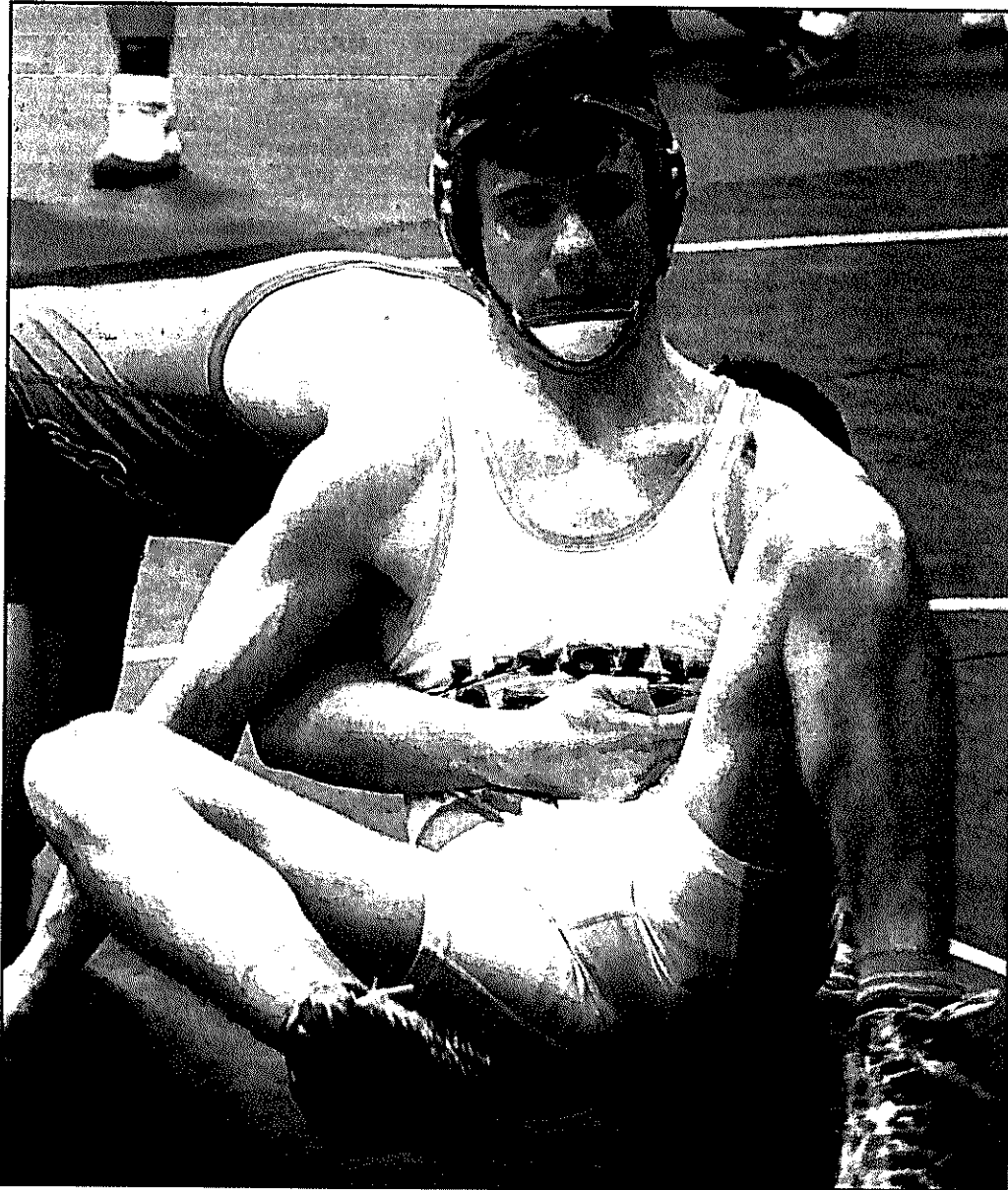


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That's no longer the case, however.

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University*	1	0	1	60	60.000
Wheating Park	12	3	15	890	59.333
Inolan Creek	3	0	3	145	48.333
Warren Local	2	0	2	85	42.500
John Marshall	10	8	16	640	40.000
Beaver Local*	3	2	5	190	38.000
Cambridge*	2	2	4	120	30.000
Brooke	5	8	13	365	28.077
Parkersburg South*	1	2	3	70	23.333
Morgantown*	5	16	21	300	14.286

CLASS 4-A					
School	W	L	TG	CP	AVE.
Union Local*	1	0	1	80	80.000
Oak Glen*	12	4	16	685	55.313
Staubersville	18	2	20	1090	54.500
St. Clairsville	3	1	4	195	48.750
Crestview	3	0	3	130	43.333
Harrison Central	3	2	5	155	31.000
Weir	6	8	14	320	22.857
Edison	4	6	10	210	21.000
Buckeye Local*	3	8	11	200	18.182
East Liverpool*	4	12	16	265	15.938
Meadowbrook	0	2	2	0	0.000

CLASS 3-A					
School	W	L	TG	CP	AVE.
Magnolia	7	9	16	455	28.438
Befaire	1	1	2	40	20.000
Linsly	1	1	2	40	20.000
Barnesville	1	2	3	55	18.333
Shenandoah	1	1	2	30	15.000
Tyler Consolidated	1	7	8	50	6.250
Fort Frye*	0	0	0	0	0.000
Martins Ferry	0	2	2	0	0.000
Monroe Central	0	2	2	0	0.000

CLASS 2-A/1A					
School	W	L	TG	CP	AVE.
Caldwell	4	0	4	190	47.500
Weinton Madonna	11	5	16	735	45.938
Southern Local*	3	1	4	115	28.750
Shadyside	1	2	3	50	16.667
Wellsville*	1	1	2	30	15.000
Cameron	3	11	14	195	13.929
Bridgeport	1	3	4	55	13.750
River	0	0	0	0	0.000
Clay-Battelle	0	0	0	0	0.000
Toronto	0	3	3	0	0.000
SCC	0	2	2	0	0.000

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# Tigers defend crown

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By KIM NORTH  
Times Leader Sports Writer

WELLSBURG — The "Big Orange Machine," aka the Shadyside wrestling team, continued its successful season as it rallied past top-seeded Madonna, 36-33, Thursday night at Brooke High School to capture its third OVAC Bill Hinegardner Dual Meet Championship in the last four years.

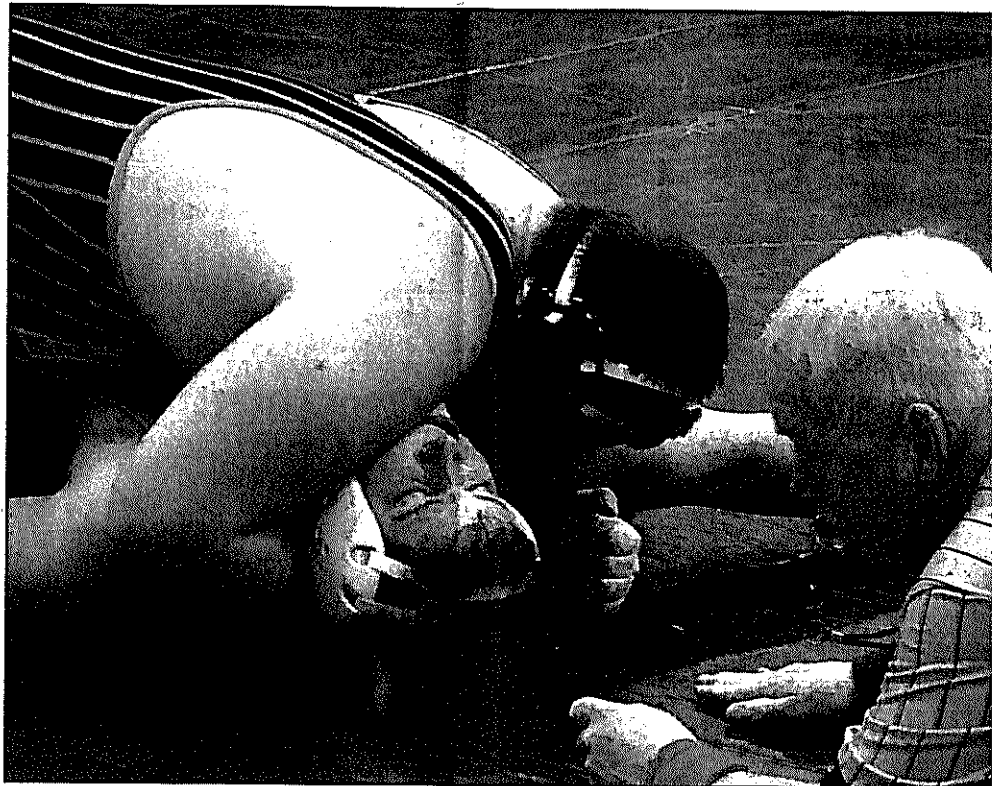
"Coming into this match I knew it was going to be tight," Shadyside head coach Sean Grinch said. "We didn't have Billy (Johnson) in the lineup today, so I knew it was going to be nip-and-tuck and it was probably going to come down to the heavyweights.

"We needed to win every head-to-head match, and we had some tough matches."

Donnie Meadows' pin at 4-minutes, 57-seconds of the 285-pound match decided the match in which Shadyside led 21-6 after six of the 14 weight classes, only to watch the Blue Dons take a 33-30 lead with one bout left. The Tigers' senior standout, who has missed most of the season with injuries suffered in football, trailed 2-0 after two periods before getting an escape to start the third period. He then recorded a takedown and put Madonna's Ryan Ekey on his back.

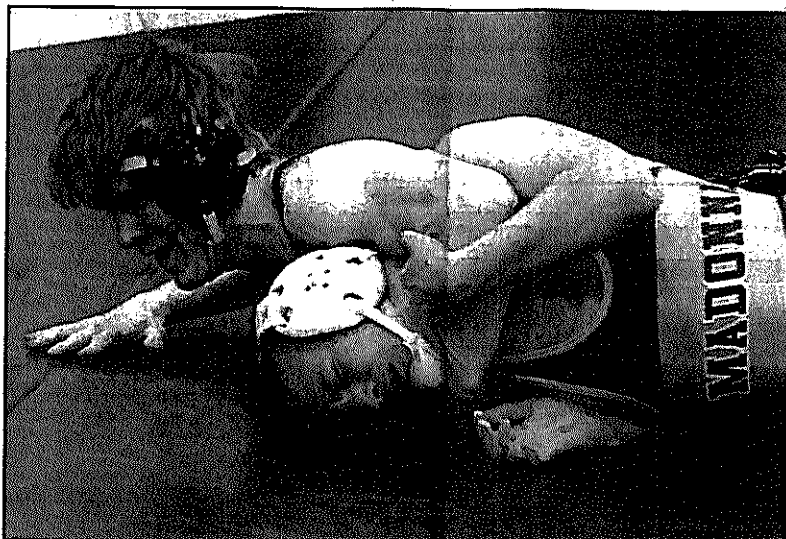
"It was pretty intense. I knew all I had to do was pin him," Meadows said. "There was a lot of pressure on me, but I'm used to it. I've been in that situation before and came through."

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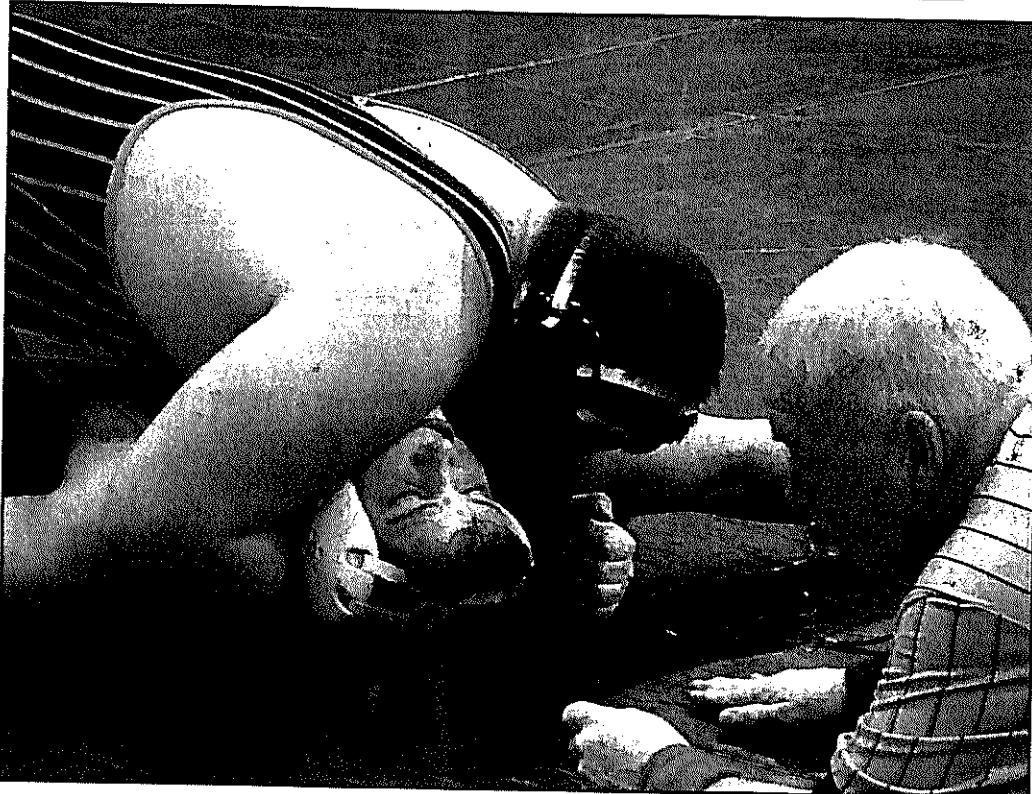
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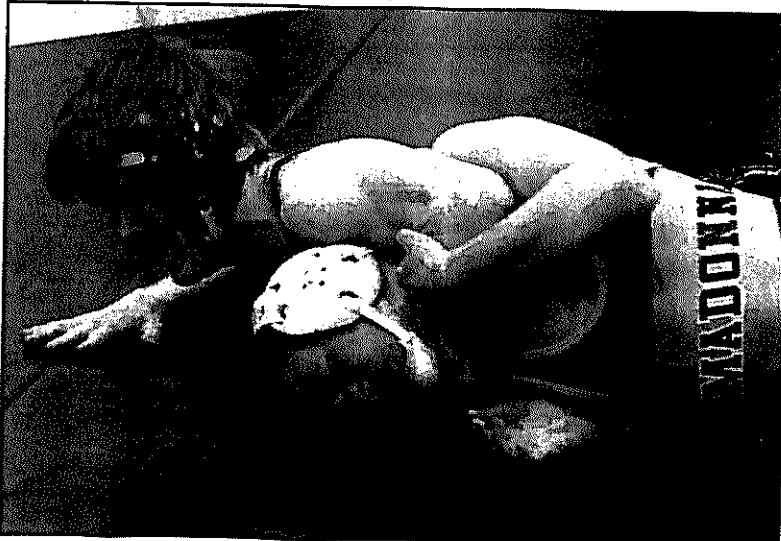
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## Big Red blanks Devils in 4A

By **MATTHEW PEASLEE**  
For The Times Leader

**WELLSBURG** — The Steubenville wrestling team earned its 28th dual meet victory of the season on Thursday. More importantly, it was Big Red's seventh consecutive Bill Hinegardner OVAC Dual Meet title.

After capturing the 5A crown a year ago, Steubenville shut out St. Clairsville, 70-0, in the 4A championship at Brooke High School.

"It's pretty much what we expect," Steubenville coach Mike Blackburn said. "We have a nice, young team, but they definitely have matured quick. We're wrestling really well right now. We have a couple of injured and a couple of guys out for other reasons. We've been pretty good, dual wise, all season."

To get to the championship, Big Red defeated Weir High, 53-16, in the semifinal. St. Clairsville defeated Harrison Central, 34-27, in the other semifinal.

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## • Tigers

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With less than 10 days of practice, Meadows admitted he was a bit winded.

"Oh my. I was pretty spent," he said. "But when I got him on his back I knew I could finish him."

Grinch was very pleased with Meadows' effort.

"He's maybe got a week-and-a-half of practice under his belt, but he found a way to win a match in a pressure situation and he's losing," Grinch praised. "He needs to win that match for us to win. For him to get a pin like that in dramatic fashion was a great way to end a great dual."

"Give Madonna credit because they battled back and took the lead, forcing us to pin their kid to win it."

Madonna head coach Ray Pernel was more than pleased with his Ekey's effort.

"When you're asking a 219-pound kid to go out there and wrestle a kid that's 250 or more, he did a great job. He knew what was on his shoulder's and he gave it everything he had," Pernel said. "It was exciting."

Shadyside sprinted to a early lead thanks to pins by Greg Quinn (120), Josh Kahl (132) and Cody Hawthorne (145); a decision by Collin Hunter (138); and a forfeit win by Jacson Muldrew (126).

Quinn, a returning Division III state runnerup, improved to 39-1 with his 1:18 fall of Roman Baird which made it 6-6 after Madonna's Austin Macek was awarded a forfeit at 106. Both teams forfeited at 113. Muldrew, another D-III returning state qualifier, won by walkover to make it 12-6 and Kahl's 3:37 dramatic pin of Alec Cook bumped the count to 18-6.

"Josh had a re-match with the kid that beat him in the OVAC finals and he wrestled an outstanding match ... even getting the pin," Grinch said of his senior 4-year letterman. "Outstanding match."

Kahl said he's had this re-match circled on his calendar.

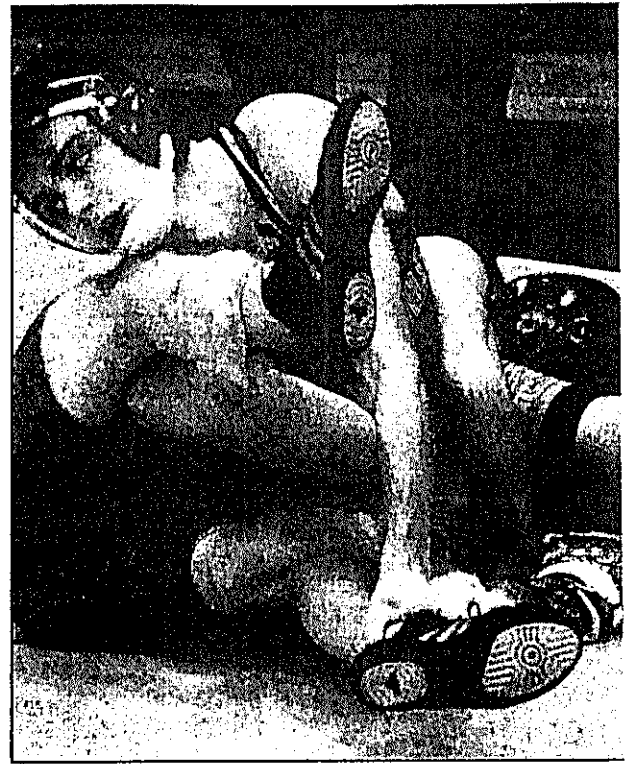
"That was an awesome redemption match. I've been waiting for that one since he beat me at OVACs," Kahl said of the 3-2 defeat in suffered in late January. "I was more relaxed tonight. There wasn't as much pressure as there was that night."

"This feels good to win this again as a team."

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**ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S** Donte Vincenzo competes against Harrison Central's Jacob Howard during their 138-pound match Thursday night in an OVAC Big Red Hinegardner Class 4A semifinal. Vincenzo prevailed by major decision, 17-4.

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# Shadyside Wins OVAC Title

## Tigers rally past Madonna, 36-33

By KIM NORTH

For The Intelligencer  
WELLSBURG — The "Big Orange Machine," aka the Shadyside wrestling team, continued its successful season as it rallied past top-seeded Madonna, 36-33, Thursday night at Brooke High School to capture its third OVAC Bill Hinegardner Dual Meet Championship in the last four years.

"Coming into this match I knew it was going to be tight," Shadyside coach Sean Grinch said. "We didn't have Billy (Johnson) in the lineup today, so I knew it was going to be nip-and-tuck and it was probably going to come down to the heavyweights."

"We needed to win every head-to-head match, and we had some tough matches."

Donnie Meadows' pin at 4-minutes, 57-seconds of the 285-pound match

decided the match in which Shadyside led 21-6 after six of the 14 weight classes, only to watch the Blue Dons take a 33-30 lead with one bout left. The Tigers' senior standout, who has missed most of the season with injuries suffered in football, trailed 2-0 after two periods before getting an escape to start the third period. He then recorded a takedown and put Madonna's Ryan Ekey on his back.

"It was pretty intense. I knew all I had to do was pin him," Meadows said. "There was a lot of pressure on me, but I'm used to it. I've been in that situation before and came through."

With less than 10 days of practice, Meadows admitted he was a bit winded.

"Oh my. I was pretty spent," he said. "But when I got him on his back I knew I could finish him."

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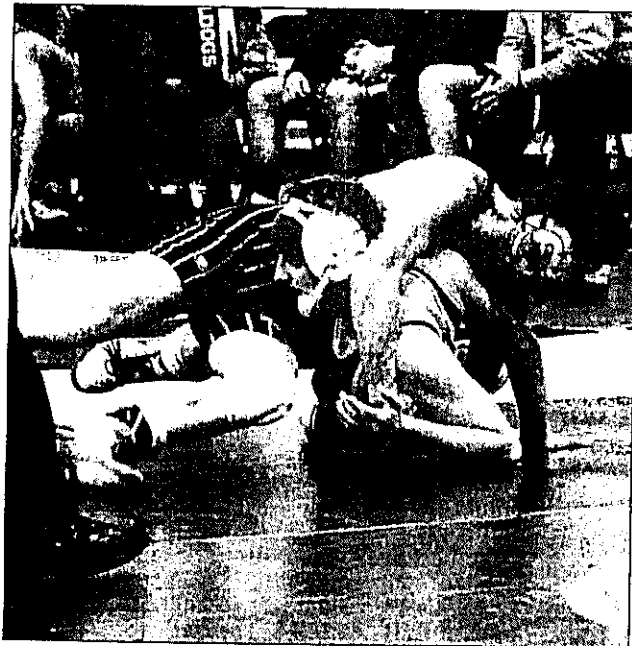


Photo by Kim North

Shadyside's Greg Quinn looks for back points against Madonna's Roman Baird during Thursday night's OVAC Bill Hinegardner Dual Meet Championships

# Steubenville Shuts Out St. C. for 5A Title

By MATTHEW PEASLEE  
For The Intelligencer

**WELLSBURG** — The Steubenville wrestling team earned its 28th dual meet victory of the season on Thursday. More importantly, it was Big Red's seventh consecutive Bill Hinegardner OVAC Dual Meet title.

After capturing the 5A crown a year ago, Steubenville shut out St. Clairsville, 70-0, in the 4A championship at Brooke High School.

"It's pretty much what we expect," said Steubenville coach Mike Blackburn.

"We have a nice, young team, but they definitely have matured quick. We're wrestling really well

right now. We have a couple of injured and a couple of guys out for other reasons. We've been pretty good, dual wise, all season."

To get to the championship, Big Red defeated Weir High, 53-16, in the semifinal. St. Clairsville defeated Harrison Central, 34-27, in the other semifinal.

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Grinch was very pleased with Meadows' effort.

"He's maybe got a week-and-a-half of practice under his belt, but he found a way to win a match in a pressure situation and he's losing," Grinch said. "He needs to win in that match for us to win. For him to get a pin like that in dramatic fashion was a great way to end a great match."

"Give Madonna credit because they battled back and took the lead, forcing us to pin their kid to win it."

Madonna head coach Ray Pernel was more than pleased with his Ekey's effort.

"When you're asking a 99-pound kid to go out there and wrestle a kid that's 100 or more, he did a great job. He knew what was on his shoulder's and he gave it everything he had," Pernel said. "It was exciting."

Shadyside sprinted to a early lead thanks to pins by Greg Quinn (120), Josh

Kahl (132) and Cody Hawthorne (145); a decision by Collin Hunter (138); and a forfeit win by Jacob Muldrew (126).

Quinn, a returning Division III state runnerup, improved to 39-1 with his 1:18 fall of Roman Baird which made it 6-6 after Madonna's Austin Macek was awarded a forfeit at 106. Both teams forfeited at 113. Muldrew, another Division III returning state qualifier, won by walkover to make it 12-6 and Kahl's 3:37 dramatic pin of Alec Cook bumped the count to 18-6.

"Josh had a re-match with the kid that beat him in the OVAC finals and he wrestled an outstanding match ... even getting the pin," Grinch said of his senior 4-year letterman. "Outstanding match."

Kahl said he's had this rematch circled on his calendar.

"That was an awesome redemption match. I've been waiting for that one since he beat me at OVACs," Kahl

said of the 3-2 defeat in suffered in late January. "I was more relaxed tonight. There wasn't as much pressure as there was that night."

"This feels good to win this again as a team."

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Jacob Todd (170) earned a forfeit and Zak Tokash's pin of Taylor Prickett at 182 pulled the Blue Dons to within 30-24. Donavan Kirby (195) was awarded a forfeit to tie the match before Garrett Cook's 4-0 decision over Josh Robinson at 220 gave Madonna a 33-30 edge.

"I'm proud of the way the

kids battled back," Pernel said. "We had some hiccups here-and-there, but we just have to keep our heads up."

Third-seeded Shadyside had upset No. 2 Caldwell, 58-18, in the semifinals as Kahl, Hunter, Hawthorne, Brown and Prickett all won by pins. Muldrew had a decision win and Quinn, D.J. Hoge (126), Robinson and Meadows all won by forfeits.

The Tigers get no rest as they will compete in the Ohio High School Athletic Association's Division III state dual meet championship Sunday at 1:15 p.m. inside St. John Arena on the campus of The Ohio State University. The No. 7 seed will face second-seeded Oak Harbor in the quarterfinals.

Madonna advanced to the finals with a 45-12 decision over Bridgeport. Caldwell nipped the Bulldogs, 37-36, on criteria E for third place.

Tyler Antonacci (126), Tino Kusic (152) and Levi Bryant (285) were double winners for Bridgeport.

### Bridgeport 36 Madonna 35

#### BRIDGEPORT

Bridgeport held on for a narrow one-point victory on its home floor against visiting Madonna.

The Bulldogs were led by Kamden Dulesky with 16 points and Lauren Neer with 12 on four 3-pointers.

Kasey Canei paced the Blue Dons with 16 points, while Andrea Alimario and Kali Krynicki each tallied nine.

### Indian Creek 46, Steubenville 45

#### STEUBENVILLE

Indian Creek invaded Steubenville and escaped with a narrow one-point victory.

Creek was led by Ashley Yaich who accumulated 14 points, while teammate Kacie Vandeborne turned in 12 in the win.

Rhiannon Petrisko paced the Big Red with 13 points, followed by Maddison Fields and Seana Ragusa who each netted nine.

# OVAC Dual Meet Championships Begin Today

By **KIM NORTH**  
For The Intelligencer

Four Ohio Valley Athletic Conference titles will be determined this week as the Bill Hindgardner Wrestling Dual Meet Championships take place today and Thursday.

Weigh-ins begin at 5 p.m., with wrestling slated an hour later at both sites.

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In Class 3A, top-seeded Linsly (7-1) will meet No. 4 Magnolia (8-11) in one semifinal, with No. 2 Barnesville (4-3) taking on third-seeded Bellaire (3-2). The two winners will meet 20 minutes following the conclusion of the last semifinal.

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The Redskins won the 4A crown last year by defeating Oak

Glen, 36-30. They had beat Edison, 57-18, in the semis. The Golden Bears, who aren't eligible this season, advanced by rolling past Harrison Central, 51-18.

Parkersburg South, which won the Ron Mauck OVAC Tournament last month, also was ineligible this winter due to a lack of OVAC matches.

In Class 4A, top-seeded Steubenville (23-2) tangles with No. 4 Weir (9-10), while No. 2 St. Clairsville (4-1) is paired with third-seeded Harrison Central (4-3).

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year by knocking off Parkersburg South in the finals, 39-26. They routed John Marshall, 63-9, in the semis. The Wood County Patriots decided on Wheeling Park in the semifinals. The Monarchs defeated the Ohio County Patriots for third place.

In Class 1A/2A, third-seeded Shadyside (3-2) is back to defend its title. The Tigers will face No. 2 Caldwell (5-1), while top-seeded Madonna (15-9) meets No. 4 Bridgeport (2-4), which is in the Final Four for the first time.

Admission at both events is \$6 for adults and \$4 for students.

## OVAC mat champions to be crowned this week

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Times Leader Sports Writer

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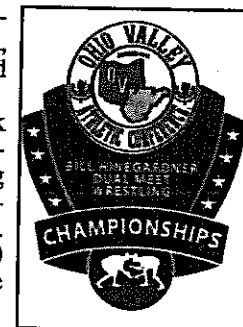
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# Linsly Wins First OVAC Mat Title

By SETH STASKEY  
For The Intelligencer

MOUNDSVILLE — Entering Wednesday evening, Linsly School — one of the OVAC's charter members — had claimed a conference best 213 championships in its illustrious history.

However, none of those championships had come in the sport of wrestling.

That's no longer the case, however.

On the strength of a Gage Giovengo pin at 285 pounds, the Cadets celebrated their first mat title thanks to a hard-earned 42-37

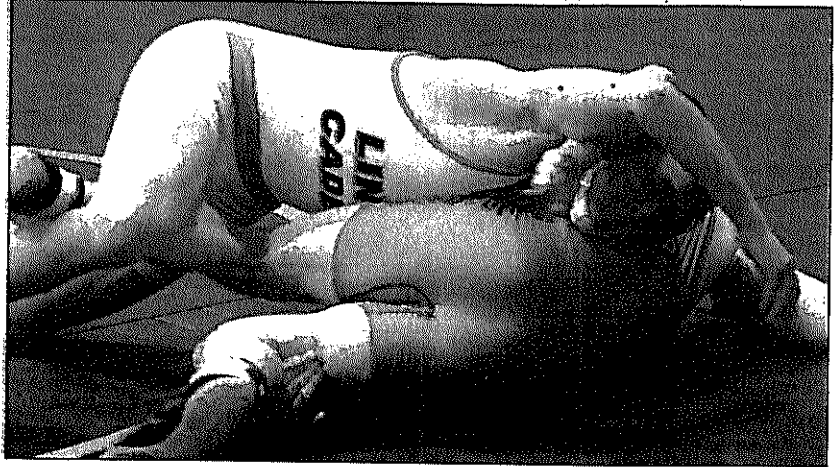


Photo by Seth Staskey

Linsly's Joe Zaccirey wrestles off against Barnesville's Jared Dugan during Wednesday night's match.

victory against defending champion Barnesville in the Class 3A championship bout of the OVAC Bill Hinegardner Dual Meet Championships held at the Moundsville Field House.

"I can't put into words how proud I am of these kids and this coaching staff," Linsly coach Brian Valentine said. "They earned this."

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T-L Photo/SETH STASKEY

BARNESVILLE'S CAIDE Bunfil pins Linsly's Suita Urena during the OVAC Bill Hinegardner Dual Meet Championships Wednesday night inside the Moundsville Junior High Field House.

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"We've had a lot of close matches and I've had a lot of them come down to the heavyweight, so I felt confident," Gage Giovengo said. "This (OVAC) title means a lot since we've never done this before. I've had a bunch of goals and this was definitely one of them."

Along with the pins, the Cadets built an early lead thanks to Barnesville forfeits in three of the first four weight classes. In the fourth, the Shamrocks gained a forfeit.

Senior standout Tommy Curtin was also a winner by forfeit at 138 pounds.

Both teams won seven matches, but Linsly's all came via the pin or forfeit.

Linsly advanced to the championship match thanks to a hard-earned 41-38 victory against Magnolia. The Shamrocks, meanwhile, dispatched Bellaire, 39-30.

In the consolation match, the Blue Eagles soared past the Big Reds, 53-15, to claim third place.

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How excited to see  
Barnesville add a men's  
wrestling program?

