Pittsburgh 2 N.Y. Rangers 5, New Jersey 3 Winnipeg 5, Arizona 2 Boston 5, Montreal 2 N.Y. Islanders 5, Calgary 4, SO Washington 4, Columbus 3 Colorado 6, Dallas 3 Seattle 4, Vancouver 3 Los Angeles 5, St. Louis 1  
**Sunday’s Games**  
Toronto 4, Minnesota 3, OT Philadelphia 5, Columbus 2 Pittsburgh 3, Vegas 0 Buffalo 3, Chicago 2 St. Louis 3, Anaheim 1  
**Monday’s Games**  
Boston at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m. Edmonton at Florida, 7 p.m. Colorado at Nashville, 8 p.m. N.Y. Rangers at Dallas, 8 p.m. Los Angeles at Arizona, 9 p.m. Calgary at Seattle, 10 p.m. San Jose at Vancouver, 10 p.m.  
**Tuesday’s Games**  
No games scheduled  
**Wednesday’s Games**  
Boston at Florida, 7 p.m. Buffalo at Washington, 7 p.m. Chicago at Columbus, 7 p.m. Edmonton at Carolina, 7 p.m. N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m. New Jersey at Detroit, 7 p.m. Winnipeg at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m. Philadelphia at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30 p.m. Calgary at Nashville, 9 p.m. St. Louis at Arizona, 9 p.m. Vegas at Dallas, 9:30 p.m. Montreal at Anaheim, 10 p.m. San Jose at Seattle, 10 p.m. Vancouver at Colorado, 10 p.m.  
**Thursday’s Games**  
Green Bay at Detroit, 12:30 p.m. Washington at Dallas, 4:30 p.m. San Francisco at Seattle, 8:20 p.m.  
**Friday, Nov. 24**  
Miami at N.Y. Jets, 3 p.m.  
**Sunday, Nov. 26**  
Carolina at Tennessee, 1 p.m. Jacksonville at Houston, 1 p.m. New England at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m. New Orleans at Atlanta, 1 p.m. Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 1 p.m. Tampa Bay at Indianapolis, 1 p.m. Cleveland at Denver, 4:05 p.m. L.A. Rams at Arizona, 4:05 p.m. Buffalo at Philadelphia, 4:25 p.m. Kansas City at Las Vegas, 4:25 p.m. Baltimore at L.A. Chargers, 8:20 p.m.  
**Monday, Nov. 27**  
Chicago at Minnesota, 8:15 p.m.

**NBA**

**Saturday’s Games**  
New York 122, Charlotte 108 Minnesota 121, New Orleans 120 Milwaukee 132, Dallas 125 Chicago 102, Miami 97 Memphis 120, San Antonio 108 Oklahoma City 130, Golden State 123, OT  
**Sunday’s Games**  
Philadelphia 121, Brooklyn 99 Toronto 142, Detroit 113 Orlando 128, Indiana 116 Cleveland 121, Denver 109 Sacramento 129, Dallas 113 Oklahoma City 134, Portland 91 Boston 102, Memphis 100 Phoenix 140, Utah 137, 2OT Houston at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.  
**Monday’s Games**  
Boston at Charlotte, 7 p.m. Denver at Detroit, 7 p.m. Milwaukee at Washington, 7 p.m. L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 8 p.m. Miami at Chicago, 8 p.m. New York at Minnesota, 8 p.m. Sacramento at New Orleans, 8 p.m. Houston at Golden State, 10 p.m.

**ECHL**

**Saturday’s Games**  
Trois-Rivieres 2, Maine 1 Florida 3, Atlanta 1 Greenville 5, Jacksonville 3 Kalamazoo 4, Indy 0 Newfoundland 6, Reading 4 Orlando 5, Savannah 4 Worcester 4, Cincinnati 2 Toledo 3, Fort Wayne 2 Iowa 3, Utah 2 Rapid City 3, Wichita 2 Idaho 5, Allen 2  
**Sunday’s Games**  
Adirondack 3, Norfolk 1 Maine 3, Worcester 2 South Carolina 4, Orlando 3 Toledo 4, Indy 1 Fort Wayne 3, Wheeling 1 Kansas City 5, Tulsa 1 Rapid City 7, Wichita 5  
**Monday’s Games**  
Savannah at Orlando, 7 p.m.  
**Tuesday’s Games**  
Jacksonville at Atlanta, 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday’s Games**  
Greenville at Atlanta, 7 p.m. Iowa at Kalamazoo, 7 p.m. Reading at Adirondack, 7 p.m. South Carolina at Jacksonville, 7 p.m. Trois-Rivieres at Norfolk, 7:05 p.m. Toledo at Wheeling, 7:10 p.m. Indy at Cincinnati, 7:35 p.m. Allen at Wichita, 8:05 p.m. Kansas City at Tulsa, 8:05 p.m. Idaho at Rapid City, 9:05 p.m. Newfoundland at Utah, 9:10 p.m.

**TRANSACTIONS**

**BASEBALL**  
Major League Baseball National League PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Signed RHP Aaron Nola to a seven-year contract through the 2030 season.  
**HOCKEY**  
National Hockey League CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Returned D Filip Roos to Rockford (AHL) from loan. DETROIT RED WINGS — Reassigned G John Leitheman from Grand Rapids (AHL) to Toledo (ECHL). Reassigned C Austin Czarnik to Grand Rapids. EDMONTON OILERS — Returned RW Raphael Lavoie to Bakersfield (AHL) from loan. MINNESOTA WILD — Returned D Daemon Hunt to Iowa (AHL) from loan. OTTAWA SENATORS — Reassigned G Mads Søgaard to Belleville (AHL).  
Minor League Hockey East Coast Hockey League ADIRONDACK THUNDER — Placed D Bryce Martin on injured reserve, retroactive to Nov. 13. ATLANTA GLADIATORS — Traded G Jaxon Castor to Florida. Activated F Cody Sylvester from reserve. Suspended D Aidan De La Gorgendiere and removed from roster. Traded G Jaxon Castor to Florida.  
FLORIDA EVERBLADES — Released G Justin Kapelmaster. FORT WAYNE KOMETS — Activated F Logan Dowhaniuk from reserve. Placed D Joe Gatenby and F Nolan Volcan on reserve. Placed F Xavier Cormier on injured reserve, retroactive to Nov. 13. GREENVILLE SWAMP RABBITS — Placed F Nick Prkusic on reserve. Placed F Tanner Eberle on injured reserve, retroactive to Nov. 13. INDY FUEL — Placed D Dilan Peters on injured reserve, retroactive to Nov. 18. KALAMAZOO WINGS — Placed F Ted Nichol on injured reserve, retroactive to Nov. 18. MAINE MARINERS — Activated D Billy Constantinou from reserve. Placed Fs Tim Doherty and Cameron Askew on reserve. Placed F Reid Stefanson on injured reserve, retroactive Nov. 12. NORFOLK ADMIRALS — Released F Brian Bowen. Activated D Carson Musser on injured reserve. Activated F Mark Liwski from reserve. Placed F Stepan Timofiyev and D Owen Norton on reserve. READING ROYALS — Released D Connor Fedorek. TOLEDO WALLEYE — Placed F Darian Pilon and G Rylan Parenteau on reserve. WHEELING NAILERS — Placed F Lukas Svejksky on reserve.

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCORES**

**ACC**  
Florida St. 58, North Alabama 13 Notre Dame 45, Wake Forest 7 Louisville 38, Miami 31 Clemson 31, North Carolina 20 Georgia Tech 31, Syracuse 22 NC State 35, Virginia Tech 28 Virginia 30, Duke 27  
**Big 12**  
West Virginia 42, Cincinnati 21 Oklahoma 31, BYU 24 Oklahoma St. 43, Houston 30 Texas 26, Iowa St. 16 TCU 42, Baylor 17 Kansas St. 31, Kansas 27 Texas Tech 24, UCF 23  
**Big Ten**  
Ohio St. 37, Minnesota 3 Michigan 31, Maryland 24 Penn St. 27, Rutgers 6 Iowa 15, Illinois 13 Wisconsin 24, Nebraska 17, OT Michigan St. 24, Indiana 21 Northwestern 23, Purdue 15  
**Pac-12**  
Washington 22, Oregon St. 20 Oregon 49, Arizona St. 13 UCLA 38, Southern Cal 20 California 27, Stanford 15 Arizona 42, Utah 18  
**SEC**  
Georgia 38, Tennessee 10 Alabama 66, Chattanooga 10 LSU 56, Georgia St. 14 Missouri 33, Florida 31  
**Austin Peay** 14, Cent. Arkansas 12 Campbell 28, NC A&T 14 Dayton 45, Davidson 14 E. Kentucky 36, Stephen F. Austin 24 ETSU 35, The Citadel 23 Florida A&M 24, Bethune-Cookman 7 Jacksonville St. 56, Louisiana Tech 17 Liberty 49, UMass 25 Middle Tennessee 34, UTEP 30 NC Central 55, Delaware St. 14 New Mexico St. 31, Auburn 10 Old Dominion 20, Georgia Southern 17 Presbyterian 31, Morehead St. 27 Rice 28, Charlotte 7 Richmond 27, William & Mary 26 SC State 44, Norfolk St. 17 SMU 38, Memphis 34 Samford 27, UT Martin 17 San Diego 47, Stetson 20 South Alabama 28, Marshall 0 Tennessee Tech 35, Tennessee St. 0 Troy 31, Louisiana-Lafayette 24 Tulane 24, FAU 8 UAB 34, Temple 24 VMI 27, W. Carolina 24 W. Kentucky 28, Sam Houston St. 23 Wofford 19, Furman 13 Youngstown St. 34, Murray St. 17  
**MIDWEST**  
Ball St. 34, Kent St. 3 Drake 13, Butler 9 N. Dakota St. 48, N. Iowa 27 North Dakota 22, Illinois St. 21 S. Dakota St. 35, Missouri St. 17 S. Illinois 38, Indiana St. 9



- Noon -- Rutgers at Penn St., FS1
- 2:30 p.m. -- Utah at Arizona, PAC-12N
- 3 p.m. -- Duke at Virginia, CW
- 3:30 p.m. -- UCLA at Southern Cal, ABC
- 3:30 p.m. -- Georgia at Tennessee, CBS
- 3:30 p.m. -- UNLV at Air Force, CBSSN
- 3:30 p.m. -- North Carolina at Clemson, ESPN
- 3:30 p.m. -- Illinois at Iowa, FS1
- 3:30 p.m. -- Wake Forest at Notre Dame, NBC
- 4 p.m. -- Minnesota at Ohio St., BTN
- 4 p.m. -- Oklahoma St. at Houston, ESPN2
- 4 p.m. -- Oregon at Arizona St., FOX
- 5 p.m. -- UCF at Texas Tech, FS2
- 6:30 p.m. -- California at Stanford, PAC-12N
- 7 p.m. -- Kansas St. at Kansas, FS1
- 7:30 p.m. -- Washington at Oregon St., ABC
- 7:30 p.m. -- Florida at Missouri, ESPN
- 7:30 p.m. -- Nebraska at Wisconsin, NBC
- 7:30 p.m. -- Kentucky at South Carolina, SECN
- 8 p.m. -- Georgia St. at LSU, ESPN2
- 8 p.m. -- Texas at Iowa St., FOX

**SUNDAY'S BEST COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)**

- 4 p.m. -- W. Michigan at Ohio St., BTN

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL**

- 12:30 p.m. -- FCS Football Selection Show, ESPN

**NFL FOOTBALL**

- 1 p.m. -- Pittsburgh at Cleveland, CBS
- 1 p.m. -- Regional Coverage: Chicago at Detroit, LA Chargers at Green Bay, NY Giants at Washington, Dallas at Carolina, FOX
- 4:05 p.m. -- Tampa Bay at San Francisco, FOX
- 4:25 p.m. -- NY Jets at Buffalo, CBS
- 8:20 p.m. -- Minnesota at Denver, NBC



Photo by Andrew Grimm

**No. 1 Steubenville Big Red's Savier Faulks runs off tackle on Friday against the No. 2 Sheridan Generals in Big Reds' 14-7 Region 15 Championship victory.**

By **ANDREW GRIMM**  
**For The Sunday News-Register**

**NEW PHILADELPHIA** — "Love and trust."

Those are the words Hall of Fame Big Red head coach Reno Saccoccia used to describe what propelled his team to a second-straight regional title on Friday night.

Savier Faulks broke a 58-yard touchdown run with 5:01 remaining in the fourth quarter and the Big Red defense came up big late to propel top-seeded Steubenville to its 13th-straight win and second-consecutive Region 15 championship with a 14-7 victory inside Woody Hayes Quaker Stadium.

"Love and trust in each other," Saccoccia said. "We've got a lot of guys that love and trust in each other, and it was evident (Friday).

"Love and trust, love and trust."

With the win, Big Red will play in the Division IV state semifinals for a second-straight year. They will take on Kettering Archbishop Alter next Friday for a chance at a trip to Canton.

"We've won 20 of these in 40 years ... but every single one is special and this one is special," Saccoccia said of the regional title.

Faulks' go-ahead score capped what was a 168-yard night for the senior on 28 totes of the pigskin.

As big as his late score was, perhaps the stand by the defense that preceded it was even bigger.

With the score knotted at 7-7 and the No. 2 seed Generals (12-2) marching deep in the Big Red end, Big Red's interior line made a key stop on a third down play to set up a fourth-and-2 at the

Steubenville 21.

Sheridan QB Caden Sheridan, who finished with 154 rushing yards in the game, was wrestled to the ground shy of the marker—a long discussion and a measurement confirming the huge stop for the Big Red D.

"There were a lot of big plays, but that was a very big play," Saccoccia said. "In a game like this every play is a big play, but that play was a big play."

After Faulks' score, which came after a key third down completion by Aydan Manning to Jace Kernahan, the defense came up big again, forcing a turnover on downs and then, on the last drive of the game, Kyleigh Hopkins came up with a fumble recovery to clinch the victory.

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**Acceptance Points To End Of WVU Career**

By **BOB HERTZEL**  
**WV News**

**MORGANTOWN** — West Virginia's All-American center Zach Frazier has accepted an invitation to play in the Reese's Senior Bowl, which apparently signals an end to his collegiate career after this season.

While no official announcement that he was going to bypass his COVID year next season and enter the NFL draft has been made by either the school or Frazier, accepting an invitation to the Senior Bowl says he has made his decision.

The former Fairmont Senior star has one more year of eligibility left and recently said he had not decided whether he would return to play it out at WVU.

He will graduate in December with a degree in sports management.

No WVU official would comment and it wasn't clear whether or not Frazier could accept a bid to the Senior Bowl or even play in it and keep some form of his eligibility intact.

WVU head coach Neal Brown seemed to be giving off a hint that he expected Frazier to leave after this season on his Thursday night radio show.

When asked about Frazier, he answered: "You don't know what you have until it's gone. We need to enjoy these last three games with him on our team. We do some things at the center spot that no other teams can do, because of him. He's going to play a long time in the NFL."

Please see Frazier, Page C2

**St. Clairsville Lanes Hosts Kickoff Tournament**

By **KIM NORTH**  
**Staff Writer**



Photo by Kim North

Pictured are the top two female and male bowlers from the inaugural Joe & Betty Holubeck Kickoff Tournament held Friday at St. Clair Lanes in St. Clairsville. From left are, Parkersburg South's Corrisa Snider (first place); East Liverpool's Addison Rudibaugh (runnerup); East Liverpool's Jayden McDole (runnerup); and Weir's Jackson Parsons (first place).

**ST. CLAIRSVILLE** - The high school bowling season rolled into another year with the inaugural Joe & Betty Holubeck Kickoff Tournament held Friday at St. Clairsville Lanes. A dozen teams - six boys and a like number of girls - participated in the Division I flight.

When the final pins were electronically tabulated, the Weir boys and Parkersburg South girls were crowned as team champions. Each team bowled two regulation games and four Baker games. Only the regulation games were used to determine the individual scoring.

The co-ed Red Riders rolled a five-player score of 2,431, which was 138 pins ahead of Parkersburg South. They had three individuals in the top 10. Wheeling Park (2,126) finished third, with East Liverpool (1,996), Brooke (1,714) and Beaver Local 1,699 rounded out the field.

The Wood County Patriots totalled a 2,105 to outdistance runner up East Liverpool by 120 pins. John Marshall (1,718) took third, with Wheeling Park (1,623), Beaver Local (1,544) and Brooke (1,280).

Individually, Weir senior Jackson Parsons fashioned a pair of 200-games - 214 and 257 - for a nifty 471. He finished 35 pins ahead of East Liverpool sophomore Jayden McDole's 436 (230-206).

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**OVAC Volleyball All-Star Match Set For Sunday Night**

From **STAFF REPORTS**

**WHEELING** — The annual OVAC Volleyball All-Star game is set for Sunday, Nov. 19 inside Union Local High School, where some of the best in the conference from either side of the Ohio River will square off for life-long bragging rights.

Megan Grywalski from Shenandoah will be coaching the Ohio team, while Morgan Saddler from Oak Glen will be coaching the West Virginia team.

The following players will constitute each team, set for a 5 p.m. start:

**OVAC WEST VIRGINIA ALL-STARS**

- Danica Deem (John Marshall)** -15U Nationals all-star, won Nationals, player of the week, 801 career assists
- Alexis Hood (Wheeling Central Catholic)** -4-year varsity starter, 2021 and 2022 first team all-state, 1460 career assists
- Kayli Derrow (John Marshall)** -Second team all-state, first team

All-OVAC, first team All-Valley, Elk's Student Athlete of the Month, McDonalds Student Athlete of the Month

**Ava Garner (Linsly)**

-4-year letterwinner, 1100 career assists, senior captain, named to AVCA Phenom watchlist, all-tournament at AAU Nationals

**Avery Sadlowski (Linsly)**

-Finished with 1070 career kills

**Jenna Blain (Magnolia)**

-HM All-State as sophomore, SM All-State as a junior

**Jillian Huffman (Wheeling Park)**

-First team all-OVAC, Two Rivers second team all-conference

**Abigail Heilman (Wheeling Park)**

-Two-year letterwinner, led Park in blocking the last two years

**Ashlyn Six (Oak Glen)**

-3-year letterwinner, 2021 and 2022 first team all-state, 2022 WVSSAC AA All-Tournament team, 2022 OVAC 4A player of the year, 2021 All-Valley team captain, 2022 Volleyball Magazine ION watchlist

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**Cameron Dragons Travel To Face No. 1 Seed James Monroe**

By **NICK HENTHORN**  
**Sports Editor**

**CAMERON** — The Cameron Dragons (10-1), coming off a Class A first-round playoff victory over No. 9 Man, will face a new test Saturday playing the top-seeded James Monroe Mavericks (9-1) in the state quarterfinals.

The postseason contest is set for 1:30 at the hosting Mavericks' home H. E. Comer Jr. Sports Complex.

Cameron, who jumped Man in the playoff rankings in the last week of the regular season from No. 9 to No. 8, bested the Hillbillies 40-8 in their meeting Saturday, Nov. 11.

The Dragons showed the same strengths that

have brought them 10 straight wins since their week one loss to West Greene (PA), namely a fearsome running attack.

Cameron racked up 230 team rushing yards and five rushing touchdowns in the game. Senior quarterback Colson Wichtermand and junior running back Klypsan Wallace (57 rushing yards and two touchdowns) led the way for the Dragons.

Wichtermand and Wallace both surpassed the 1,000-yard mark in rushing this year, the first time the school has had two such runners.

Defensively, Cameron was equally as stingy against the run as their offense was effective

in running the ball. The Dragons allowed just 2.5 yards per carry against the Hillbillies.

James Monroe, meanwhile, showed little trouble against No. 16 Sherman, coming into Saturday off a 48-15 win.

James Monroe junior quarterback Layton Dowdy continued an excellent season in the first round matchup, passing for five touchdowns and running for one more in the game.

He connected with talented weapons Chaz Boggs, Brock Parker, and Ryan Manns for his scores. While the Cameron rushing defense was up to the task last week, it may be the passing defense which is tested this week.

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"I trust my game at the moment. It's been a little bit shaky at times this year, but I feel like we're on track at the moment."

The No. 4-ranked Hovland won the season-ending Tour Championship on the PGA Tour in August, was one of Europe's best players at the Ryder Cup and has collected approaching \$35 million in on-course earnings in the 2023 season.

A special year could yet include a winner's check of \$3 million in Dubai, where he said he was playing "stress-free golf" after just one bogey on Friday sandwiched between seven birdies including four in his last seven holes.

"I'm just staying really

patient and not making a mistake," Hovland said, "and it doesn't bother me as much as it used to."

Fleetwood was looking at home at Jumeirah Golf Estates and that's no surprise — he has an academy at the course and lives in Dubai.

This marks his final chance of a victory in the 2023 season and the highlight of his round containing seven birdies was a 30-foot birdie putt at the par-3 13th.

"No matter where you are in your career it's great to be here and have a chance to win this tournament and it's close to my heart now," the 15th-ranked Fleetwood said.

Rahm started on No. 10, birdied four of his first seven holes, then

nearly holed his approach at No. 18 for an albatross, settling instead for an eagle from 2 feet.

More birdies at Nos. 2 and 3 left him just two shots off the lead at that stage, but he parred the next five holes before a bogey at the long par-4 ninth despite a fairway-splitting drive and a 7-iron to the heart of the green.

"To three-putt there leaves a bit of a sour taste," said Rahm, the defending champion.

McIlroy birdied Nos. 2, 6 and 7 and hit eight greens in regulation in the front nine, but played the final 11 holes in 2 over.

"I was trying to make some birdies on the back nine to get something going," he said, "and I couldn't."

defense with a proven record when facing rookie QBs (the Steelers are 49-14 in such games since 1970).

Beyond the usual bragging rights in one of the league's most hostile rivalries, the Browns (6-3) and Steelers are both trying to challenge Baltimore (7-3 entering Thursday night's match-

### • Pins

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Taking fourth was Weir's Shane Arnold (387-200-187) and Parkersburg South junior Dylan Holliday (384-162-222) rounded out the top 5.

The next five individuals were Weir senior Andrew Byers (361-155-206); Wheeling Park senior Sam Metzner (358-168-190); East Liverpool senior Jordan Wolf (339-175-164); Parkersburg South sophomore Kevin Oldaker (326-174-152); and Wheeling Park junior Kaden Miller (321-176-145).

On the girls side, Park-

ersburg South junior Corisa Snider took home top honors with a 372, which included games of 180-192. Her total was 49 pins better than East Liverpool junior Addison Rudibaugh (232-158-165).

"It feels really good. I'm proud of myself," Snider said. "I'm very pleased with my scores even though I think they could've been a little better, but I'll take what I can get."

She said the lanes "were a little oily. It was a struggle, but you've got to push forward."

Taking third was East Liverpool senior Paige

Grimes (321-178-143). Completing the top 5 were Parkersburg South freshman Addison Giffin (310-174-136) and East Liverpool junior Mollie Petrie (309-167-142). Rounding out the top 10 were Wheeling Park junior Emma Wear (299-165-134); John Marshall senior Shelby Crow (294-143-151); Parkersburg South freshman Brooklyn Taylor (289-152-137); and a pair of John Marshall juniors in Ash Browning (286-102-184) and Reagan Gorby (284-143-141). The regular season gets under way on Monday, Nov. 27.

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**OVAC OHIO ALL-STARS**  
**Peyton Roberts (Beaver Local)**  
-3-year letterman, team captain, OHSV-CA District 1, Division 2 first team. All-OVAC first team, 2023 District Senior Classic, YSN All-Star Game

**Kyra English (Monroe Central)**  
-First team Division IV, District 12 in 2023. Second team all-OVAC in 2022

**Reese Scott (Indian Creek)**  
-2022 OVAC all-conference, 2022: District 5 second team and Buckeye 8, 2023 District 5 first team, team captain, two-year letterwinner, All-OVAC

**Tori Robertson (Indian Creek)**  
-2022: All-OVAC, District 5 second team, Buckeye 8; 2023: District 5 first team, All-OVAC, three year letterwinner, team captain, school record holder in game, season and career kills

**Hannah Dobbs (Toronto)**  
-Division 4 player of the year, Under Armour All-American, led Ohio in kills, ranked #23 in Ohio by USA Today

**Andrea Reeves (Toronto)**  
-All OVAC and District 5 four times, no. 1 ranked in Ohio in assists, 106.3 The River Athlete of the week

**Ellie Thompson (Barnesville)**

-2021 and 2022 HM and 2023 first team all-District, first team all-OVAC, three year letterwinner

**Ava McFarland (Barnesville)**  
-District 12 HM in 2020, first team in 2021 and 2023, second team in 2022, All-OVAC 2021 & 2023, All-MOVL 2021 & 2022

**Julie Broussard (Union Local)**  
-All-OVAC, first team District 12, District 12 all-star

Other all-stars include Josie Lori (Caldwell), Ashley Shroades (Southern Local), Faith Grafton (East Liverpool), Kyla White (East Liverpool), Mya Leach (Shenandoah) and Brylee Alaina May (Shenandoah).

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Liam Capers	5	Shekinah Palmer	6
Mitch Fehr	5	Kassandra Ramos	6
Declan Rice	5	Sophia Saho	6
Leighla Rykowski	5	Tillie Zoldaz	6
Ciara Bunner	6	Aiden Azallion	7
Cayden Estok	6	Alex Norman	7
Jozi Isaly	6	Greigh Schnelle	7
Allie Kosek	6	Ayla DaRe'	8
Quinn Mamone	6		

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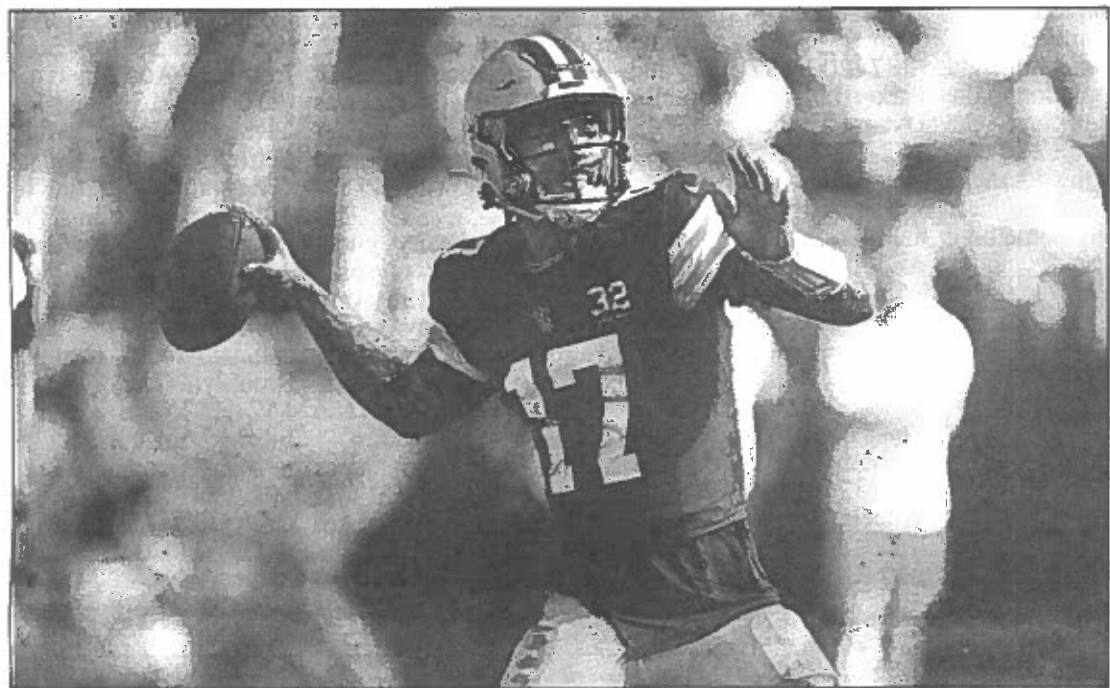


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team that was especially nice because we had a lot of players out this week." Just missing the 300-mark was Wheeling Park senior Zac Davis (392-190-202) who finished third. See PINS, Page C2



PICTURED ARE the top two female and male bowlers from the inaugural Joe & Betty Holubeck Kickoff Tournament held Friday at St. Clair Lanes in St. Clairsville. From left are Parkersburg South's Corrisa Snider (first place); East Liverpool's Addison Rudibaugh (runnerup); East Liverpool's Jayden McDole (runnerup); and Weir's Jackson Parsons (first place). Photo by KIM NORTH



CLEVELAND BROWNS quarterback Dorian Thompson-Robinson plays against the Baltimore Ravens on Oct. 1 in Cleveland. AP Photo

## Browns rookie QB confident he's ready to start after dreadful debut

BEREA, Ohio (AP) — As NFL debuts go, Browns rookie quarterback Dorian Thompson-Robinson's was dreadful, bordering on disastrous.

He's certain his encore will be much better.

"Night and day," Thompson-Robinson said Thursday.

The Browns are counting on Thompson-Robinson to not only produce but keep their playoff hopes alive as their new starter after Cleveland lost Deshaun Watson for the rest of the season with a fractured right shoulder suffered last week at Baltimore.

It's a big ask for Thompson-Robinson, a fifth-round pick from UCLA, who made an emergency start on Oct. 1 against Baltimore when Watson was ruled out just hours before kickoff with a shoulder strain.

Rushed into a start he wasn't prepared for after getting only a handful of snaps in practice that week with Cleveland's starters, Thompson-Robinson looked overwhelmed and played like it.

The Ravens intercepted him three times and sacked him four in a 28-3 rout that made the Browns' decision to trade veteran backup Joshua Dobbs this summer appear foolish.

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## With quarterback change, Browns will lean on top defense against Steelers

CLEVELAND (AP) — There's something notably different, maybe even a little bit odd about Sunday's matchup between the Steelers and Browns.

While the AFC North rivals have identical 6-3 records, questions at quarterback (a new one for the Browns this week) and two of the NFL's most rabid fan bases, there may be a slight variation separating the teams.

Hold onto your Terrible Towel.

Cleveland's defense is superior.

"They're probably playing better than anyone right now," said Pittsburgh coach Mike Tomlin, never one to pass up unwarranted praise.

"They've got an awesome collection of talent, and then they've got an awesome schematic approach to that collection of talent."

While not to be confused with Pittsburgh's famed Steel Curtain defense of the 1970s, Cleveland's no-nickname unit has been the league's

top-ranked most of this season, and the Browns are about to lean on All-World edge rusher Myles Garrett and Co. more than ever.

With quarterback Deshaun Watson done for the season with a fracture in his right shoulder, the Browns will count on their defense to carry them.

That's not necessarily new as Cleveland's defense — ranked No. 1 overall and against the pass — has helped the Browns overcome obstacles all season.

Whether it has been key injuries, uncertainty at quarterback, questionable calls or last week's 14-point deficit in the fourth quarter at Baltimore, the Browns have found a way.

"The resilience of this team, man," linebacker Anthony Walker Jr. said. "The guys that we have in this locker room, I believe in everybody. Everybody believes in one another."

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## McIlroy stalls, Hojgaard leads at World Tour Championship

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Jon Rahm, Viktor Hovland and Tommy Fleetwood were in a group of marquee players moving into contention at the season-ending World Tour Championship on Friday.

Rory McIlroy wasn't among them.

While the No. 2-ranked McIlroy was, in his words, "stuck in neutral" on his way to shooting an even-par 72 in the second round, Rahm, Hovland and Fleetwood all had 66s on the Earth Course to be in a good position heading into the weekend.

Nicolai Hojgaard, a 22-year-old Dane boosted by his recent Ryder Cup experience, had a back nine of 30 containing four birdies and an eagle to shoot 66 and lead on 11-under par, two shots clear of a five-man group.

Rahm, ranked No. 3, was five shots back and happy with his game, though frustrated by a three-putting from 20 feet for bogey at his last hole — No. 9.

McIlroy was languishing on 1 under for the tournament, 10 back and tied for 34th place in a curtailed field of 50 for

the last event of the European tour's 2023 season.

"There is a low one out there," said McIlroy, who has already clinched the Race to Dubai title and was crowned Europe's No. 1 player for a fifth time. "And I'm going to need one to get myself back in the tournament."

Hojgaard, who was in a share of the lead after the first round, wasn't really a factor early in round two after bogeys at Nos. 3 and 4. He rebounded with birdies at two of the next three holes and finished birdie-par-birdie-eagle, hitting his second shot at the par-5 18th to 6 feet.

Hojgaard, one of the rising stars of European golf and a captain's pick for the Ryder Cup, is building on a second-place finish at the Nedbank Golf Challenge last week.

"It's a little bit like last week as well — had a slow start in every round, basically. And then I just know in every round there's going to be a run of birdies at some point with where my game is at. So it's about staying patient," the 70th-ranked Hojgaard said.

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RORY MCILROY of Northern Ireland plays his second shot on the third hole during the round two of the DP World Tour Championship golf tournament in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Friday. AP Photo

## OVAC Volleyball All-Star Game set for Sunday at Union Local

### From STAFF REPORTS

WHEELING — The annual OVAC Volleyball All-Star game is set for Sunday, Nov. 19 inside Union Local High School, where some of the best in the conference from either side of the Ohio River will square off for life-long bragging rights.

Megan Grywalski from Shenandoah will be coaching the Ohio team, while Morgan Saddler from Oak Glen will be coaching the West Virginia team.

The following players will constitute each team, set for a 5 p.m. start:

**OVAC WEST VIRGINIA ALL-STARS**  
Danica Deem (John Marshall)

-15U Nationals all-star, won Nationals, player of the week, 801 career assists

Alexis Hood (Wheeling Central Catholic)

-4-year varsity starter, 2021 and 2022 first team all-state, 1460 career assists

Kayli Derrow (John Marshall)

-Second team all-state, first team All-OVAC, first team All-Valley, Elk's Student Athlete of the Month, McDonalds Student Athlete of the Month

Ava Garner (Linsly)

-4-year letterwinner, 1100 career assists, senior captain, named to AVCA Phenom watchlist, all-tournament at AAU Nationals

Avery Sadlowski (Linsly)

-Finished with 1070 career kills

Jenna Blain (Magnolia)

-HM All-State as sophomore. SM All-State as a junior

Jillian Huffman (Wheeling Park)

-First team all-OVAC, Two Rivers second team all-conference

Abigail Heilman (Wheeling Park)

-Two-year letterwinner, led Park in blocking the last two years

Ashlyn Six (Oak Glen)

-3-year letterwinner, 2021 and 2022 first team all-state, 2022 WVSSAC AA All-Tournament team, 2022 OVAC 4A player of the year, 2021 All-Valley team captain, 2022

Volleyball Magazine ION watchlist

Lila Palmer (Valley)

-As a sophomore: first team Mason-Dixon, first team All-OVAC, All-Valley, All-State HM, as a senior: first team Mason Dixon, first team all-OVAC

Other all-stars include Ava Liston (University), Ella Liston (University), Kaitlyn Anderson (Morgantown), Isabelle DeVall (Morgantown) and Maia Johnson (Parkersburg South)

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## MOUNTAINEERS

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"Our guys," Neal Brown would say, "were embarrassed last week. Any time you fail in a national TV game and play your worst game of the year there will be aftershocks. I have full expectation and belief our guys will come out and play a good football game."

Maybe no one more than Greene, who completed only 12 of 27 passes for 154 yards and ran for only 24 yards before mercifully being replaced by backup Nicco Marchiol. "Obviously last week I didn't play good enough. I wasn't even close to my best. To beat a team on the road you have to play better, so I practiced with that mentality the whole week," Greene said.

It was a lesson in humility but it also was a test of character and Brown was certain coming into this one that Greene was sitting on a monster effort.

"Oklahoma was a game where Garrett's decision making and fundamentals were costly," Brown said. "But he has played well all year and can't let that last game affect him today or the rest of the season. He's one of the better players in the Big 12 and has to go out and prove it."

Did he ever.

Greene had his best day as a Mountaineer. He accounted for 336 total yards -- 154 rushing on 11 carries, which is 14 yards per carry, with 3 touchdowns while passing for 210 yards on 12 completions out of 19 attempts with a touchdown.

"I thought Garrett bounced

back," Brown said. "I thought last week was the first time he hadn't had success this year. There's been varying levels of success, but he just didn't play like himself and it ate at him."

"He's the ultimate competitor and has a lot of skills as far as throwing the ball and all those things, but the best trait he has is his competitiveness. He took it personal and came back and performed."

You could almost see the fire burning inside him from the opening plays of the game, a 28-yard pass to Traylon Ray followed by a 12-yard throw to Rodney Gallagher before he passed the torch to Jaheim White for a run that covered the first 11 yards of what would become a career day of 204 rushing yards on 21 carries.

While that first drive stalled with a missed field goal, the next time they had the ball they showed what was to come. White rushed for 18 and 10 yards before leaving with a minor limp, Greene tossed in a 22 yard run followed by an 8-yard scamper that helped carry the ball to the 3.

Faced with a fourth and 1, Greene faked to CJ Donaldson going right, which opened up the middle enough to allow Greene go in the end zone standing up.

It did not take long for them to score again, this one a play they have waited for all season ... a pass from Greene, who took a big hit just as threw, to the fleet White,

who gathered it in, slipped away from one defender and 75 yards from the line of scrimmage he went into the end zone with the longest TD of the year for WVU.

Greene didn't see what transpired, having been knocked onto his back, but White had to outrun the ball to the spot, make a difficult catch and then break loose.

"Jaheim is just a phenomenal football player. Any way I can get the ball in his hands, that's my goal," Greene said.

At this point you knew where this game was going and there was nothing Cincinnati could do to stop it.

"Dominant performance," Brown said. "The stats speak for themselves. Two 100-yard rushers, over 400 rushing yards."

West Virginia's first possession of the second half was more of the same as the Mountaineers marched 88 yards to a third rushing score for Greene, this one on an 18-yard score. White gained 49 yards on the drive to reach 75 on 12 carries in the game and it stood at 35-7 in the third quarter.

"You keep seeing Jaheim White getting better and better," Brown said. "He was elite today."

WVU kept the pressure on into the fourth quarter when the lead grew to 42-7 and he started mixing in some substitutes and Cincinnati took advantage of it to score a couple of touchdowns while WVU scored one and had a second removed on a penalty.

## ALL-STARS

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"It's a great opportunity for them," Megan Grywalski, the head coach of the Shenandoah Zips who was the coach of Ohio, said. "To give them one last chance to play, I think that's a really cool experience."

While the talent of those involved shined through Saturday, there were also new challenges that came with playing with a new team, and players moving into different positions than usual.

"It's just a little tough, you have all the all-stars, and all of our team was outside hitters pretty much," Grywalski said. "It's hard, because they have to go to different positions than they're used to, and they're playing with different girls, so I feel like you don't get to see them at your best. But they did a fantastic job filling in where they needed to. I had a girl playing middle who'd never played middle before and she did a great job with

that, that was cool to see.

"It's hard to get that cohesiveness that you get with your own team throughout a season, but it's still a really cool experience."

As well as a great experience for the players, it was also an honor for the coaches.

"I was definitely very honored to receive coach of the year in West Virginia, and we had a great turnout today," Saddler said. "We had very talented players from both Ohio and West Virginia and it was great to see the girls come together and have some fun."

"This is my first year I've got to coach at the OVAC, so that was a really big honor," Grywalski said. "The other coaches vote on that so it means a lot that the coaches see me in that light."

For West Virginia, their roster included Ashlyn Six from Oak Glen, Kaitlyn Anderson and Belle

Devall from Morgantown, Kayli Derrow and Danica Deem from John Marshall, Jillian Huffman and Abby Heilman from Wheeling Park, Ava Liston and Ella Liston from University, Avery Sadlowski and Ava Gainer from Linsly, Maia Johnson from Parkersburg South, Jenna Blain from Magnolia, Lila Palmer from Valley and Alexis Hood from Wheeling Central.

For Ohio, their roster included Mya Leach and Brylee May from Shenandoah, Hannah Dobbs and Andrea Reeves from Toronto, Julie Broussard from Union Local, Ava McFarland and Ellie Thompson from Barnesville, Victoria Robertson and Reese Scott from Indian Creek, Kyia White and Faith Grafton from East Liverpool, Peyton Robers from Beaver Local, Ashley Shroades from Southern Local, Josie Lori from Caldwell and Kyra English from Monroe Central.

## WEIR

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"We played for each other. We said at halftime we didn't want to have to say goodbye to each other. They came out (in the second half) and played their hearts out for each other. Big players make big plays in big games. It was the same guys it's been all season with the offensive line leading the way."

Leading 28-26 with under six minutes to play, Stromile was picked off for a third time in the game, the Skyhawks (10-2) ultimately turning the turnover into a go-ahead score with 2:29 to go after they converted a fourth-and-9 that kept them alive.

Stromile, though, showed his resilience with the game -- and Weir's season -- on the line. Prior to firing the winning pass to Lyons, he broke tackles in the backfield and found room on a scramble, breaking free for 31 yards to set the Red Riders up in the red zone.

"Nothing fazes him, it's amazing," Sisinni said. "Corey is the same way. This whole group, I've seen it since Day 1 of taking over the program."

"He did a real good job of tucking the ball and taking off with it in that situation. We've seen that from him all year. Bigger than his athletic ability is his heart and determination. It's that way with this whole team."

He finished with 286 passing yards and three touchdowns in the game, firing scoring tosses of 85 and 74 yards.

He also ran for 72, almost all of which came in the second half.

"I knew after I threw that interception that we just had to stay together as a family, work it down the field and do our thing," Stromile said. "We had a terrible first half, we promised our coaches (at halftime) that we'd come out and do better."

Lyons, for his part, played an integral role in the drive on the ground as well. After being bottled up for most of the day, he rushed for 32 of his 56 yards on the final drive, including a pair of 11-yarders on option tosses from Stromile that gained key first downs.

Weir started the game without leading receiving Colin "G" Cross and lost Jacob Taylor for the day on the opening kickoff, but Devan Colson stepped up with the best game of his season with 178 yards and a score on six grabs.

After being held to seven rushing yards in the first half, Weir racked up 135 in the final two quarters after switching to more options and pitches after the break.

The Red Riders tied the game at 14-14 with a 10-play march capped by a Stromile 6-yard run on the opening drive of the second half.

After Scott answered to re-take the lead, but missed the extra point. Lyons capped an eight-play drive on the next Red Rider possession with a 1-yard

plunge to give the Red Riders their first lead, 21-20, which was the score going to the fourth quarter.

After Scott answered again, but did not convert on a try for two, Stromile and Colson connected on an 84-yard catch-and-run to give the Red Riders a 28-26 lead with 7:50 to go.

The Red Rider defense made a big stand forcing a three-and-out and the only punt of the game by the Skyhawks, but the interception got the hosts the ball back to set up the wild finish.

Scott QB Matt Frye, who is under consideration for the Kennedy Award and finished with nearly 3,000 yards on the season, threw for 104 yards in the first quarter as the Skyhawks opened a 14-0 lead, but was held to just another 112 over the final three quarters to finish with 216 going 21 of 37. He also ran for another 79 and a score.

The Red Riders turnaround started with a 74-yard Damir Mowder catch-and-run to cut the deficit in half late in the second quarter. Mowder then picked off a Frye pass in the final minute of the first half to allow Weir to get to the locker room down seven.

Weir will travel to face No. 1 seed North Marion in the Class AA semifinals with a trip to Wheeling Island Stadium on the line. The Huskies topped No. 9 Herbert Hoover 35-17 at home on Saturday night.

## WVU's Eilert Hoping His Approach To Preparation Pays Off On The Court

By BOB HERTZEL  
WV News

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — When West Virginia takes the floor Monday night to face SMU in the first game of the Fort Myers (Florida) Tipoff it will line up 5 on 5 with the Mustangs but far more goes into the winning or losing of a basketball game than just what you see before your eyes for those 40 minutes.

Preparation is everything in this era -- especially with basically six players spending most of the time on the court during games for WVU -- film study is as important as on-the-court practice and analytics may trump all of it.

Josh Eilert, the new Mountaineer coach, may not have the experience that Bob Huggins brought to the game but he is certainly introducing a more "now" approach. As a former video coordinator and as someone who devours analytics, his approach is vastly different from Huggins' in terms of preparation.

This week he has been getting into the SMU game and he has had the luxury of six days to prepare ... but with such a short bench he has to be careful how he approaches practice time on the court and film study off it.

"For some guys [film study]'s way more beneficial. It depends on the basketball IQ," he said.

But you don't just sit them down and watch and rewatch plays and the inevitable mistakes or heroics each includes over and over.

"Anybody in this day and age has a shortened attention span ... and I'm one of those. You have to understand the nuances of the modern-day athlete. You have to figure out how to keep their attention for an extended peri-

od of time and make sure you are getting something out of those film sessions," Eilert said.

"Everybody learns differently. Some guys learn on the floor, some guys learn in the film session. Some guys learn by drawing plays up," he went on. "You have to figure out how each guy ticks. For the most part our first six or seven guys have a fairly high basketball IQ and we can rely on the film study to get as much done there as we could on the floor."

But the approach to it all has to be tempered by the idea that six players get nearly all the minutes, dictating the style of play that is being used and narrowing the options open to Eilert.

This gets us to analytics, the pseudo-science that is sweeping the sports world and changing the way the games be they football, basketball or baseball are played.

"Analytics is certainly a tool in terms of getting your point across to the players," Eilert admitted. "They have to understand it. It's so prevalent in today's game. You see it on every broadcast."

And Eilert admits to making use of it.

"I use it probably way more than my predecessor did for a lot of reasons. It's a great tool to figure out where your advantages are, where your disadvantages are," he explained.

"Over the years the data out there has become so prevalent. We subscribe to three or four analytic programs and we use them on a daily basis."

With that said, Eilert understands it is a tool, not a finished product. It must be tailored to what fits your team, not just a color by numbers approaching to painting a game plan or offense or defense.

"We thought (coming into the season) we would have a chance to do something special with this group and that's a credit to these seniors and what they've done," Sisinni said. "We're not finished. We're not done yet. We're happy with fight and ecstatic to be moving on, but we're not done yet."

### CLASS A QUARTERFINALS

No. 1 James Monroe 17,

No. 8 Cameron 0

The top-seeded James Monroe Mavericks shut out the visiting Cameron Dragons on Saturday, ending the season for a Dragons teams which went 9-1 in the regular season and blew out No. 9 Man 40-8 in the first round of the Class A WVSSAC playoffs.

The game remained scoreless after the first half with turnovers and stout defense keeping both teams off the board.

In the third quarter, faced with a fourth-and-16, James Monroe took the lead on a trick-play touchdown, the only offensive touchdown the Mavericks would score Saturday.

They would turn an interception into a field goal and come away with a 70-yard pick-six to bring their total to 17, while the James Monroe defense never relented in keeping the Dragons offense down.

James Monroe will host No. 4 seed Greenbrier West in the semifinals next week.