OVAC wins mat match

IMPERIAL, Pa. — The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference continued its domination in the annual "Clash of Champions" All-Star Wrestling Match Monday evening.

The OVAC notched another victory against its Midwestern Athletic Conference foe from Pennsylvania, 43-21 at West Allegheny High

The OVAC team recorded nine victories during the course of the evening.

The Shadyside duo of Alex Quinn and Chase Kinemond helped push the OVAC to the victory. Quinn dropped down to 145 for the dual, while Kinemond bumped to 152 because their teammate Ian Baker couldn't wrestle due to an injury he sustained at the state tournament a few weeks ago.

Quinn, who finished the regular season 45-0 with a Division III state title, prevailed by a 7-3 score against Freedom's Boe Bonzo, who was a state placer in Pennsylvania.

Kinemond, meanwhile, prevailed by a decision by the same exact score against Beaver's Kurt Struwe.

St. Clairsville's Corey Ernest was pinned at the 5:54 mark of the match by Hopewell's Damon Sims in the 285-pound bout.

Other OVAC winners include: Tyson Lira (106), Lance Hill (113), Anthony Craig (126), Jacob McKitrick (138), Daniel Lattanzio (170), Charlie Keenan (195) and Greg Moray (220).

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virtue of his OVAC title a few months ago.

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113 — Lance Hill (Parkersburg South) tf. Chris
Flynn (South Side), 17-1
120 — Nathan Reckner (South Side) d. Jerad
Patterson (Meadowbrook), 6-4
126 — Anthony Craig (Steubenville) md. Ben
Palemro (Beaver), 19-7
132 — Offvelli Fillippo (Hopewell) d. Anthony
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