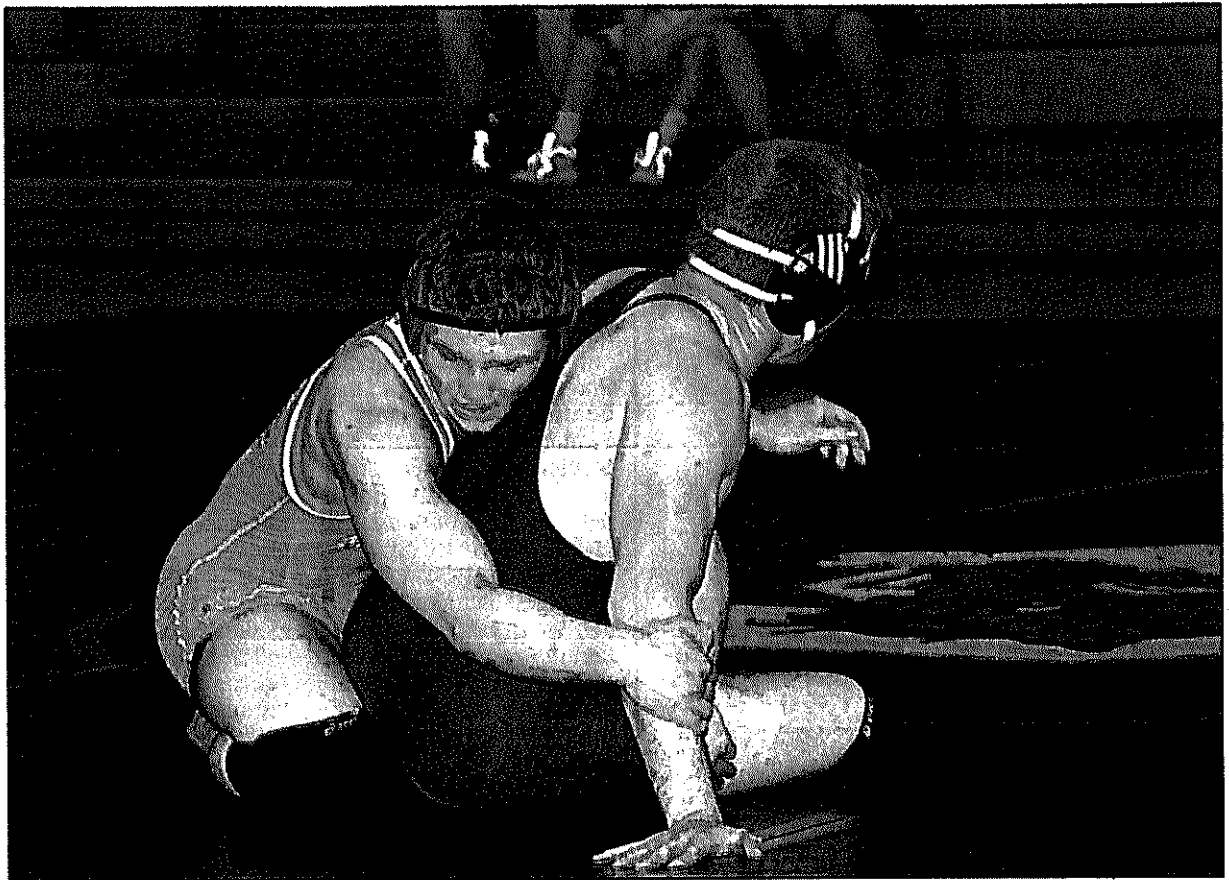


OVAC pins MAC stars



TOP: Harrison Central's Antony Risley has control of Moon's Luke McConaghy during their 160-pound match at the 21st annual "Clash of Champions" Tuesday night at Steubenville High School. Risley won 13-7 and the OVAC All-Stars won 43-13. **BOTTOM:** St. Clairsville's Michael Furbee, right, is locked up with Montour's Zachary Jablonski during their 285-pound bout Tuesday night. Furbee won, 4-3.

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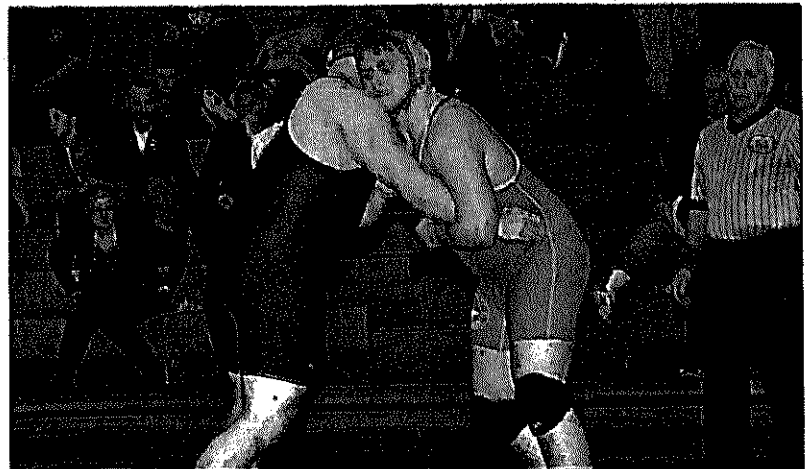
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"We always talk about bonus points being a key in dual meets and that was a big momentum swing," Grinch said of Stewart's pin. "After Kolby (Rayner) lost that tough match in overtime at 138, Bobby went out and got a pin.

"That seemed to get us going."

Indeed it did as the OVAC led 15-10 and never trailed again.

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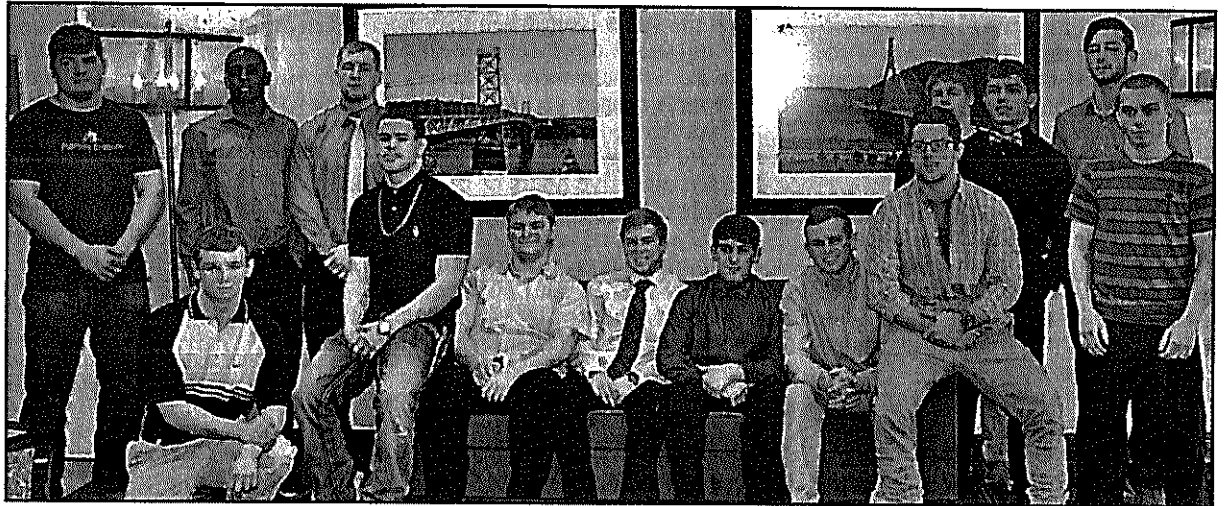
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PICTURED ARE the OVAC Wrestling All-Stars that will take on the MAC tonight at Steubenville High School's Crimson Center in the 21st annual Clash of Champions. Pictured from left, are Caldwell's Clay Poling (220); Harrison Central's Antony Risley (160); Steubenville's Tariq Wilson (126); Toronto's Drew Lowery (195); Steubenville's Shawn Livingston (170); St. Clairsville's Michael Furbee (285); Caldwell's Kolby Rayner (138); Steubenville's Dakotah Goff (145); Union Local's Bobby Stewart (145); Morgantown's Logan Wotring (182); John Marshall's Brandon Bertrand (113); Indian Creek's Daniel Hague (132); Oak Glen's Alex Shuman (152); and Harrison Central's Brandon White (120). Action starts at 7 p.m.