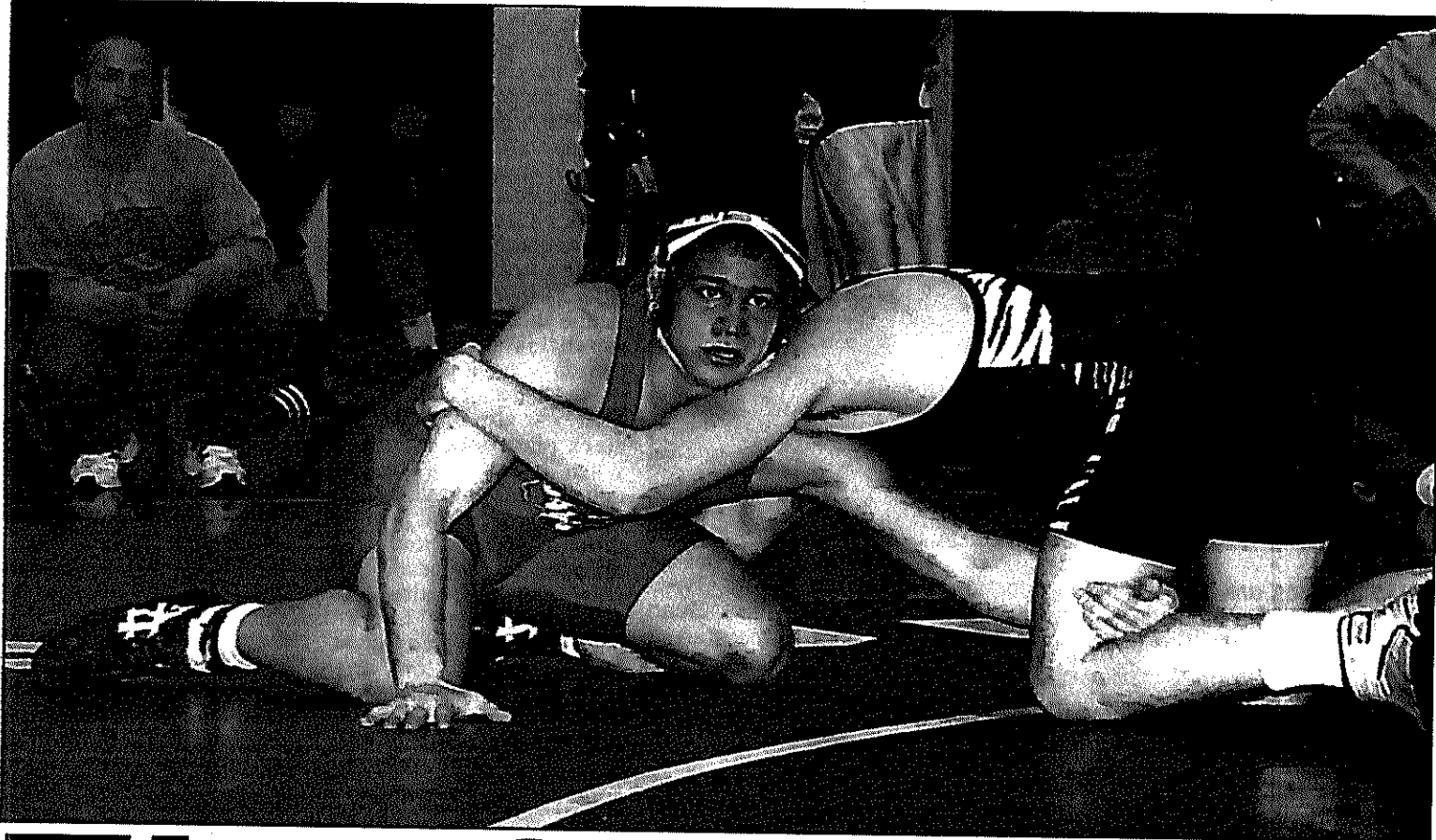


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BRIDGEPORT SENIOR Bryan Skoff looks for time to run out as he defeated Mark Vuono of West Allegheny 4-1 in Tuesday night's Clash of Champions at East Liverpool High School. Additional images may be viewed at cu.timesleaderonline.com

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The OVAC rules

• Holt, Reisz, Skoff post victories in 13th annual Clash of Champions

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

EAST LIVERPOOL - The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference is one of the most respected prep sports leagues in the nation.

And one of the sports where the OVAC shines the brightest is in wrestling, thanks in large part to the giant Ron Mauck OVAC Tournament that's held during the third weekend in January each year.

The OVAC once again demonstrated just how strong it is in wrestling here Tuesday evening when the bi-state league took on the heralded Midwestern Athletic Conference from Pennsylvania in the 13th annual Clash of the Champions held inside the Potters'

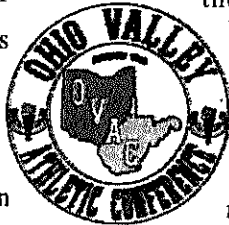
gymnasium.

Despite dropping two of three early matches, Team OVAC relied on its strength in the middle and upper weights to post a 41-12 victory over the MAC in front of a large turnout.

"It's definitely nice to be on the winning side," said Ohio and Caldwell head coach Dustin Robison. "These kids have put a lot of time (to wrestling) and it's nice that they can go out and represent the OVAC, their school and themselves so well tonight."

The OVAC's victory gives it a 9-4 upperhand in the series, which began in 1988, but ceased for nine years during the middle and late 90s.

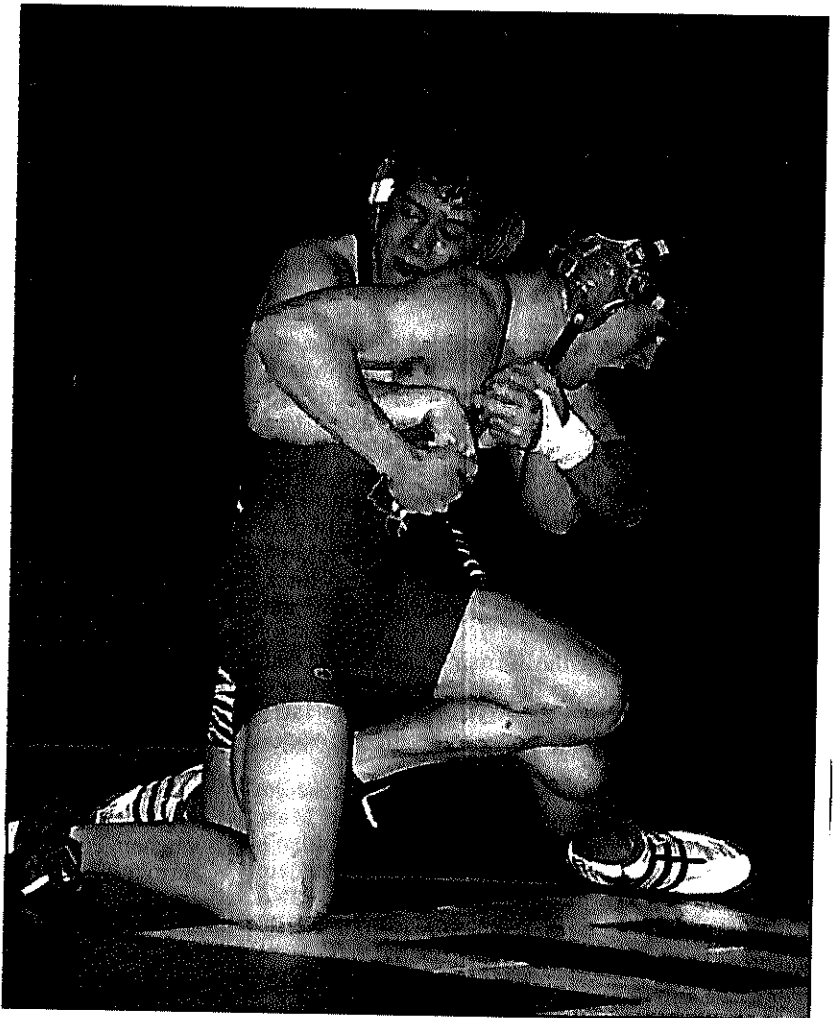
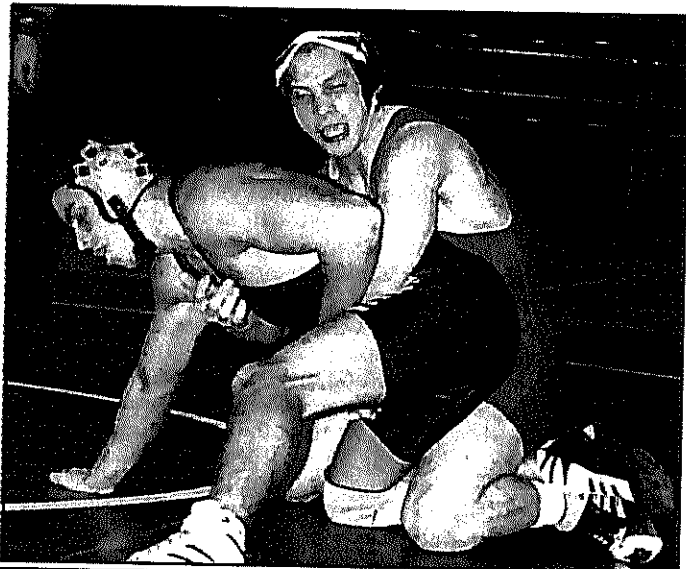
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MARTINS FERRY'S

Derrick Holt, right, controls the MAC's Rocco Ragano during their 130-pound match Tuesday night at the Clash of Champions. The Purple Rider senior posted a 9-0 decision.

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BEALLSVILLE'S JIMMY Reisz looks for a standup against Moon's Ryan Taylor in their 140-pound collision during Tuesday night's Clash of Champions. Reisz, the OVAC all-time record holder in wins, prevailed in the matchup with a 4-2 decision.



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RECEIVING THEIR OVAC Dual meet championship trophies are these winning coaches. From left are new OVAC Tournament director Dan Doyle, Clint Abbott (Beallsville), Dustin Robison (Caldwell), Larry Shaw (Oak Glen), Sean Doyle (Wheeling Park) and retiring tournament director Ron Mauck. The trophies were presented prior to the start of Tuesday's Clash of the Champions.

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"Our middle and upper weights were pretty solid," Robison said. "Everyone battled and no one gave up bonus points. Even though we lost four matches, those kids battled and didn't give up bonus points, so that was big, too." The MAC had won three of the first four matches before East Liverpool's Cagney Springer recorded a pinfall.

That was just the beginning for the OVAC.

Martins Ferry's Derrick Holt — who saw his senior season of grappling cut short this winter due to a late-season football injury — continued the momentum started by his teammate from the Potters.

Holt who narrowly missed out on qualifying for the state got some redemption in his final prep match as the OVAC's 130-pound entrant.

He made the most of his opportunity inside the Potter gymnasium when he blanked Montour's Rocco Ragano by a 9-0 count for a major decision.

"I am really happy with how I performed tonight," Holt said.

"I didn't know very much about my opponent, but I knew it was an all-star meet and he had to be pretty good. I knew I had to wrestle on my feet because we had heard (Pennsylvania) was really good on the mat."

Another area grappler — Beallsville's Jimmy Reisz — whose quest for an Ohio State championship was denied in the district — got a chance to make a little bit of redemption.

Reisz represented the OVAC at 140 pounds and met Ryan Taylor of Moon in his match.

Reisz — the Ohio Valley's all-time winningest wrestler with 178 victories — scored an early take down and squeezed out a reversal in the second period to post a 4-2 victory.

"I didn't finish the season as well as I would have liked to obviously," Reisz said.

"Coach Abbott kept on me about ending my season with a victory, so I was happy to get this win tonight."

Bridgeport's Bryan Skoff — who finished seventh in the state of Ohio two weeks ago — added another check mark to his lengthy list of wrestling accomplishments.

He fell behind West Allegheny's Mark Vuono by a 1-0 score after an escape, but managed to get a takedown and a reversal to post a 4-1 victory.

"It was a great feeling to be able to go out with a win," Skoff said. "For me the main objective was for this team to win the dual, but to get a win for myself feels great too. It's a great feeling to make this team and know you are one of the best in the OVAC."

At 103 pounds, the MAC jumped out to an early lead in the match when Jefferson Morgan High's Brian Scritchfield posted a 4-1 victory over

OVAC 41, MAC 12

103 — Brian Scritchfield (MAC) dec. Ed Lehotay (OVAC), 4-1.
 112 — Brent Fluharty (OVAC) dec. Jason Markus (MAC), 8-2.
 119 — Stephen Fullwood (MAC) dec. Mike Kenjorsky (OVAC), 7-5.
 125 — Luke Selker (MAC) dec. Paul Rose (OVAC), 9-2.
 125 — Cagney Springer (OVAC) pinned Justin Malcomb (MAC), 2:28.
 130 — Derrick Holt (OVAC) maj. dec. Rocco Ragano (MAC), 9-0.
 135 — Andy Stine (OVAC) dec. Zach Kelly (MAC), 5-3, OT.
 140 — Jimmy Reisz (OVAC) dec. Ryan Taylor (MAC), 4-2.
 145 — Dominick Demor (MAC) dec. Nick Stine (OVAC), 8-3.
 152 — Cody Miller (OVAC) dec. Mitch Cleric (MAC), 7-0.
 160 — Bryan Skoff (OVAC) dec. Mark Vuono (MAC), 4-1.
 171 — Chad Teague (OVAC) maj. dec. Justin Herder (MAC), 10-1.
 169 — Kirk Wetherell (OVAC) pinned Rob Neider (MAC), 1:00.
 215 — Derrick Hesson (OVAC) dec. Jimmy Muraco (MAC), 2-0.
 285 — Drake Kowcheck (OVAC) dec. Kraig Smith (MAC), 5-3.

Meadowbrook's Ed Lehotay.

Scritchfield scored a take down in the first period and then posted a reversal in the second period to take a 4-0 upperhand. Lehotay scored an escape just prior to the match's final buzzer.

The Ohio Valley got on the board at 112 pounds when Brooke High's Brent Fluharty came back from a 2-0 deficit to score a 6-2 victory over Blackhawk's Jason Markus.

The two went to the third period knotted at two, but in the third, Fluharty recorded a take down with 21 seconds to go in the match and then turned the Pennsylvanian and recorded a pair of near-fall points to square the match.

The MAC regained the lead at 119 pounds. Montour's Stephen Fullwood jumped out to a 4-0 lead, but Buckeye Local's Mike Kendjorsky roared back with an escape and a take down to get within one.

However, the former Panther ace was whistled for an illegal hold and Fullwood was awarded a penalty point. He later recorded a take down to secure the victory.

The MAC continued to score decisions in bunches as Luke Selker — the Mars High product — toyed with Cambridge's Paul Rose during their 125 pound match. Selker scored take downs early and often en route to a 9-2 decision over the Bobcats' four-time state qualifier.

The aforementioned Springer — wrestling on his home mats for the final time — jumped started the OVAC.

He owned a commanding lead over South Side's Justin Malcomb, but didn't stand for just a decision or a major decision.

He caught the WPIAL qualifier and stuck him for a pin just 2:24 into the match.

The first overtime match of the evening came at 135 pounds where OVAC champion Andy Stine of Edison was the beneficiary of a stalling call as time evaporated in regulation to force the one-minute extra session.

Just before the horn sounded in overtime,

Stine was awarded a take down and with that came a 5-3 victory.

The other Stine member of Team OVAC didn't fare as well.

Nick Stine — the OVAC's 145-pound entrant — was dealt a 8-3 setback by South Side's Dominick Demor in their match.

That win by the MAC stopped a four-match winning streak by the OVAC and got the Pennsylvania outfit within seven at 19-12.

Oak Glen got the OVAC back to its winning ways at 152 pounds. The Golden Bears' lone representative, Cody Miller, scored a first-period take down and then posted a reversal in the second period to take a 4-0 upperhand. He later recorded an escape and a take down en route to a 7-0 victory.

Cambridge's second wrestler to take the mat was OVAC 171-pound champion Chad Teague who met South Side's Justin Herder.

Teague ran roughshod over the three-time WPIAL qualifier, running out to a 10-0 lead and going on for a 10-1 dominating victory.

Another Bobcat — Kirk Wetherell — sealed the deal for the OVAC squad. Wetherell — taking on Montour's Rob Neider at 189 pounds — made quick work of his opponent. He slammed him and just a few seconds later was awarded the pin with a minute showing on the first-period clock.

Caldwell's Derrick Hesson — the Division III state runnerup at 285 pounds — dropped down to his normal 215-pound weight class for this event and took on West Allegheny's Jimmy Muraco.

The two standouts were deadlocked at zero after two periods, but Hesson scored a reversal just five seconds into the third period to make it a 2-0 lead in favor of the OVAC competitor.

The two battled on the mat for the remainder of the match and the score never changed.

Brooke's Drake Kowcheck — who finished fourth in the OVAC and sixth in the state of West Virginia — concluded the match with a 5-3 decision of Kraig Smith.

CLASH NOTES

TWO AREA officials oversaw the proceedings here. Jack Regis and Paul Coffland worked the 15-match dual.

PRIOR TO the start of wrestling, each of the four OVAC Dual Championship winning coaches were presented their trophies.

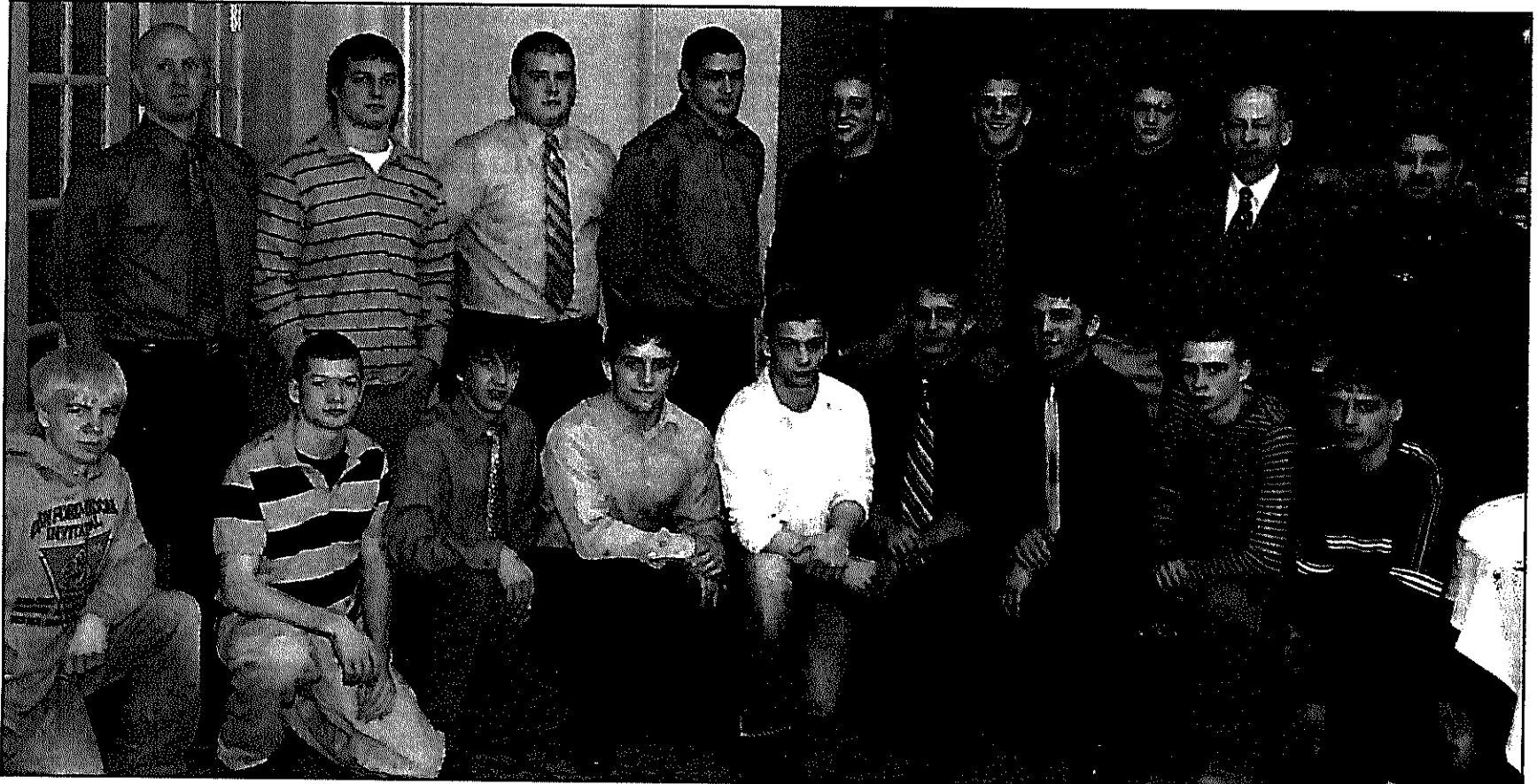
WHEELING PARK'S Sean Doyle, Oak Glen's Larry Shaw, Caldwell's Dustin Robison and Beallsville's Clint Abbott all led their respective teams to the OVAC banner.

SEVERAL cautions were called by the officials after Pennsylvania competitors jumped the whistle for early shots.

SEVERAL WRESTLERS from both teams opted to go without head protection in the match. A head gear isn't required in all-star matches.

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OVAC/MAC Challenge



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WRESTLERS FROM the OVAC and MAC gathered Monday evening in Robinson Township to celebrate today's Clash of Champions All-Star Wrestling match. Fifteen wrestlers from across the Ohio Valley will collide tonight in a dual meet setting at East Liverpool High School. Representing the OVAC in the front row kneeling, from left, are Ed Lehotay, Meadowbrook; Cagney Springer, East Liverpool; Mike Kendjorski, Buckeye Local; Cody Miller, Oak Glen; Derek Holt, Martins Ferry; Andy Stine, Edison; Nick Stine, Edison; Brent Fluharty, Brooke; and Paul Rose, Cambridge. In the back row, from left, are coach Clint Abbott, Beallsville; Kirk Wetherell, Cambridge; Drake Kowcheck, Brooke; Derrick Hesson, Caldwell; Chad Teague, Cambridge; Jimmy Reisz, Beallsville; Bryan Skoff, Bridgeport; coach Larry Shaw, Oak Glen; and coach Dustin Robinson, Caldwell.

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Clash of Champions Tuesday

• OVAC-MAC showdown to showcase senior grappling talent

By **BRIAN COOK**
Times Leader Sports Writer

The top seniors in the Ohio Valley will get one last chance to lace up the wrestling shoes Tuesday evening.

Some 15 Ohio Valley Athletic Conference grapplers prepare for the "Clash of Champions."

The 13th annual post season high school wrestling meet will showcase all-stars from Pennsylvania's Midwestern Athletic Conference MAC against all-stars from the OVAC is on tap for Potter Field House in East Liverpool, starting at 7 p.m.



"We like to get as much exposure to our kids as we can. It gives those seniors a chance to get that exposure and show what the OVAC and MAC have to offer,"

OVAC and Caldwell coach Dustin Robinson said. "This event also gives some college recruiters a chance to see them if they haven't already. It can help those who want to go to that next level."

The OVAC currently leads the series 12-5, but the dual can go either way with the high caliber of wrestlers and different style coming from the Keystone state Robinson assured.

"We did practice and talked about

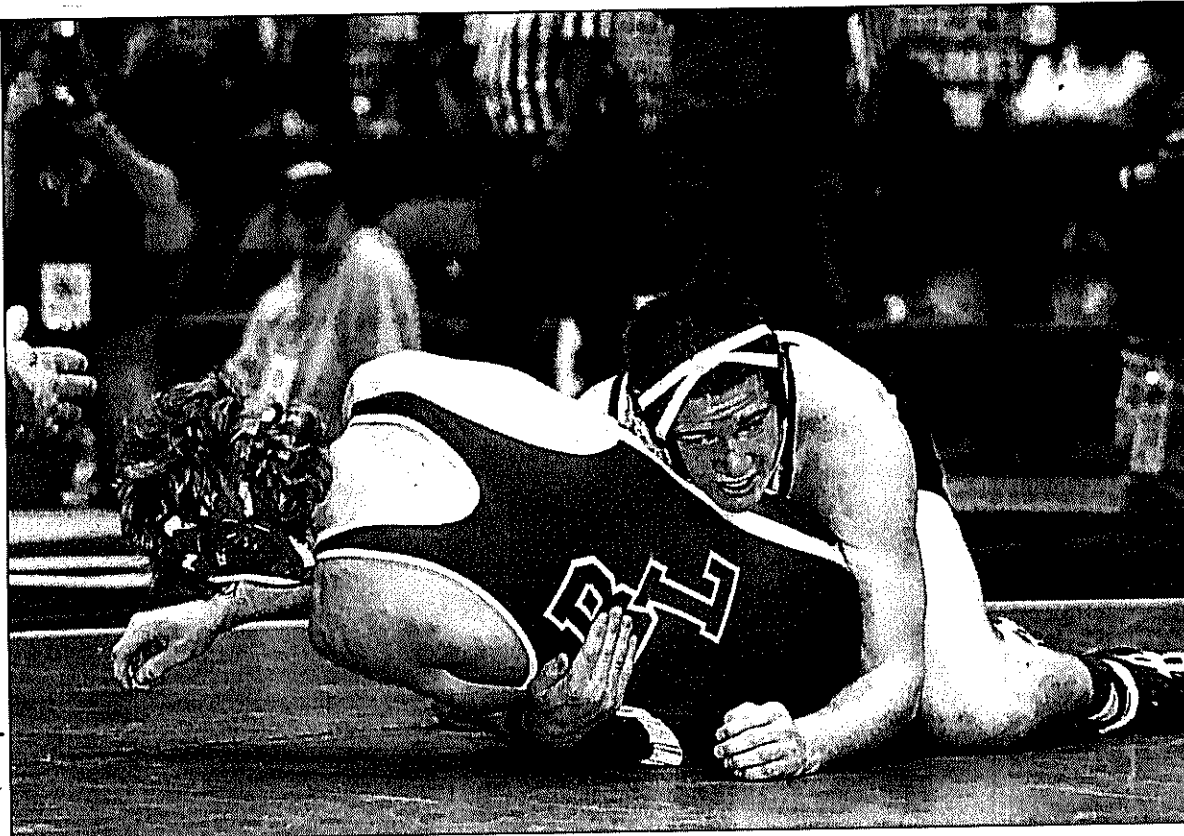
(Pennsylvania) being very good on the mat. We told our guys if they stay down on the mat they can get turned," Robinson said. "Our guys are very talented and we told them to get hand control and keep movement up and they should be fine."

The OVAC squad is chosen based on the placement of the seniors during the 2008 Ron Mauck OVAC tournament.

"We look at the highest placing senior at each weight class and go from there," Robinson said. "We keep in touch with them throughout the end of the season and make sure they still want to wrestle in this event. Our ultimate goal is to have the best squad available out on the mat."

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BRIDGEPORT'S Bryan Skoff, top, works up the back for a takedown on Beaver Local's Jon Bittinger during their 160-pound OVAC final day of the OVAC tournament. Skoff ended up winning the match and earning a spot in the lineup for the Clash of Champions set to take place Tuesday evening in East Liverpool.



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JOEL JOSEPH

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Another highlight of the event is it gives each wrestler one last high school match.

"It would be great to have them all end their career with a win," Robinson admitted. "Some of them may not have done that in their last match and this gives them a chance to go out on a winning note."

Hailing from Belmont County in Tuesday's all-star event will be Martins Ferry's Derek Holt (130) and Bridgeport's Bryan Skoff (160).

Holt managed to earn an invitation into the all-star event with a third place finish in the OVAC tournament. The Purple Rider's senior finished his senior campaign losing in the Heath district tournament as he checked out in the consolation quarter-finals round with a final season record of 23-6.

Skoff brings in a handful of accolades into his final prep match after earning a seventh place finish in the Ohio state tournament. The OVAC champion finished his final prep season with a 51-4 ledger and a career record of 156-35, which ties the school record with assistant coach Brian Roskovich.

Joining Holt and Skoff from Jefferson and Monroe County in competition will be Buckeye Local's Mike Kendjorski (119) and Beallsville's Jimmy Reisz (140).

Kendjorski and Reisz are both hungry to end on a winning note as the two checked out early on the trail to the Schottenstein Center in Columbus this past month.

Kendjorski, who finished the season 36-7, finished third in the OVAC and checked out of his respected Ohio Division II district tournament in the consolation semi-final bout.

Reisz, who passed Wheeling Park's Abby Rush in all-time wins for an OVAC wrestler this year, managed to earn an OVAC title, but his success didn't go much farther. The Blue Devils' standout finished third in his Ohio Division III sectional and checked out in the consolation semi-finals by a score of 5-2.

A brother combination that will help anchor the OVAC squad will be Andy (135) and Nick Stine (145) of Edison Local.

Both OVAC champions, Andy's campaign trail ended on a higher note as he was a district champion and made it on to Columbus. Unable to find the podium, the Wildcats' senior ended with one of the

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most successful careers in Edison wrestling history.

Nick's season ended came in the Steubenville district as picked up a sixth place finish which didn't make the cut to head towards the state tournament. Nick's ended his senior campaign with a 40-8 ledger.

Bringing in the largest OVAC delegation from one school is coach Tom Moore as three Cambridge Bobcats have been preparing for one last six-minute match.

Paul Rose (125), Chad Teague (171) and Kirk Wetherell (215) were all Division II state qualifiers for Moore's high-powered Bobcats.

"I have been with these guys since grade school. They are tremendous athletes, but they are also good kids. They do whatever is asked of them," Moore said.

Rose finished his senior year with an eighth place state finish that moved his record to 37-7. He also was an OVAC champion.

Teague - an OVAC champion - went the distance in the Ohio state tournament after losing his opening round match. The senior Bobcat wrestled all the back through the consolation rounds to pick up sixth place finish and round out his senior year with a 42-9 record.

"He lost to the state champion in the first round," Moore indicated. "You have to win two matches to place and he came back and won three and got into the fifth-sixth place mat. When you lose at the state tournament it's hard to rebound, but he got his head on straight and got it done."

Wetherell - the third OVAC champion for the Bobcats - was no pushover this season. The high-octane Wetherell fed off the success of his teammates as he captured a district title and a chance to compete in the state tournament. After sneaking by in the first round of the state Wetherell checked out losing the next two.

Other Ohio wrestlers making the squad include Meadowbrook's Ed Lehotay (103), East Liverpool's Cagney Springer (125) and Caldwell's Derrick Hesson

(215).

Lehotay battled a tough group of underclassmen this season to earn a fourth place OVAC finish. The Mustangs' featherweight snuck into the state tournament after finishing third in district competition, but wasn't as fortunate in the state tournament. Lehotay checked out after three matches to end the season on a 42-9 record.

Springer - an OVAC runner-up - was the glue that held the Potters' mat program together with his work ethic and leading by example, according to East Liverpool coach Todd Smith. The Potters' senior turned in the singlet following a sixth place finish at the Steubenville district with a 43-5 record.

Hesson - an OVAC runnerup - hit stride at the right time this season. The Redskins' grappler chose to bump up a weight late in the season and it proved to be a positive decision as Hesson ran the table in the state tournament for a silver finish. Along the way Hesson captured a sectional and district crown to finish the season 45-3.

From the Mountain state in Tuesday's all-star dual meet will be Brooke's Brent Fluharty (112) and Drake Kowcheck (285) along with Oak Glen's Cody Miller (152).

Fluharty - the only non-OVAC place winner in the group - is looking for redemption this week. The Bruins' senior qualified himself into the West Virginia Class AAA tournament, but only managed to stay for three matches before checking out.

Kowcheck - a fourth place OVAC finisher - hit stiff competition from southern West Virginia in his Class AAA bracket. Kowcheck managed to bounce back from an early loss to finish sixth in the Mountain state tournament.

Miller - an OVAC runnerup - was a key grappler as the Golden Bears repeated as Class A/AA state champions this year. Miller finished his senior campaign with a 41-1 record an individual state champion.

Tuesday's event is the brainchild of then-East Liverpool wrestling coach, Nick Trombetta, and his high school coach and mentor, Ed Driscoll, at Quigley Catholic in Baden, Pa., and was first held in 1988. Coach Driscoll continues in his capacity as meet director to this day.

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CLASH OF CHAMPIONS

Local wrestlers take to the mat...

One final time

All-star event at Potter Fieldhouse proves to be an enjoyable experience

By **PAUL EDGAR**
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EAST LIVERPOOL — Everyone wants to go out a winner.

Several local wrestlers got one last chance to step onto the mat in search of a final victory Tuesday in the 13th annual Tri-State Clash of Champions at Potter Fieldhouse.

The postseason wrestling meet features top seniors from Pennsylvania's Midwestern Athletic Conference (MAC) and the OVAC.

Everyone from the OVAC squad can consider themselves winners as they cruised to a 41-12 victory over the MAC.

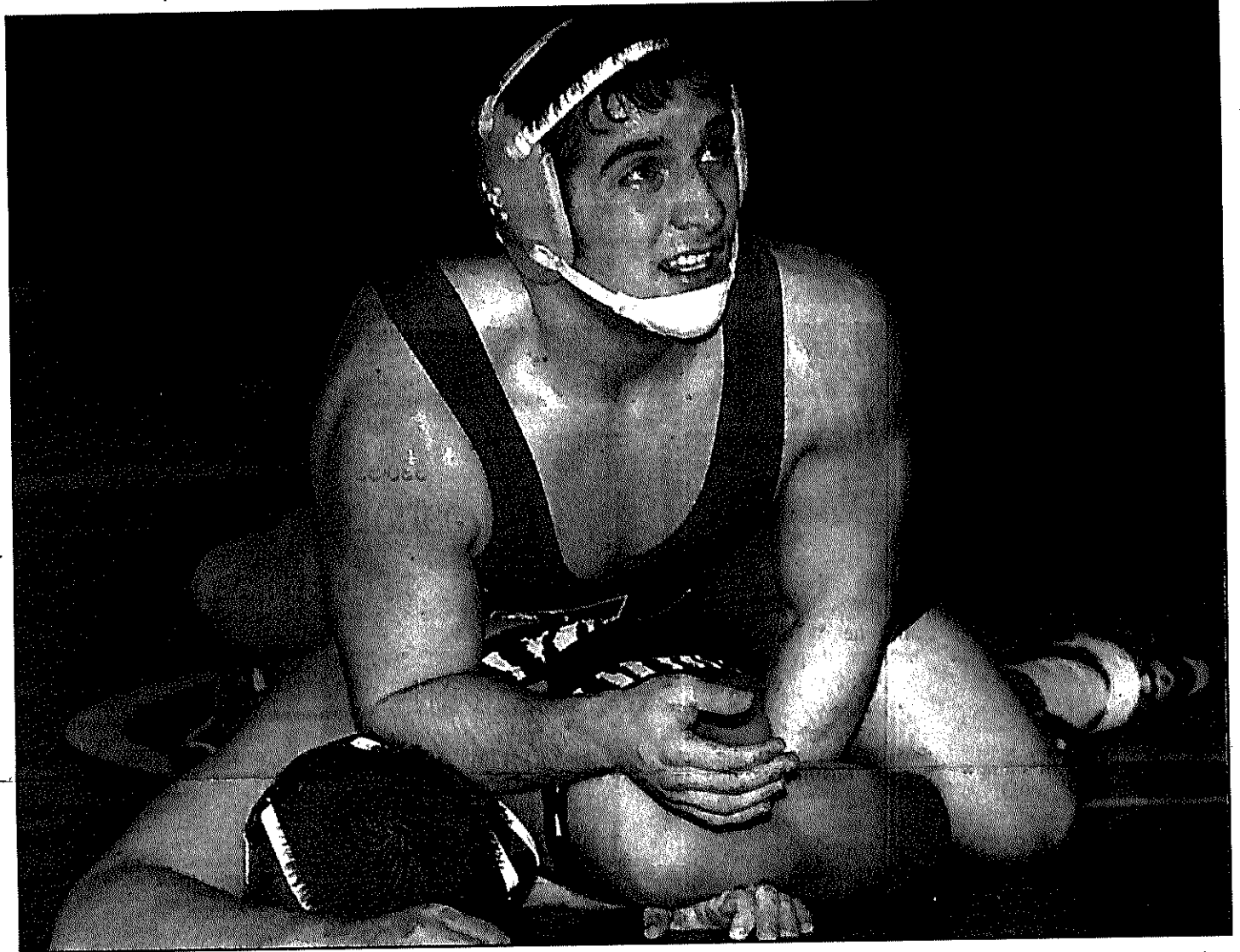
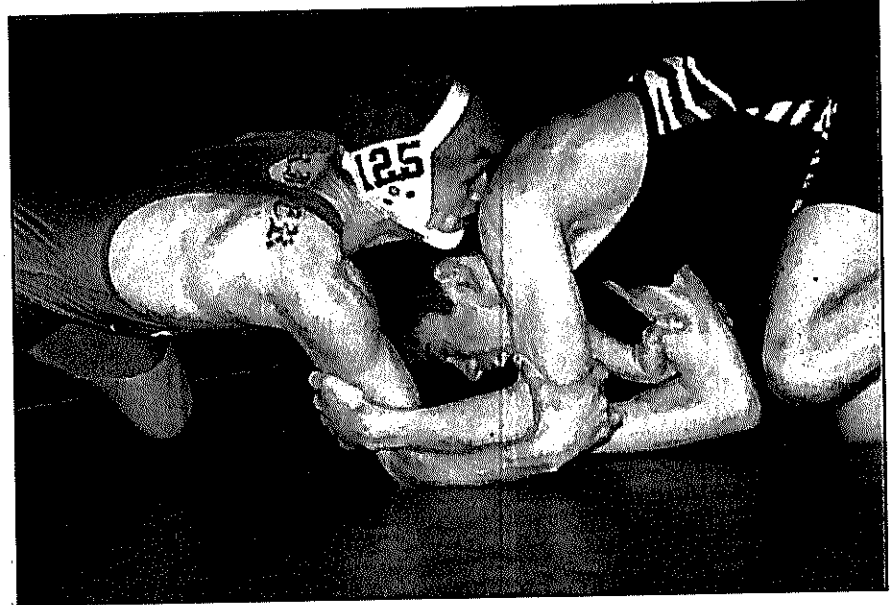
"I told them that for a lot of kids this will be their last match," OVAC coach Dustin Robinson said. "You remember your last match for the rest of your life."

The magnitude of the event was not lost on the competitors. They all seemed fully aware that this would be their final opportunity to have their hand raised as the victor.

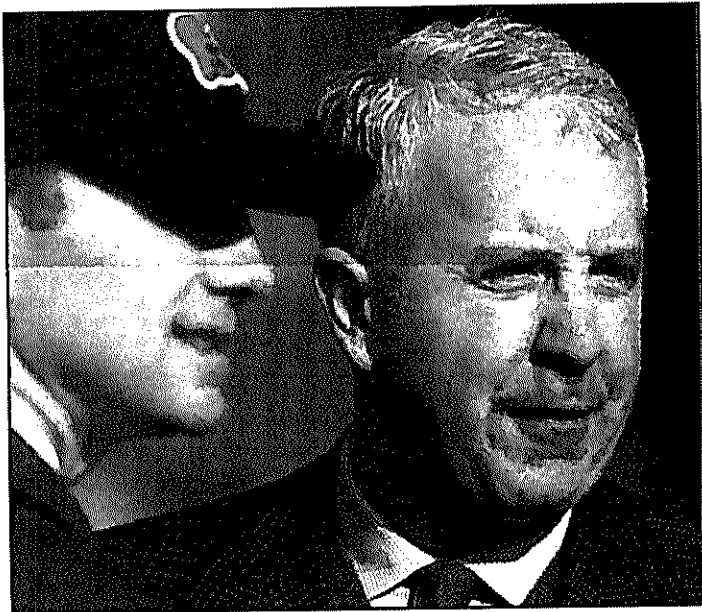
"I was glad I got offered the chance," East Liverpool's Cagney Springer, who won his match by fall, said. "It's a big plus to finish with a win. You want to go out on a good note, not a bad one."

There was more at stake, however, than just individual triumphs.

Each participant had extra
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(ABOVE) Oak Glen's Cody Miller pins West Allegheny's Mitch Cleric to the mat during their 152-pound match Tuesday at the Clash of Champions at Potter Fieldhouse. Miller won his bout with a 7-0 decision. (TOP) East Liverpool's Cagney Springer grapples with Luke Selker of Mars in their 125-pound match. Springer won the bout via pin at 2:26. (Photos by Jake Glavies)



Browns owner Randy Lerner (right) looks on at a practice with general manager Phil Savage. (AP Photo)

Lerner talks about Browns, plans to reward Savage with extension

By **TOM WITHERS**
AP Sports Writer

BEREA — Randy Lerner wolfed down the last bites of lunch in the Browns' cafeteria, where the owner shared a table with former quarterback Bernie Kosar, before heading up to his office overlooking practice fields now buried in snow.

It's a relatively quiet time in the NFL, those weeks between the frenetic first days of free agency and April's col-

lege draft.

In a wide-ranging interview with The Associated Press on Tuesday, the ever-energized Lerner spent nearly an hour candidly discussing the

Browns' dramatic 2007 turnaround, an impending contract extension for general manager Phil Savage, coach Romeo Crennel's calming influence and the resurgence of Aston Villa, the English soccer team he bought in 2006.

Only once did Lerner duck a

question. Asked to handicap the Derek Anderson vs. Brady Quinn quarterback derby, a daily topic of conversation among Cleveland fans, Lerner was noncommittal.

"I'm not a coach and I don't have any of the required skills to give an informed opinion," he said with a laugh. "Like any fan, I've got a lot to say, but I wouldn't stick my two cents into that one — for any price."

Lerner's tastefully decorated office is filled with personal

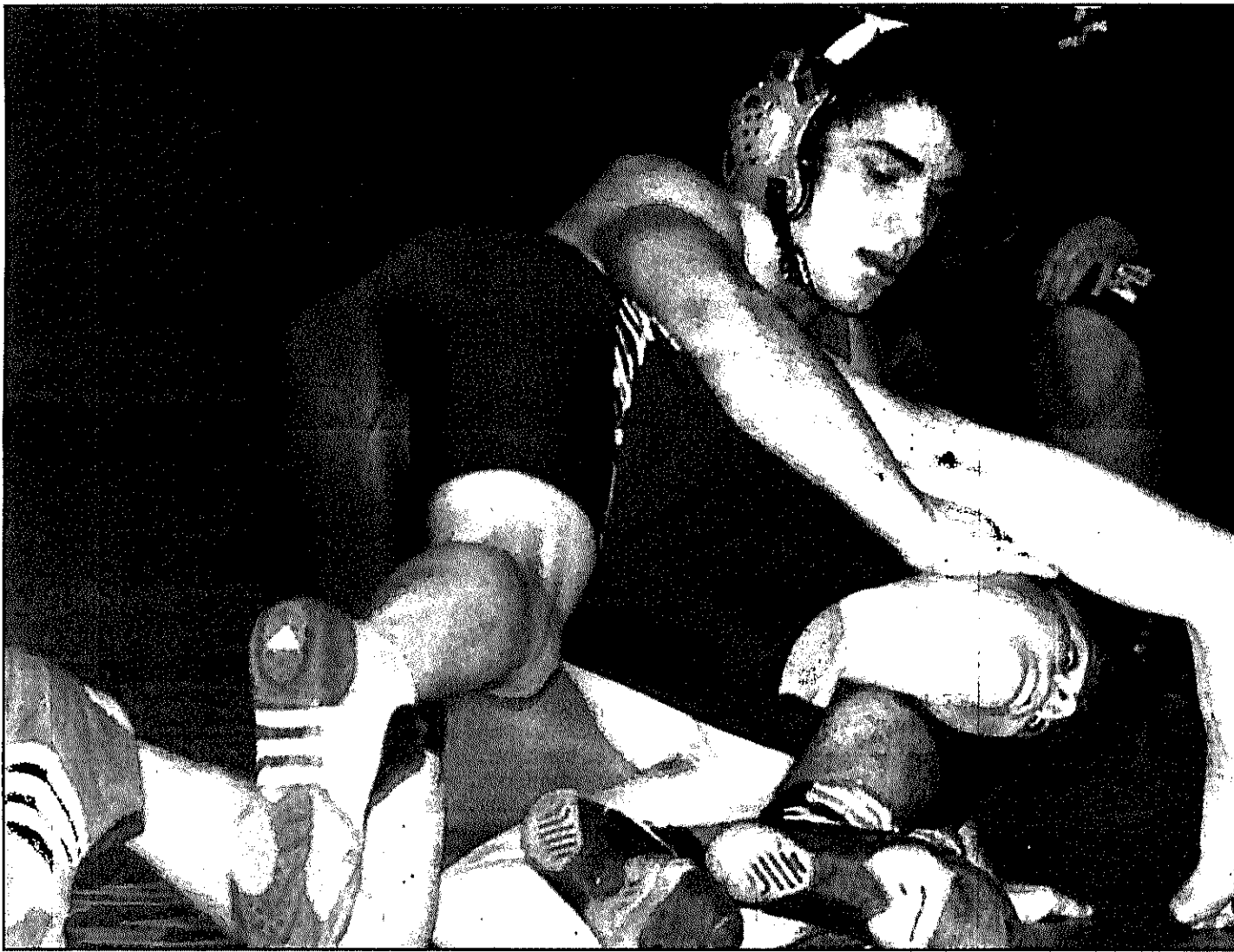
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Edison's Nick Stine (back) and South Side's Dominick Demor (front) battle it out in their 145-pound match Tuesday at Potter Fieldhouse. Stine and the Ohio squad won an impressive 41-12 overall team decision. (Photo by Jake Glavies)

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motivation to demonstrate the superiority of their conference.

"Pennsylvania is a great wrestling state," Robinson said. "We want to prove that we are just as good if not better. There is a lot of pride at stake. These kids have put in four years of hard work and they're giving it their all out there."

The first local to take to the mat was Springer, who faced off against South Side's Justin Malcomb in a 125-pound match.

Springer, who finished his career with 107 wins, kept with his winning ways earning a win by fall in 2:26.

"I'm glad I got to do this at my place," the senior said of wrestling one more time in front of his hometown fans. "We wanted to prove that the OVAC is tougher."

In the 135-pound bout, Edison's Andy Stine squared off against West Allegheny's Zach Kelly, who secured his 100th win as a junior and is a four-time MAC champion.

Stine, who won an OVAC title this year and was a state qualifier, won a dramatic 5-3 overtime decision, earning him OVAC MVP honors.

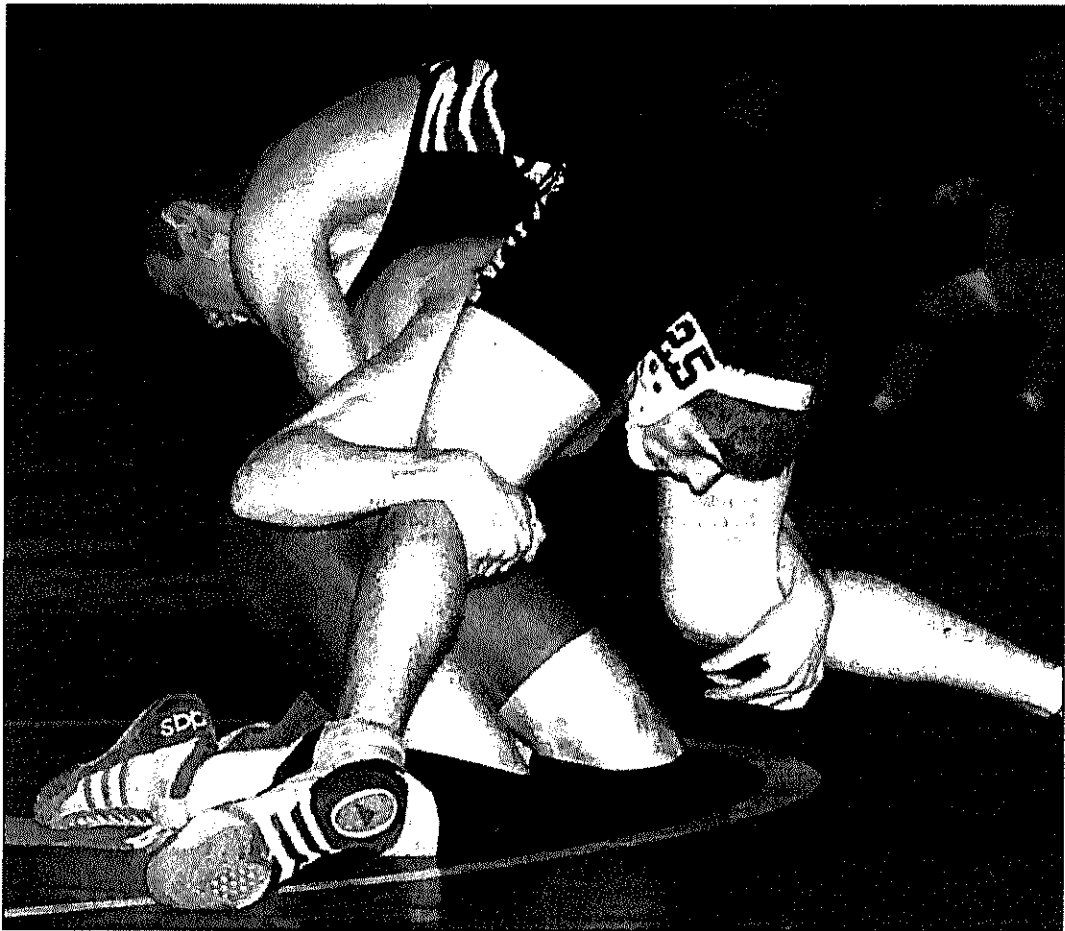
"This was big," Stine said. "I'm very thankful to get the opportunity to get one more shot. It feels good to end with a win."

Andy's brother, Nick, wasn't as lucky.

Nick Stine, himself an OVAC champion, dropped an 8-3 decision at 145 pounds to South Side's Dominick Demor, who finished his career with 108 victories.

"It was lots of fun," Demor, who was named the MAC MVP, said. "Most kids end their career with a loss, so this was great."

In the evening's next match, Oak Glen's Cody Miller was pitted against West Allegheny's Mitch Cleric at 152 pounds.



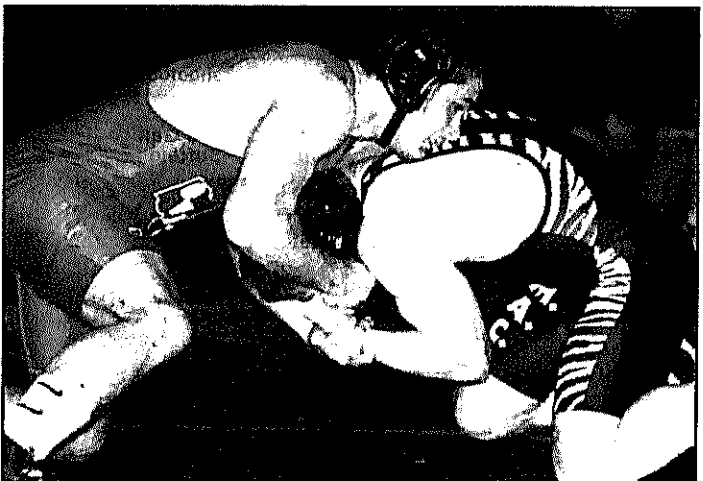
East Liverpool's Cagney Springer attempts to flip Luke Selker of Mars during their 125-pound match Tuesday at Potter Fieldhouse. The bout was part of the Clash of Champions. (Photo by Jake Glavies)

most wins in school history at 147, said. "What's most important is when you go out on the mat, you go full tilt. If you do that, you always walk off a champion."

In a 171 pound match, South Side's Justin Herder lost a 10-1 major decision to Cambridge's Chad Teague.

The Clash of Champions was created by former East Liverpool coach Nick Trombetta and Quigley Catholic's Ed Driscoll, who coached Trombetta at Quigley.

Driscoll, the meet director, said that when the two came up with the initial idea they were simply trying to give high school wrestling more exposure.



Edison's Andy Stine (left) and West Allegheny's Zach Kelly (right) tie up in their 135-pound match Tuesday. (Photo by Jake Glavies)

BOYS BASKETBALL

Zane Carter named s team All-Ohio for Div.

From Review Staff Reports

COLUMBUS — Wellsville senior Zane Carter to the second team of the All-Ohio Div. IV Tuesday.

Carter, a 6-foot-5 forward, averaged 16.8 ppg for the Tigers and helped lead them to a 21-2 record in the OHSAA Div. IV District Semifinals.

Carter scored in double figures in all but one of his 2007-08 season.

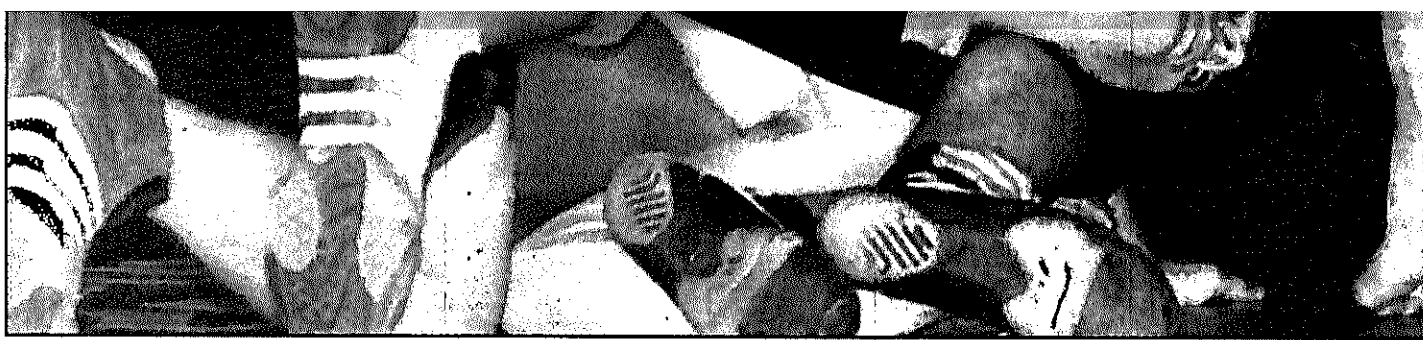
Carter's brother, Jeremy, earned honorable mention while Southern's Tyler Baker was tabbed with the first team.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Boys Division IV All-Ohio**
- FIRST TEAM:** Brian Hecker, Worthington Christian, 6-4, Jr., 21.3; Chad Harvey, Ironton St. Joseph, 6-2, Jr., 21.6; Zak Kapron, Malvern, 6-6, sr., 20.7; Drew Kohn, Cin. Seven Hills, 6-3, sr., 22.2; William Felder, Cle. Hts. Luth. E., 6-4, sr., 27.8; Zac Dysert, Ada, 6-3, sr., 20.3; Phil Workman, Windham, 6-0, sr., 23.8.
- Player of the year:** Brian Hecker, Worthington Christian.
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Edison's Nick Stine (back) and South Side's Dominick Demor (front) battle it out in their 145-pound match Tuesday at Potter Fieldhouse. Stine and the Ohio squad won and impressive 41-12 overall team decision. (Photo by Jake Glavles)

Clash

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motivation to demonstrate the superiority of their conference.

"Pennsylvania is a great wrestling state," Robinson said. "We want to prove that we are just as good if not better. There is a lot of pride at stake. These kids have put in four years of hard work and they're giving it their all out there."

The first local to take to the mat was Springer, who faced off against South Side's Justin Malcomb in a 125-pound match.

Springer, who finished his career with 107 wins, kept with his winning ways earning a win by fall in 2:26.

"I'm glad I got to do this at my place," the senior said of wrestling one more time in front of his hometown fans. "We wanted to prove that the OVAC is tougher."

In the 135-pound bout, Edison's Andy Stine squared off against West Allegheny's Zach Kelly, who secured his 100th win as a junior and is a four-time MAC champion.

Stine, who won an OVAC title this year and was a state qualifier, won a dramatic 5-3 overtime decision, earning him OVAC MVP honors.

"This was big," Stine said. "I'm very thankful to get the opportunity to get one more shot. It feels good to end with a win."

Andy's brother, Nick, wasn't as lucky.

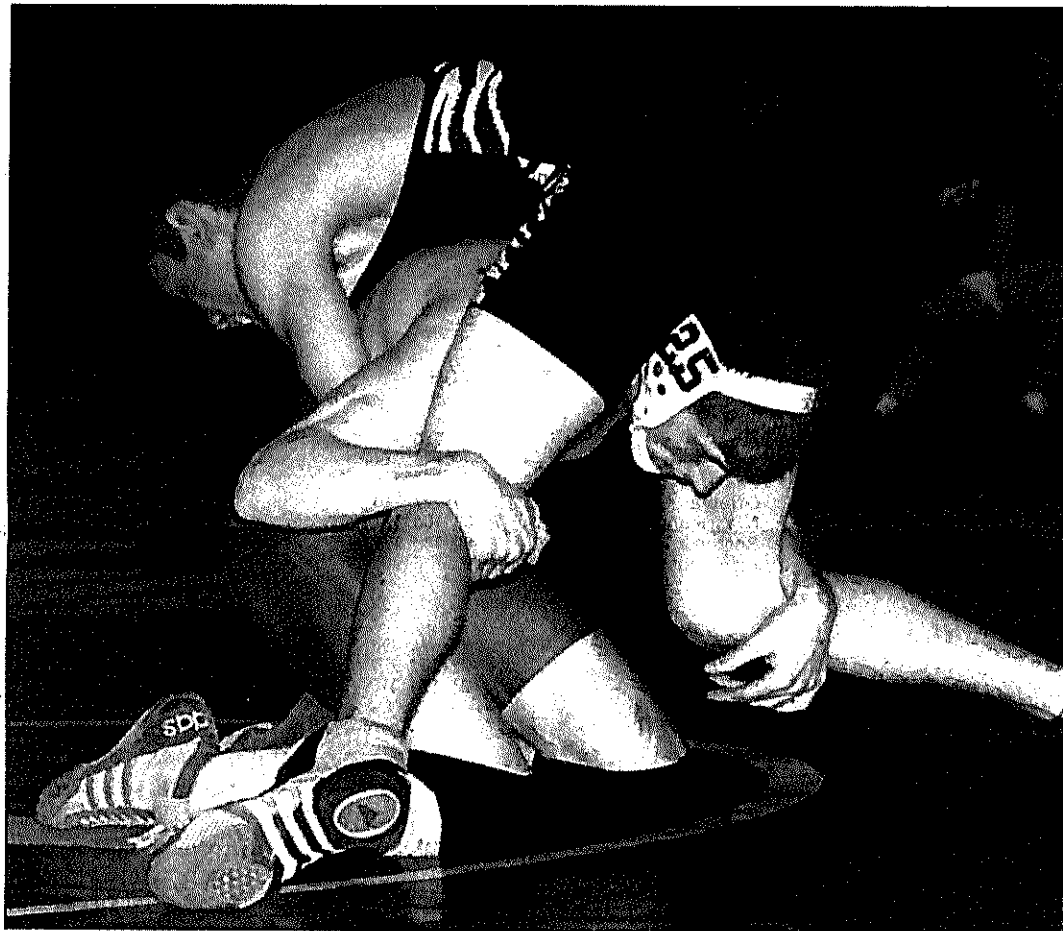
Nick Stine, himself an OVAC champion, dropped an 8-3 decision at 145 pounds to South Side's Dominick Demor, who finished his career with 108 victories.

"It was lots of fun," Demor, who was named the MAC MVP, said. "Most kids end their career with a loss, so this was great."

In the evening's next match, Oak Glen's Cody Miller was pitted against West Allegheny's Mitch Cleric at 152 pounds.

Miller, who helped the Bears capture their 12th straight West Virginia A-AA title this year while also taking home the 152-pound state title, easily dispatched of Cleric in a 7-0 decision.

"It's nice to win, but it's not the most important thing," Miller, who finished his career tied with Jesse Mahan for the



East Liverpool's Cagney Springer attempts to flip Luke Selker of Mars during their 125-pound match Tuesday at Potter Fieldhouse. The bout was part of the Clash of Champions. (Photo by Jake Glavles)

most wins in school history at 147, said. "What's most important is when you go out on the mat, you go full tilt. If you do that, you always walk off a champion."

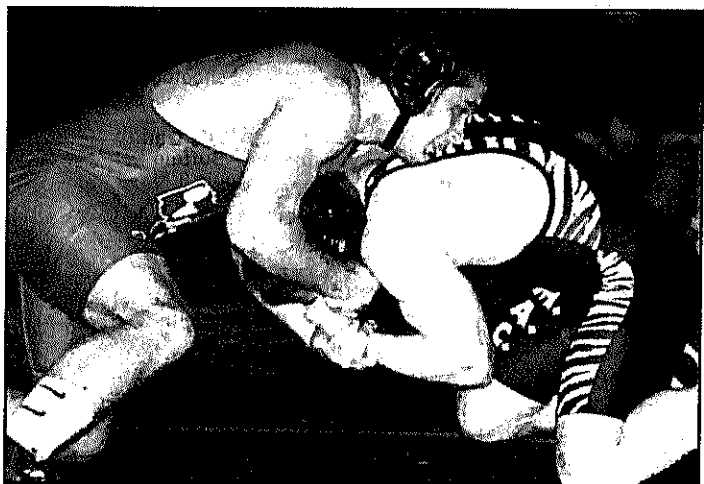
In a 171 pound match, South Side's Justin Herder lost a 10-1 major decision to Cambridge's Chad Teague.

The Clash of Champions was created by former East Liverpool coach Nick Trombetta and Quigley Catholic's Ed Driscoll, who coached Trombetta at Quigley.

Driscoll, the meet director, said that when the two came up with the initial idea they were simply trying to give high school wrestling more exposure.

"We enjoyed competing against each other," the long-time coach said. "We started thinking of ways to get wrestling more in the newspapers and in the limelight and we thought this was the best idea."

According to Driscoll, his favorite part of the annual



Edison's Andy Stine (left) and West Allegheny's Zach Kelly (right) tie up in their 135-pound match Tuesday. (Photo by Jake Glavles)

event takes place before the student athletes ever step onto the mat at a dinner meeting that is held the day before the meet.

"Getting the kids together is nice," he said. "Most of them only know each other by name. When we get them together, a comradery is built. They all

seem to be buddies by the time they leave the dinner."

NOTES: The elementary wrestling did not take place Tuesday due to miscommunication between the two sides. ...The OVAC now holds an 9-4 advantage in the series, including three straight victories.

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Sportsman League at Walnut Lanes Results for Feb. 21

High Game/Series: John Hoobler 238, 616; Tim Pancake 243, 607; Charlie Reeder 205, 579.

Team Standings: 1. X Men 13; 2. NAPA 12; 3. Buckeye

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The wrestlers taking part in the Clash of Champions definitely haven't forgotten the 'student' in student-athlete. All seem to have put the necessary time into their studies, which bodes well for their future careers.

East Liverpool's Cagney Springer, who is carrying a 3.01 GPA, plans to follow in his cousin's footsteps and become a boilermaker after graduating. Oak Glen's Cody Miller (3.9 GPA) plans

All-star plans

Local wrestlers talk about future endeavors

on attending West Virginia University and majoring in physical therapy. Both Andy and Nick Stine, of Edison,

are looking to go to Kent State University.

Andy, who is carrying a perfect 4.0 GPA, is hoping to major in pre-pharmacy, while his brother Nick (3.5 GPA) is planning physical therapy as his major. South Side's Dominick Demor is scheduled to attend Clarion University and major in pre-dentistry.

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OVAC Wrestlers Ready for MAC

Annual event set for Tuesday

The 13th Tri-State "Clash of Champions" postseason high school wrestling meet pitting All-Stars from Pennsylvania's Midwestern Athletic Conference (MAC) against all-stars from the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference (OVAC) is on tap for Potter Field House (East Liverpool) on Tuesday.

This event was the brainchild of then-East Liverpool wrestling coach, Nick Trombetta, and his high school coach and mentor, Ed Driscoll, at Quigley Catholic in Baden, Pa., and was first held in 1988. Coach Driscoll continues in his capacity as meet director.

The location alternates between a MAC school and an OVAC school each year.

This has traditionally been a lineup of outstanding amateur



■ Main event begins at 7 p.m. at Potter Field House in East Liverpool.

wrestling talent, provided with an opportunity to showcase their abilities against quality opponents.

The series record currently stands at OVAC 12, MAC 5.

The evening's events begin with Elementary wrestling at 5, with the main event at 7.

The teams will be introduced at a dinner meeting on Monday to be held in Tonidale Restaurant at the intersection of Route 22 and 279 in Robinson Township. The dinner begins at 6 p.m. and guests are welcome at \$13 per person.

THE MATCHUPS

MAC vs. OVAC

- 103: Brian Scritchfield (Jef. Morgan) vs. Ed Lehotay (Meadowbrook)
 - 112: Jayson Markus (Blackhawk) vs. Brent Fluharty (Brooke)
 - 119: Steve Fulood (Montour) vs. Mike Kenjorsky (Buckeye Local)
 - 125: Justin Malcomb (South Side) vs. Paul Rose (Cambridge)
 - 125: Luke Selker (Mars) vs. Cagney Springer (East Liverpool)
 - 130: Rocco Ragano (Montour) vs. Derek Holt (Martins Ferry)
 - 135: Zach Kelly (West Allegheny) vs. Andy Stine (Edison Local)
 - 140: Ryan Taylor (Moon) vs. Jimmy Reisz (Beallsville)
 - 145: Dominick Demor (South Side) vs. Nick Stine (Edison Local)
 - 152: Mitch Cleric (West Allegheny) vs. Cody Miller (Oak Glen)
 - 160: Mark Vuono (West Allegheny) vs. Bryan Skoff (Bridgeport)
 - 171: Justin Herder (South Side) vs. Chad Teague (Cambridge)
 - 189: Rob Neider (Montour) vs. Kirk Wetherell (Cambridge)
 - 215: Jim Muraco (West Allegheny) vs. Derrick Hesson (Caldwell)
 - 285: Kraig Smith (Hopewell) vs. Drake Kowcheck (Brooke)
- Head Coach, Mike Johnson- West Allegheny Head Coach, Dustin Robison (Caldwell). Assts., Larry Shaw (Oak Glen); Clint Abbott (Beallsville); Sean Doyle (Wheeling Park)

OVAC defeats MAC in all-star tilt

All-star wrestlers from the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference defeated all-stars from the Midwestern Athletic Conference, 41-12, on Tuesday night at Potter Field House in East Liverpool.



Pinning their opponents for the OVAC was East Liverpool's Cagney Springer and Cambridge's Kirk

Wetherell. Winning by major decision was Martins Ferry's Derek Holt and Cambridge's Chad Teague. Brooke's Brent Fluharty and Drake Kowcheck, Edison's Andy Stine, Beallsville's Jimmy Reisz, Oak Glen's Cody Miller, Bridgeport's Bryan Skoff, and Caldwell's Derrick Hesson all won by decision.

Andy Stine was named the MVP for the OVAC team. Dominick Demore was named the MVP for the MAC.

OVAC 41, MAC 12

- 103: Scritchfield (MAC) dec. Lehotay 4-1
- 112: Fluharty (OVAC) dec. Markus 6-2
- 119: Fulwood (MAC) dec. Kenjorski 7-5
- 125: Selker (MAC) dec. Rose 9-2
- 125: Springer (OVAC) p. Malcomb 2:26
- 130: Derek (OVAC) maj. dec. Ragano 9-0
- 135: Stine (OVAC) dec. Kelly 5-3
- 140: Reisz (OVAC) dec. Taylor 4-2
- 145: Demor (MAC) dec. Stine 8-3
- 152: Miller (OVAC) dec. Cleric 7-0
- 160: Skoff (OVAC) dec. Vuono 4-1
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