

Photo/FRED YOUNCE

SHADYSIDE'S Billy Johnson wrestles against Caldwell on Thursday night in Steubenville.

Shadyside repeats as OVAC dual champ

By **FRED YOUNCE**
For The Times Leader

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Drew Lowery led the Red Knights with a pin of River's Luke Matusik in the consolation match after defeating Caldwell's Sheldon Archer in the semifinals. Donnie Starkey had a major decision over River's Chase Schultheis to go with a forfeit while Max Tice and Charles Ross III each had a decision win and a forfeit.

Steubenville added another trophy to its case in Class 4A.

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Steubenville CC, South win OVAC wrestling crowns

By KIM NORTH
Times Leader Sports Writer

MOUNDSVILLE — Parkersburg South has an illustrious history in wrestling.

The Patriots added another chapter Friday night here at the Junior High Fieldhouse when they captured their first-ever Bill Hinegardner OVAC Dual Meet Championship with a 44-28 decision over their W.Va. Class AAA rival Wheeling Park.

Parkersburg South, which also won the Ron Mauck OVAC Tournament last month at WesBanco Arena in downtown Wheeling, claimed eight of the 14 bouts for its title. It had routed Edison, 70-6, in the semifinals, while Wheeling Park topped rival John Marshall, 49-23.

Despite finishing second, Wheeling Park head coach Jack Doyle was proud of

his team. "Our goal every year is to be OVAC champs, but that didn't happen this year," he acknowledged. "We're OVAC runner-up and Dual Meet runnersup, so there's a lot to be proud of."

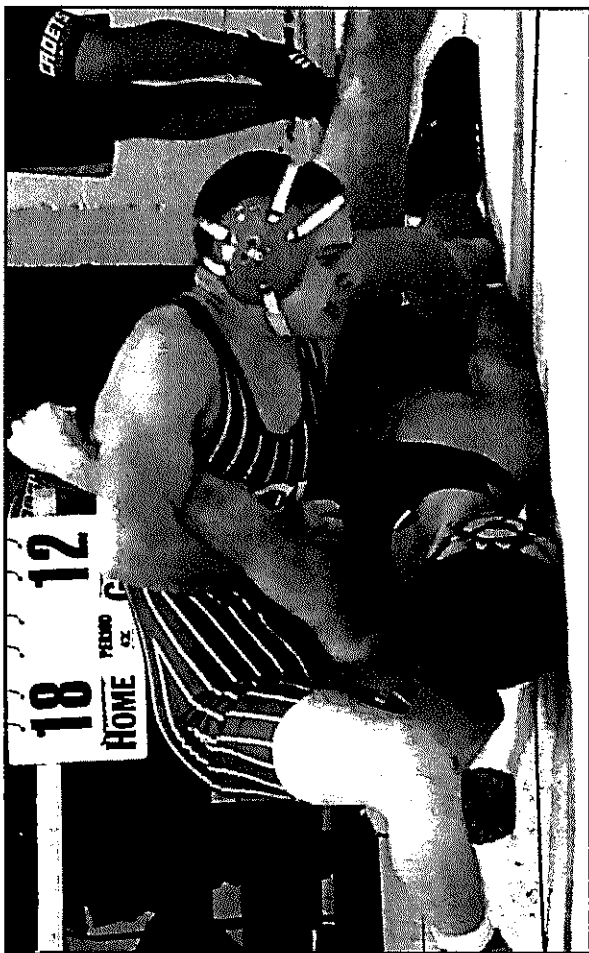
Ohio County Patriots winning matches in the championship bout were James Parsons (113), Dallas Baciak (120), Dylan Taylor (145), Eric Banks (152), Isaiah Myers (182) and Jeremy Paige (220).

Baciak and Banks won by pins, while Parsons earned a forfeit. Taylor had a 20-6 major decision over Hunter DeLong in which he earned a huge measure of revenge for a loss in the OVAC Tournament semifinals. Myers and Paige also won by decisions.

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T-L Photo/KIM NORTH
BARNESVILLE'S Hobie Howler has complete control of Linsly's Jay Mascara during their 138-pound match Friday night at the Bill Hinegardner OVAC Dual Meet Championships at the Moundsville Jr. High Fieldhouse. Howler won by pin. Additional images may be found at cu.timesleaderonline.com



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"Dylan wrestled really well tonight," Doyle added. "He really bounced back against that kid. He dominated the match. Isaiah lost to that kid twice in the OVACs, but came back and won tonight in overtime."

Edison won the third-place match, 45-26, over John Marshall.

In Class 3-A, Barnesville's bid came up a bit short as the Shamrocks dropped a tough, 39-37, decision to Magnolia in a semifinal match.

The Belmont Countians led 37-33 following Cade Bunfield's pin at 220, but a forfeit at 285 sealed the Shamrocks doom.

However, they rebounded nicely to roll past Linsly, 45-36, for third place.

"I knew coming in that both Linsly and Magnolia had full teams," Barnesville head coach Jayson Stephen said. "Our kids haven't been wrestling that well all season, but tonight I think they gave it all they had. They wrestled well, and I'm proud of them."

Winning both of their matches for Barnesville were Collin Wilson (120), Austin Singleton (126), Hobie Howler (138/145), Butch Holskey (152) and Cade Bunfield (182).

For the first time in its wrestling history, Steubenville Catholic captured the Bill Hinegardner OVAC Dual Meet Class 3A championship after finishing runnerup in 1A/2A last year. The top-seeded Crusaders dispatched No. 2 Magnolia by a 49-25 count. They had earlier pinned No. 4 Linsly, 46-24, while the Blue Eagles took out No. 3 Barnesville.

"This is a pretty exciting night for us," Steubenville Catholic head coach Aaron Henry said amidst a wild celebration. "We won the OVAC Tournament Class 3A title and now this. It feels great."

Steubenville Catholic had their way for most of the night as six different wrestlers walked away with a pair of victories. They included Ethan Phillips (120), Blake Kiedrowski (132), Cedro Parise (138), Michael Crosby (152), Leo Hermann (170) and Isaac Sanford (195).

Hermann was a Ron Mauck OVAC Tournament champion, while Kiedrowski collected his 100th career victory in the semifinals.

In the finals, the Blue Eagles were only able to win five matches.

Timmy Young (106), Kiedrowski, Crosby, Hermann, Sanford and Harold Rogers (220) all had pins in the championship match. Hermann's took just 18 ticks.

"We've got a great senior class," Henry said. "I owe this to all of these seniors and my assistant coaches Don Phillips, John Orsini, Josh Perco and Tim Young. Those guys and these seniors have helped build this program."

Barnesville defeated Linsly in the consolation match, 45-36 behind pins from Kohl Campbell (113), Wilson, Singleton, Howler (138) and Bunfield. Holskey won by an 18-13 count.

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Big Red Claims 4A Wrestling

Shadyside takes
home 1A/2A trophy

By FRED YOUNCE
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"It definitely is a good feeling," Big Red coach Mike Blackburn said. "We've been so up and down with how young we are and with some of

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the mistakes we make. We definitely had some great high this year though."

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