

OVAC reigns in Clash of Champions

• St. Clairsville's Callarik lone local winner
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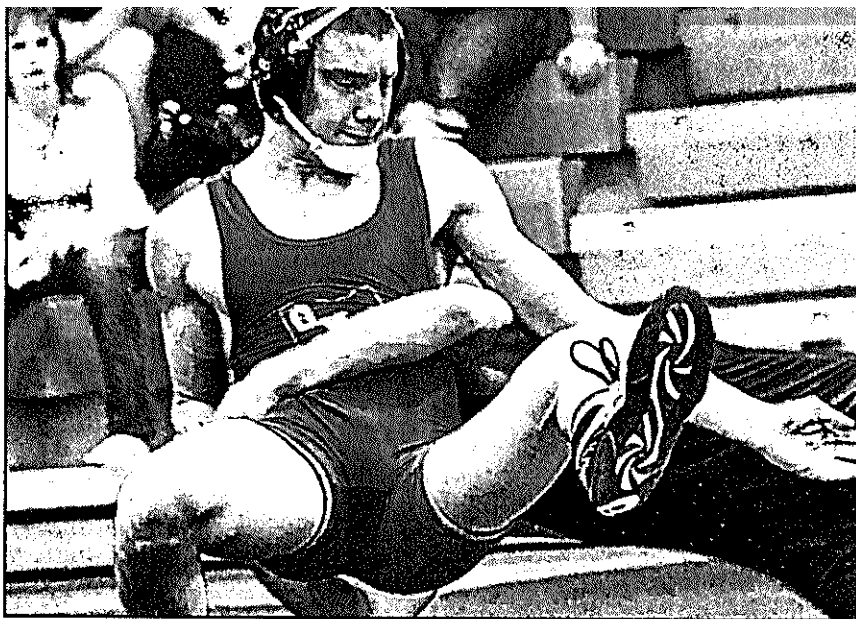
Going out on top!

That is exactly what St. Clairsville's Seth Callarik did Tuesday night.

With losing a bid for third place at the recent 73rd annual Ohio state Division III wrestling tournament, the Red Devils' senior standout made up for it with a victory over his opponent at Steubenville High School's Crimson Center during the OVAC-MAC Clash of Champions.

Callarik, who finished his career with a 135-50 record, posted a 6-3 nod over West Allegheny's Ken Scott in the 130-pound bout. Callarik led 4-0 entering the third period, but had to hang on for the coveted victory.

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ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S Seth Callarik works for a reversal against West Allegheny's Ken Scott during their 130-pound match during the OVAC-MAC Clash of Champions Tuesday night in Steubenville. Callarik won 5-3 and the OVAC prevailed, 31-26.

OVAC Mat Stars



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THE OVAC wrestling all stars are pictured above. The team, comprised of seniors, will take on a team from Pennsylvania's MAC in a dual meet tonight at the Crimson Center inside Steubenville High School. The match starts at 7 p.m. Pictured, first row, from left, are Kurtis Jefferis (Barnesville), Preston Foster (East Liverpool) and Devin Mazik (Indian Creek). Middle row, from left, are Seth Callarik (St. Clairsville), Tyler Green (Parkersburg South); Arizona Miller (Beaver Local) Chris Tingler (Steubenville); Art Hogley (Steubenville) and Joel Paolo (Oak Glen). Back row, from left, are Mike Nentwick (Beaver Local); Kody Crooks (Barnesville); Rylan Pyciak (Buckeye Local); Zach Kimmins (Wheeling Park) and Jake Henderson (Beaver Local).

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"I knew this was my last high school match and I wanted to give it everything I had," Callarik said.

When asked if it was difficult to wrestle someone he virtually knew nothing about, Callarik responded, "no, I kind of like it that way. I'm not intimidated by anything that way."

Behind's Callarik's triumph, the OVAC prevailed 31-26.

"There were a lot of good kids out there (on the mat)," said retiring Oak Glen head coach Larry Shaw, who helped guide the OVAC stars with Parkersburg South's Paul Jackson, Shadyside's Scott Kinemond and Cameron's Ron Trowbridge.

"Our kids did a nice job," Shaw continued. "It was a solid performance from the second 112 match to 145. We had a nice lead, but had to hang on."

In addition to Callarik, other OVAC winners included Devin Mazik (Indian Creek) at 112; Preston Foster (East Liverpool) at 119; Arizona Miller (Beaver Local) at 125; Art Hoble (Steubenville) at 135; Tyler Green (Parkersburg South) at 145; and Jake Henderson (Beaver Local) at 189, who clinched the team win with a 3:10 pin of Hopewell's Austin Woolsey.

Foster scored a 17-6 major decision over Laurel High School's Mitchell Kirkwood. For his accomplishments, the Potters' senior was named the OVAC's Most Valuable Wrestler.

The MAC's top wrestler was Hopewell's Matt Hundenski who decisioned Barnesville's Kurtis Jefferis by a 3-1 count

at 152 pounds. He was named the Pennsylvanians' MVW. Jefferis finished second in the Buckeye State, while Hundenski was fifth in the PIAA state meet.

Other local wrestlers entered included Barnesville's Kody Crooks, who dropped a 10-1 nod to West Allegheny's Troy Reaghard at 160. Reaghard placed second at the recent PIAA meet. Buckeye Local's Rylan Pyciak was pinned by Hopewell's Brandon Fedorko at 215. Fedorko will represent the WPIAL this weekend in the annual Dapper Dan Classic.

"We lost a couple of close matches there in the middleweights," explained MAC head coach Jason Martsolf, "but I thought our kids put forth a good effort."

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112—McCarty (Chartiers-Houston) d. Tingle (Steubenville), 10-1; 112—Mazik (Indian Creek) d. LiPari (Chartiers-Houston), 9-2; 119—Foster (East Liverpool) md. Unen (Hopewell), 17-6; 125—Miller (Beaver Local) d. Bruni (West Allegheny), 5-3; 130—Callarik (St. Clairsville) d. Scott (West Allegheny), 5-3; 135—Hoble (Steubenville) p. Kirkwood (Laurel), 3:08; 140—Green (Parkersburg South) d. Braddock (Blackhawk), 6-5; 145—Paolo (Oak Glen) d. Carson (Hopewell), 6-5; 152—Hundenski (Hopewell) d. Jefferis (Barnesville), 3-1; 160—Reaghard (West Allegheny) md. Crooks (Barnesville), 10-1; 171—Wilks (Chartiers Valley) d. Nentwick (Beaver Local), 3-2; 189—Henderson (Beaver Local) p. Woolsey (Hopewell), 3:10; 215—Fedorko (Hopewell) p. Pyciak (Buckeye Local), 4:08; 285—Malcomb (South Side) p. Kimmins (Wheeling Park), 1:40.

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Wrestling winners



PICTURED ABOVE are the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling dual meet winners. They are, from left, Jay Michaels of St. Clairsville (Class 3-A); Parkersburg South's Paul Jackson (Class 4-A); and Weirton Madonna's Mike Nogay (Class A). Not pictured is Caldwell's Dustin Robison (Class 2-A).

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