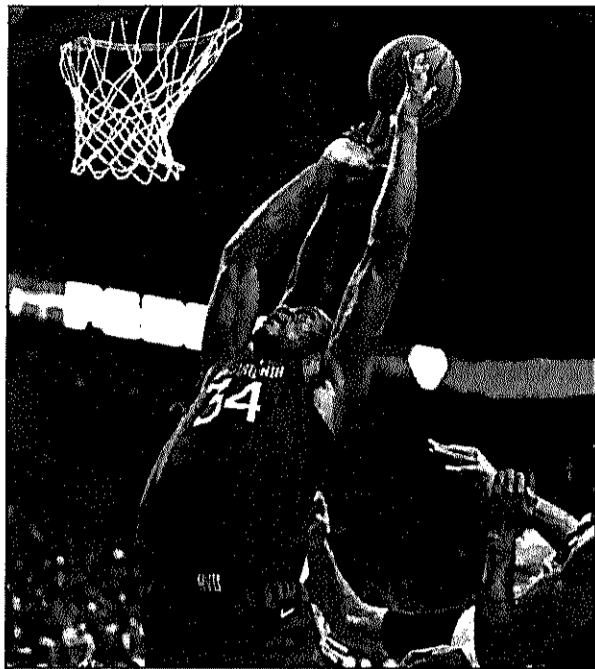


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free throws to cut the deficit to 44-42.

That was as close as West Virginia got the rest of the game. Ramsey hit a 3-pointer and by time he hit another with 16:14 left, Texas Tech had stretched its lead to 56-46. The Red Raiders led by as many as 15 after that while scoring the most points any team has had against the Mountaineers this season.

Texas Tech made 28 of 32 free throws, 12 of 14 after halftime. The Mountaineers were 33 of 41 from the free throw line.

Gabe Osabuohien had 15 points for West Virginia, while Taz Sherman had 11. Haley and Miles McBride each had 10.

BIG PICTURE

West Virginia: The Mountaineers were flustered early on after being forced into some turnovers. A lack of perimeter defense from the Mountaineers hurt them in the long run.

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Park Claims 5A Dual Meet Championship

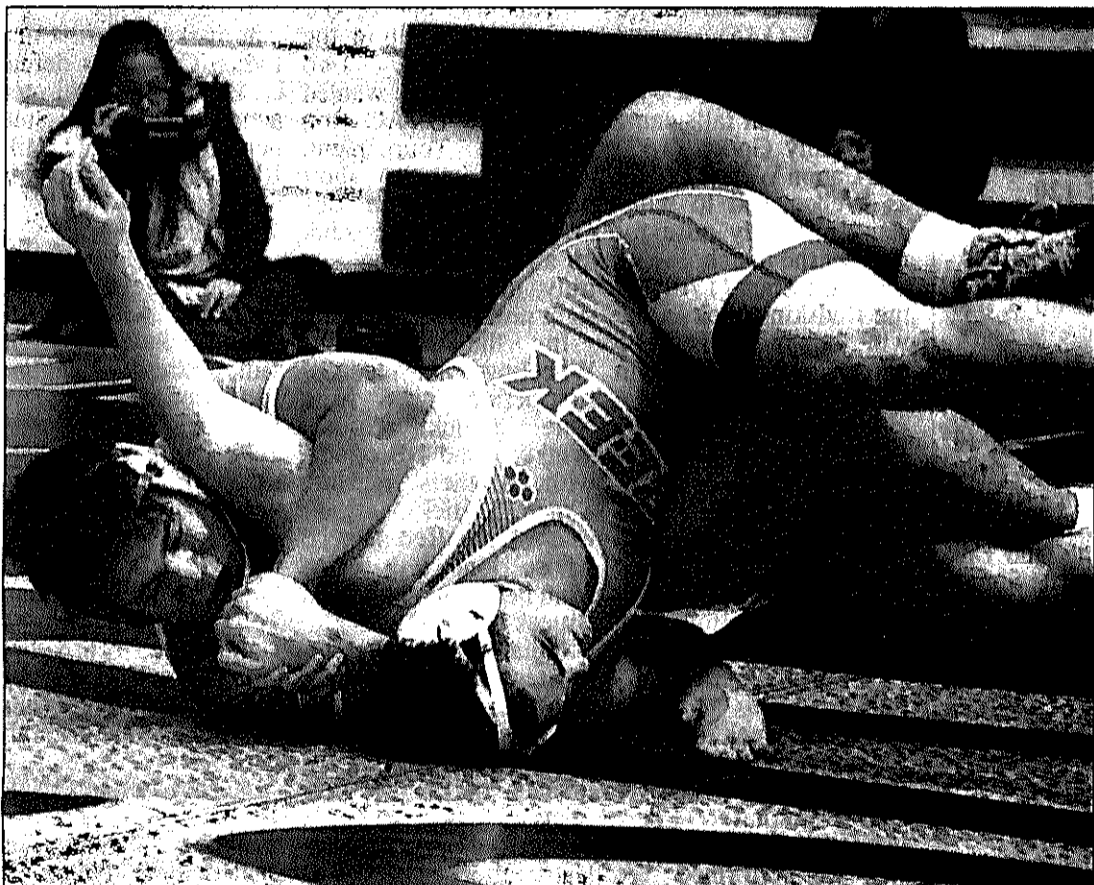


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Wheeling Park's Charlie Tamburin looks for back points against Indian Creek's Tyler Smarrella during their 220-pound bout Wednesday night at the seventh annual OVAC Bill Hinegardner Class 5A Dual Meet Championships.

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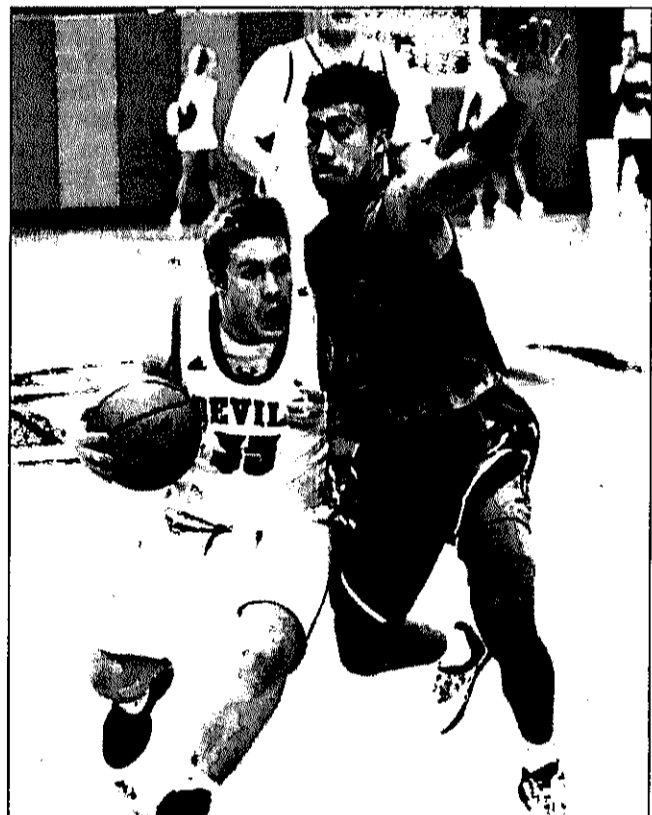


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St. Clairsville's Nate Harris drives against Wheeling Central's Avery Lee during Wednesday's game.

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WLU Wins 10th Straight



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WHEELING — The

CENTRAL

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St. Clairsville got a stop and was effectively running clock. Central, electing not to foul with the clock turning under a minute, sped the Devils up and it eventually led to a turnover.

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During the fourth, Reasbeck and Maxwell — as they did throughout the game — came up big for the Knights. They combined for 12 of Central's 14 points. Taking that a step farther, they combined for 42 of the team's total with Reasbeck leading all scorers with 22.

"The guys who have the experience are the ones you expect to make the plays in these types of games," Stephens said. "Those guys did that (Wednesday)."

The Red Devils had a trio of double-figure scorers. Sophomore big man Avery Henry had 12, while junior Will Balgo and Harris evenly divided 20. Vike finished with nine.

St. Clairsville, which is now 10-7, returns to action Saturday in what Clifford deemed a "t-shirt game" as they

play East Liverpool for the Buckeye 8 title.

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Girls

Oak Glen 58, Madonna 51

WEIRTON — Despite being outscored 17-1 in the third quarter, Oak Glen held on to defeat Madonna. Reece Enochs supplied 20 points to pace the Golden Bears while Alayana Kranis and Maddie McKay each had 10.

For the Blue Dons, Jazzy Melnyk tallied a game-high 27 points.

Indiana Takes Down Chicago

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Victor Oladipo's only 3-pointer tied the score with 10 seconds left in regulation, and Malcolm Brogdon scored seven of his 15 points in overtime, helping the Indiana Pacers rally for a 115-106 victory over Chicago on Wednesday night.

Oladipo had nine points in his first game back since suffering a season-ending knee injury last January. T.J. Warren had 25 points to lead the Pacers, who have won eight of their last 10. Brogdon also had eight rebounds and nine assists.

Chandler Hutchinson finished with a career-high 21 points, while Zach LaVine added 20 for Chicago, which lost its eighth straight in the series.

Clearly, Oladipo was rusty. He was 2 of 8 from the field and 1 of 7 on 3s in 21 minutes. He had two rebounds, four assists and two turnovers.

NETS 125, PISTONS 115

NEW YORK (AP) — Spencer Dinwiddie scored 28 points in his first game with his new jersey number, Kyrie Irving returned to the lineup to score 20 and Brooklyn beat Detroit.

Irving didn't play Sunday at New York after learning of Kobe Bryant's death, and Dinwiddie, a Los Angeles native, was in tears after the game talking about what the Lakers star meant to him.

Dinwiddie changed his number from No. 8, one of the numbers Bryant wore, to No. 26.

GRIZZLIES 127, KNICKS 106

NEW YORK (AP) — Dillon Brooks scored 27 points, Ja Morant had 18 points and 10 assists, and Memphis cruised to its fourth straight victory, beating New York.

Tempers flared with 48 seconds left in regulation when Knicks guard Elfrid Payton knocked Memphis' Jae Crowder into the first row after Crowder attempted a 3-pointer following the steal of an errant inbound pass by Julius Randle.

Crowder and New York's Marcus Morris Sr. were ejected for instigating the fight. Payton was assessed a flagrant 2 foul, which carried an automatic ejection.

SPURS 127, JAZZ 120

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — DeMar DeRozan scored a season-high 38 points and San Antonio snapped a three-game losing streak with a win over Utah.

DeRozan was 11-for-19 shooting, surpassing 1,000 points for the 10th straight season. He had 21 points in the second half, including a pair of mid-range jumpers from the right baseline in the final 3 minutes to help seal the victory.

Patty Mills had 18 points and Dejounte Murray 16 points for the Spurs.

Donovan Mitchell had 31 points in 33 minutes and San Antonio native Jordan Clarkson added 20 points for the Jazz.

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for a 3-1 lead. However, the Redskins claimed the match when heavyweight Evan Merryman pinned Peyton Tuttle in 45 seconds.

"I'm really happy with our performance in that match," Pendleton said of his first win over Steubenville.

"We lost to them earlier in the season."

It marked the first time Indian Creek has defeated Big Red in dual-meet action since current Steubenville head coach Mike Blackburn was leading the Redskins some 15 years ago.

Steubenville competed without three starters who were out with injuries. They included Anthony Hill, Ethan Waggoner and Tyler Muldrew.

PIN FALLS

■ The event's namesake, Bill Hinegardner, was in attendance along with former JM coaches Ed Dugas and Ted Zervos; OVAC Ron Mauck Tournament Director Dr. Dan Doyle; Tournament namesake Ron Mauck; and OVAC representatives Tom Rataiczak and Dirk DeCoy.

■ The Class 3A/4A and Class 1A/2A portions of the championship duals will be held tonight at Brooke High School in Wellsburg. Wrestling begins at 6.

NAILERS

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Later in the stanza, the home team took the lead. Michael Kim let a wrist shot go from the right point, which was tipped into the net by Fleurent, who was making his Wheeling debut.

The defense stood tall in the third period, as the Nailers allowed just six shots, en route to closing out their 2-1 win.

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"We definitely didn't bring our 'A' game in the second half," Howlett said. "They spread us out in the half-court and we didn't do a very good job staying in front of people. That's not West Liberty basketball and it's something we'll address in practice this week. Hopefully, we got this game out of our system."

The Hilltoppers delivered another balanced

18 points a game off the bench by combining an assortment of nifty finishes at the rim with a deadly perimeter shot.

W.Va. Wesleyan 75 Wheeling 72

The Cardinals had a clean look at the horn, but came up short in a loss to West Virginia Wesleyan Wednesday night inside the McDonough Center. Junior guard Jarrett Haines led the Cardinals

D'Orio earned the victory for Wheeling, thwarting 27 of the 28 shots he faced. Michael McNiven took the loss for the Admirals, making 26 saves on 28 shots.

The Nailers will continue their home-stand this weekend, when they face the Orlando Solar Bears on Friday at 7:05 p.m. and on Saturday at 7:35 p.m.

Wesleyan inside the McDonough Center.

Sophomore forward Lilly Ritz dropped her 14th double-double of the season with 25 points on 12-of-16 (75 percent) with 19 rebounds (five offensive). Senior guard Khira Burton finished with 23 points, while senior guard Taliah Cashwell added 13 in the win.

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Those were just some of the adjectives that were used to describe John Jenkins.

Let me just confirm that all were 100 percent accurate.

Jenkins - the long-time St. Clairsville businessman, Red Devil athletic supporter and fan - died last week in Morgantown at the age of 79.

Whether it was the school, athletics or the community, Jenkins was always involved. He was involved with countless civic organizations and served on numerous boards during his lifetime.

So much so, that former OVAC Executive Secretary Tom Rataiczak, who got to know Jenkins through the awards his business handled for the conference, referred to him as "Mr. St. Clairsville."

A perfect description for a man who - quite simply - had a passion for his community, its school and athletic program.

"He was a St. C. fan through and through," Rataiczak continued. "John had the ultimate community business. You can't think of Main Street in St. Clairsville without thinking about Jenkins Sporting Goods."

Indeed.

Retired St. Clairsville Athletics Director Kelly Rine, who had known Jenkins since the mid 80s during his first tenure at St. C., always knew he had an ally and a man who would do everything in his power to help when needed.

"John was the same now as he was when I first met him," Rine said.

As it pertains to St. Clairsville athletics, Jenkins' name will forever live since the basketball court at the high school is named in his honor. On top of that, he was one of the key cogs in orchestrating the St. Clairsville Stadium Project.

With the school's backing, Rine pursued the idea of naming the basketball court at St. Clairsville in Jenkins' honor.

"That idea actually came from a parent, who was a Saints Club member, in the community," Rine recalled. "It was brought to our attention, we discussed it and felt it was certainly worthy and decided to move forward."

As anyone who knew Jenkins would expect, he was honored, but also somewhat reluctant.

"He was very grateful, but I don't think he felt worthy," Rine said. "We definitely felt he was a unanimous decision."

It didn't matter if it was boys or girls basketball, football, baseball, softball or any other sport, Jenkins was there to support his alma mater and the student-athletes.

"He was a vibrant, visible supporter of the students and athletic programs at St. Clairsville," Rine said. "He was always extremely positive and had a strong presence at events. He would do whatever he could for the youth of the school district."

Because of his level of visibility, dedication to St. Clairsville youth and even his business sense, when the idea of remodeling Red Devil Stadium, Jenkins was one of the first

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Texas Tech tops No. 12 W. Virginia

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - Texas Tech went through some hard practices after consecutive losses. The Red Raiders were plenty tough enough against No. 12 West Virginia.

"We had to bounce back," Davide Moretti said.

"We get testy every afternoon at 3:30 in Lubbock, Texas," coach Chris Beard said. "We strap it on. That's what we do. All sorts of things to be concerned about when you're playing West Virginia, but the testiness of it wasn't an issue tonight."

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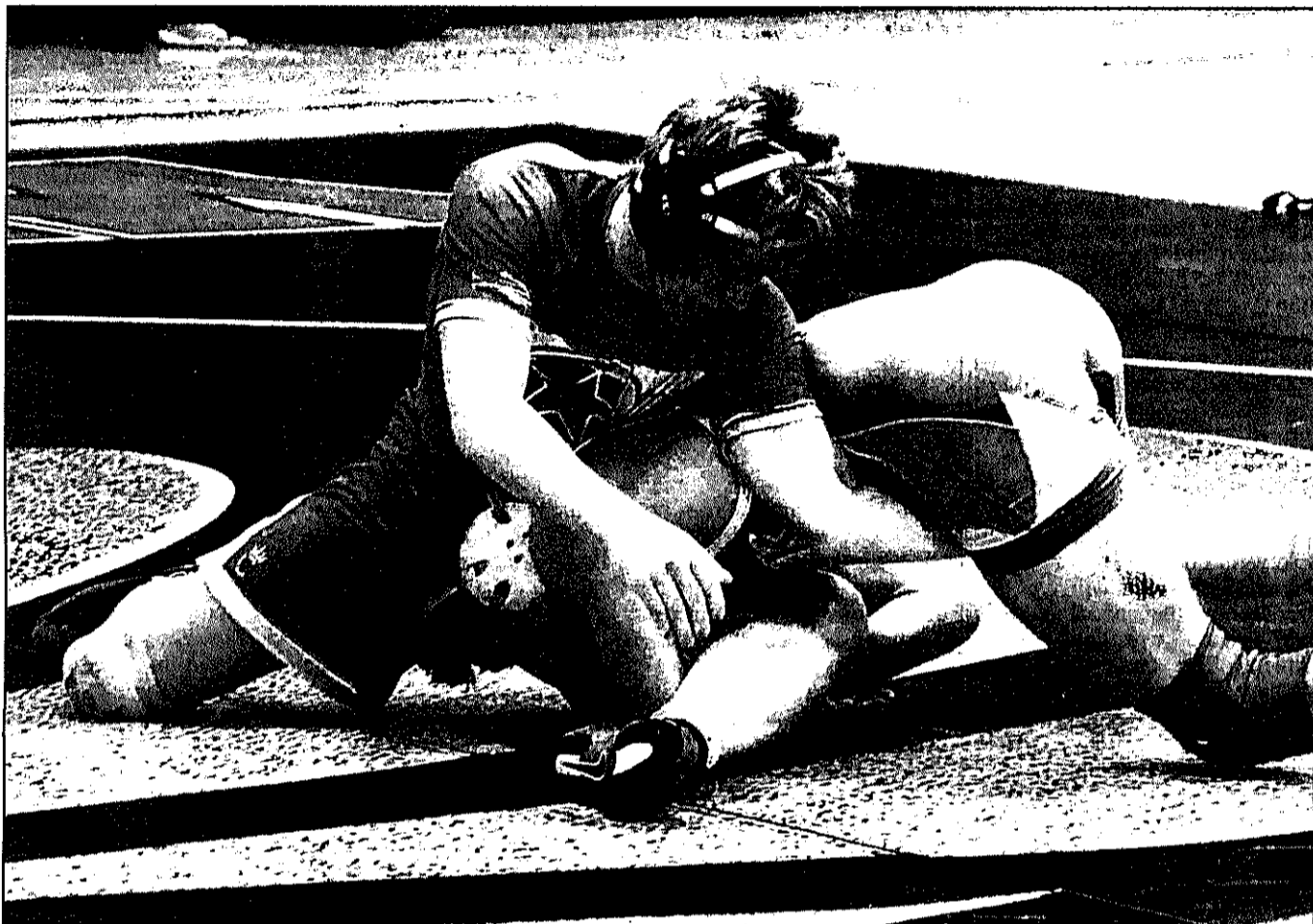
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ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S Brett Vike drives baseline as Wheeling Central's Jalen Creighton during the first quarter of Wednesday's game on John Jenkins Court at St. Clairsville High School. The Maroon Knights captured a 56-55 win.

Bill Hinegardner OVAC Wrestling Dual Meet Championships



T-L Photo/KIM NORTH

WHEELING PARK'S Canon Welker tries for a reversal against Indian Creek's Reese Spencer during their 160-pound bout Wednesday night at the seventh annual OVAC Bill Hinegardner Class 5A Dual Meet Championships inside the Moundsville Junior High Fieldhouse. Welker earned a 17-2 technical fall as the Patriots defended their title with wins over Weir and Indian Creek.

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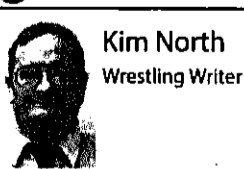
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Area teams hitting the road for state dual regionals

Assignments for the 8th annual Ohio Dual Team Regional Tournaments, set for Saturday, Feb. 8, were released last week, and for the local schools competing, they had better gas up the buses.

St. Clairsville is the lone Division II entrant from the local area. The Red Devils, who were runnersup at Granville a year ago, will make the trek to Duncan Falls, where Philo High School is located, for Region 13 action.

Other schools heading to the "Power Plant" are Athens, River View, Fairfield Union, Meadowbrook, West Holmes, Tri-Valley, New Lexington, Sheridan,



Kim North
Wrestling Writer

Claymont, defending champion Indian Valley, New Philadelphia, Warren Local and Carrollton.

OVAC schools Beaver Local, Indian Creek and Steubenville are heading to Creechwood High School for Region 12 competition.

In Division III, Barnesville, Martins

Ferry and Shadyside are headed to Alexander High School in Albany for Region 22 action.

They will be joined by fellow OVAC entrant Shenandoah, along with host Alexander, Amanda-Clearcreek, Liberty Union, West Jefferson, West Muskingum, Westfall, Adena, Paint Valley and River Valley.

Southern Local and Wellsville will represent the OVAC in Region 20 at Rootstown High School, while Buckeye Local heads to Mapleton High School in Ashland for Region 21 action.

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Djokovic extends Grand Slam streak against Federer at Open

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) - Novak Djokovic was wondering, right along with everyone else, what sort of shape Roger Federer would be in for their Australian Open semifinal.

So Djokovic was watching

Djokovic served. Didn't last. Federer couldn't sustain that level. Djokovic didn't let him.

Casting aside a bit of a poor start during the rivals' 50th meeting, Djokovic stretched his Grand Slam winning streak against Fed-

gone a different way, if he used those break points. He started off really well. I was pretty nervous at the beginning," said Djokovic, who now leads their head-to-head series 27-23, including 11-6 at majors.

title in Sunday's final against No. 5 Dominic Thiem or No. 7 Alexander Zverev.

Djokovic also can claim a 17th major trophy overall to move closer to Federer's record of 20.

In the women's final Saturday,

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Indian Creek out-pointed Steubenville in a back-and-forth match that saw seven lead changes, with the lead switching hands in each of

the last five bouts.

Big Red took a 29-28 lead after 220-pound Spencer Ostovich recorded a takedown just ahead of the final buzzer for a 3-1 lead. However, the Redskins claimed the match when heavyweight Evan Merryman pinned Peyton Tuttle in 45 seconds.

"I'm really happy with our performance in that match," Pendleton said of his first win over Steubenville. "We lost to them earlier in the season.

It marked the first time Indian Creek has defeated Big Red in dual-meet action since current Steubenville head coach Mike Blackburn was leading the Redskins some 15 years ago.

Steubenville competed without three starters who were out with injuries. They included Anthony Hill, Ethan Waggoner and Tyler Muldrew.

PIN FALLS

The event's namesake, Bill Hinegardner, was in attendance along with former JM coaches Ed Dugas and Ted Zervos; OVAC Ron Mauck Tournament Director Dr. Dan Doyle; Tournament namesake Ron Mauck; and OVAC representatives Tom Rataiczak and Dirk DeCoy.

The Class 3A/4A and Class 1A/2A portions of the championship duals will be held tonight at Brooke High School in Wellsburg. Wrestling begins at 6.

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Seeds should be completed by the weekend and the pairings will be released.

The state dual team tournament will be held inside St. John Arena on the campus of Ohio State University on Sunday, Feb. 16. Quarterfinal action begins at 11 a.m. on three mats. The winners of the eight regions in each of the three divisions (I, II, III) will compete for titles.

Panther Classic on Tap

Buckeye Local High School in Connorville will be the site for the annual Panther Classic wrestling tournament. The one-day, pool-style event will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday and continue throughout the day with 27 teams seeking the team title.

The tri-state area will be represented by Ohio schools Beallsville, Bellaire, Bridgeport, Buckeye Local, Cald-

well, East Liverpool, Edison, Indian Creek, Hilliard Bradley, Martins Ferry, River, Shadyside, Steubenville Catholic, Union Local and Washington Courthouse. West Virginia schools are Brooke, Linsly, Madonna and Weir, while teams from Pennsylvania are Ellwood City, Hampton Township, Keystone Oaks, Obama Academy, Plum, West Allegheny, West Mifflin and Westinghouse.

Six WLU Wrestlers Ranked

A half-dozen West Liberty wrestlers have received regional recognition, with a pair of them earning the top spot when the latest set of NCAA Division II Super Region 3 rankings were released.

Head coach Danny Irwin's Hilltoppers have been fighting through a series of injuries but with ranked

wrestlers in six of the 10 weight classes - including four in the top three of their brackets - Irwin and his squad expect to make their presence felt in the regional tournament and beyond.

"With this set of regional rankings coming out, it paints a pretty clear picture of where everybody is in the region at this point in time," Irwin noted. "From now until the Super Region 3 tournament, our training will be focused on putting the final few details in place that will allow us to qualify as many wrestlers to nationals as possible."

The Super Region 3 event is set for Feb. 29 at 9 a.m. at the University of Indianapolis. The national tournament is March 13-14 in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Returning All-Americans Cole Laya (125) and Darinus Bunch (141) are ranked

No. 1 in the region at their respective weights while true freshman phenom Zane Lanham, a Huntington High product, has jumped up to No. 2 at 184 pounds.

Senior Chris Cook, a multi-year letterman at 184, has been wrestling up at 285 since the injury to Francesco Borsellino and established himself as the No. 3 heavyweight in the region.

Rounding out WLU's regionally-ranked contingent are the Morgan twins - Chase is fifth at 165 pounds while Chance is sixth at 174.

Notre Dame is No. 1 in the region with ranked wrestlers in all 10 weight classes and three No. 1s giving the Falcons 89 ranking points. Ashland, with nine ranked wrestlers and two No. 1s, is next with 82 points while Tiffin is third with three No. 1s and eight regional-

ly-ranked wrestlers.

Indianapolis didn't have any top-ranked grapplers but squeezed into the No. 4 spot with eight wrestlers in the rankings and 63 points. West Liberty and Findlay were tied for No. 5 with 53 points.

Like Indianapolis, the Oilers lacked any No. 1-ranked wrestlers but had wrestlers ranked in eight of the 10 weight classes.

The Black-and-Gold return to the mat Saturday when it hosts the inaugural Mountain East Conference championships at the ASRC.

Some Dates to Remember
■ Saturday, Feb. 8, Ohio Team Duals Regionals, TBA

■ Friday, Feb. 14-Saturday, Feb. 15, W.Va. Class A/AA Regional at Fairmont; W.Va. Class AAA Regional at Buckhannon

■ Sunday, Feb. 16, Ohio

Team Duals State Tournament, Ohio State University's St. John Arena.

■ Saturday, Feb. 22, Buckeye 8 Tournament at Indian Creek Middle School

■ Thursday, Feb. 27-Saturday, Feb. 29, W. Va. State Tournament at Huntington's Big Sandy SuperStore Arena

■ Saturday, Feb. 29, Ohio Division II Sectionals at Claymont; Steubenville; Division III Sectionals at Barnesville, Sandy Valley; NCAA Division II Super Region 3 Tournament at the University of Indianapolis

■ Friday, March 6-Saturday, March 7, Ohio Division II Districts at Claymont; Ohio Division III Districts at Heath High School

■ Friday, March 13-Sunday, March 14, Ohio State Tournament at Ohio State University's Schottenstein Center.

• Jenkins

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people that Rine and other school officials thought of.

"Once the Belmont County Fair relocated and we realized we had an opportunity to do something special with that existing site and stadium, we knew John would be a key cog," Rine said.

As it turned out, Jenkins and Randy Mellott - another long-time St. C. supporter and Saints Club member - led the project as co-chairmen.

"John was one of those guys who loved his school and wanted the best for the kids," Mellott said. "And the best way to do that was putting in a facility that could be utilized by all sports."

The \$1M project, which included the installation of turf, an eight-lane track, new visitors grandstands and scoreboard, took off quickly. The project began in

2009 and the new-look stadium debuted for the fall of 2010 season.

"When we approached John, he was 100 percent behind it," Mellott said. "It was a pleasure working along side of him on that. He was just a kind person, who loved St. Clairsville."

Jenkins was more than just an alumnus of St. Clairsville. He was part of their athletic tradition. A multi-sport athlete, who earned nine letters, Jenkins was inducted to the St. Clairsville Athletic Hall of Fame. He was a starter on the 1957-58 undefeated squad.

While Jenkins is most associated with St. Clairsville for obvious reasons, he was a supporter and fan of athletes and teams from all over the Ohio Valley.

His business - Jenkins Sporting Goods in downtown St.

Clairsville - was the long-time supplier of awards, including the championship pennants, for many years for the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference. He designed the current team trophy that goes to the OVAC champion.

Jenkins supplied the awards until three years ago when he informed Rataiczak that he was getting out of the awards portion of the business.

"John had the biggest heart that you could ever ask for in a business man," Rataiczak said. "He was shrewd and had a good sense for business, but he was almost too kind."

While Jenkins may no longer be here physically, his name and business lives on. He sold 'Jenkins Sporting Goods' in Sept. of 2018 to Bob Sabo and his son, Justin.

Bob actually worked with

Jenkins when he first opened the business. He eventually left and entered the insurance field.

"John and I were friends for 50 or 60 years," Sabo said.

When Bob and Justin sold their insurance agency, Jenkins, who had been thinking about retiring, gave his long-time friend a call.

"John got a hold of me and wanted to know if I was interested in buying the business," Sabo said. "That's where it materialized."

Jenkins never had any stipulation when he sold the store that the name needed to remain the same, but because it was such an institution in town - and the Ohio Valley - the Sabos decided it would probably be in the best interest.

"For the good of the business and the good will (the name) created, we thought it would be a benefit to keep the name," Sabo said.

Though Jenkins had retired, he remained visible, especially early on in the process, around the business. And Sabo had absolutely no issue with that.

"He really helped us with how to do things and opened some doors for us," Sabo offered. "There were still people, for the first few months, coming in looking for him."

With Jenkins' name on the basketball court and his name remaining on the business, there's no chance that his legacy will be forgotten in St. Clairsville.

Actually, there was no chance of that anyway. Because, John Jenkins was Mr. St. Clairsville.

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8 p.m.
PAC-12N — UCLA at Arizona
COLLEGE GYMNASTICS (WOMEN'S)
7 p.m.
SECN — Arkansas at Missouri
8:30 p.m.
SECN — Alabama at Louisiana State
10 p.m.
PAC-12N — Washington at UCLA
COLLEGE HOCKEY (MEN'S)
6 p.m.
BTN — Notre Dame at Penn State
8:30 p.m.
CBSSN — Western Michigan at Nebraska (Omaha)
COLLEGE WRESTLING
7 p.m.
ACCN — Duke at North Carolina
9 p.m.
BTN — Penn State at Iowa
CURLING (WOMEN'S)
11 p.m.
NBCSN — U.S. vs. Italy (taped)
GOLF
3 a.m.
GOLF — EPGA Tour: The Saudi International, Second Round, King Abdullah Economic City, Saudi Arabia
6:30 a.m.
GOLF — EPGA Tour: The Saudi International, Second Round, King Abdullah Economic City, Saudi Arabia
9:30 a.m.
GOLF — PGA Tour Champions: The Morocco Champions, Second Round, Amizmiz, Morocco
3 p.m.
GOLF — PGA Tour: The Waste Management Phoenix Open, Second Round, Scottsdale, Ariz.
4:30 a.m. (Saturday)
GOLF — EPGA Tour: The Saudi International, Third Round, King Abdullah Economic City, Saudi Arabia
NBA BASKETBALL
8 p.m.
ESPN — Dallas at Houston
10:30 p.m.
ESPN — Portland at LA Lakers
NHL HOCKEY
7 p.m.
ATT — Philadelphia at Pittsburgh
SKIING
4:30 p.m.
NBCSN — FIS: U.S. Grand Prix, Halfpipe, Mammoth Mountain, Calif.
SNOWBOARDING
12:30 p.m.
NBCSN — FIS: U.S. Grand Prix, Slopestyle, Mammoth Mountain, Calif.
SOCCER (MEN'S)
2:20 p.m.
FS2 — Bundesliga: Schalke at Hertha Berlin
TENNIS
3:30 a.m.
ESPN — The Australian Open: Men's Semifinal, Melbourne, Australia
2 p.m.
ESPN2 — The Australian Open: Men's Semifinal, Melbourne, Australia (taped)
7:15 p.m.
TENNIS — The Australian Open: Girl's & Boy's Singles Championships, Melbourne, Australia

ton 0-0 0-0. Totals 29-49 28-35 91.
3-Point Goals: Daggett 2, Day 2, Hogsett 2, Currey, Seese; Vargo 3, Holler.
PS 11 12 15 32 — 70
WP 26 24 18 23 — 91
Hundred 70, Valley 62
V — Baker 2 3-3 7; Satterfield 3 2-2 8; Anderson 4 0-0 11; Bassett 1 0-2 2; Shannon 6 0-0 16; Streets 4 4-4 12; Hall 0 1-2 1; L. Bassett 2 0-0 5, Totals 22 10-13 62.
H — Norris 4 4-4 13; Soles 9 4-4 23; Stevens 2 0-0 6; Baker 6 2-5 18; Hostutler 4 0-0 8; Geho 0 2-2 2, Totals 25 12-15 70.
3-Point Goals: Anderson 3, Shannon 4, L. Bassett; Norris, Soles, Stevens 2, Baker 4.
Valley 9 17 26 10 — 62
Hundred 9 22 21 18 — 70
Steubenville 53, Weir 37
W — Spencer 2 3-4 9; McUmar 1 5-6 7; Reiter 1 0-0 2; Gillette 0 0-0 0; Cross 2 0-0 5; Nosko 1 0-1 2; Kelly 0 0-0 0; Nutter 1 0-0 2; Mikula 4 1-2 10, Totals: 12 9-13 37.
S — Jones 3 0-0 6; Sawyer 3 0-2 8; Gresko 1 0-0 3; Bickerstaff 8 2-8 18; Zimmerman 1 0-0 2; Krause 1 0-0 3; Owens 0 3-4 3; Jackson 1 2-2 4; McCoy 2 2-4 6, Totals: 20 9-20 53.
3-Point Goals: Spencer 2, Cross, Mikula; (Sawyer 2, Gresko, Krause.
Weir 9 9 5 15 — 37
Steubenville 18 10 15 — 53
Harrison Central 61
Buckeye Local 47
B — Taylor 5 1-3 13; Novak 0 0-0 0; McHugh 1 0-0 2; Pielech 0 0-0 0; Moffo 2 2-3 6; Mayle 1 2-2 5; Grabits 3 2-2 8; Best 1 0-0 3; L. Darrah 2 0-0 4; H. Darrah 3 0-1 6, Totals: 18 7-11 47.
H — Mitchell 14 12-16 43; Capers 1 1-2 4; Mazerowski 2 0-0 6; McAfee 0 0-0 0; Vermillion 2 3-6 7; Madzia 0 0-0 0; Jones 0 0-0 0; Brooks 0 0-0 0; Mattern 0 0-0 0; Arbaugh 0 1-2 1, Totals: 19 17-26 61.
3-Point Goals: Taylor 2, Mayle, Best; Mitchell 3, Mazerowski 2, Capers.
Buckeye Local 10 14 19 4 — 47
H. Central 18 14 11 18 — 61

PREP HOCKEY
Wheeling Park 7
Wheeling Central 2
WC — Goals: Karnell, Smith. Assists: Smith, Brown. Goalkeeper: Barickman (15 saves).
WP — Goals: Abraham 3, T. Weekley 2, R. Weekley, Mendelson. Assists: Parshall 3, Carney 2, Woods, Brinker, Haller, T. Weekley. Goalkeeper: Dalton (18 saves).
Wheeling Central 1 1 0 — 2
Wheeling Park 2 2 3 — 7

PREP GIRLS
Bealsville 66
Wheeling Central 64
W — Horan 4, 0-0 10; Mills 0, 0-0 0; H. White 4, 8-13 16; Vogrin 2, 1-2 6; T. White 5, 1-2 11; Canestara 2, 2-4 7; Jones 7, 0-4 14.
B — Louden 6, 4-5 19; Howell 8, 2-4 19; Nalley 2, 0-0 4; Bommer 4, 1-5 10; Phillips 0, 1-2 1; Huffman 3, 2-4 10; Riley 1, 0-0 3. Totals: 24, 10-20 66.
3-Point Goals: Horan 2, Vogrin, Canestara; Louden 3, Howell, Bommer, Huffman 2, Riley.
Whg Central 15 17 14 18 — 64
Bealsville 18 13 18 17 — 66
Beaver Local 61
Toronto 32
B — Britt 0 0-0 0; Chen 1 0-0 3; Briggs 2 0-0 5; Kolkowski 4 0-0 8; Cline 4 0-0 9; Riccardo 10 2-3 24; Jordan 3 0-0 6; Cole 3 0-2 6; Keller 0 0-0 0; Palmer 0 0-0 0. Totals: 27 2-5 61.
T — Cottrell 1 0-1 2; Beckwith 1 0-0 2; Liddick 2 2-2 7; Kinsey 1 3-4 5; M. Anderson 3 3-6 9; Burruss 0 0-0 0; Jackson 1 0-0 3; Leasure 1 0-0 2; Thomas 1 0-0 2; J. Anderson 0 0-0 0; Grimes 0 0-0 0. Totals: 11 8-13 32.
3-Point Goals: Riccardo 2, Chen, Briggs, Cline; Liddick, Jackson.
Beaver Local 20 13 14 — 61
Toronto 5 9 11 7 — 32
Steubenville Catholic 71
Bridgeport 42
B — Roberts 1 0-0 2; Meleah Tiber 2 3-6 7; Tucker 7 5-6 22; Maurra Tiber 1 0-0 3; Stockwell 1 0-0 2; Perez 1 0-0 2; Bell 2 0-0 4. Totals 15 8-12 42.
S — Zatta 7 0-0 19; Harold 1 0-0 2; Green 3 2-2 9; Rohde 0 2-2 2; Fayak 0 0-0 0; Balzano 0 0-0 0; Grimm 3 0-0 7; Oliver 7 6-10 20; Kirkpatrick 0 0-0 0; Dong 0 0-0 0; Olszewski 6 0-0 12. Totals: 27 10-14 71.
3-Point Goals: Tucker 3, Maurra Tiber; Zatta 5; Green; Grimm.
Bridgeport 12 6 12 13 — 42
Steub. Cent. 18 12 12 13 — 71
Union Local 50
Linsly 49
L — Cook 2 0-0 6; Burwill 0 0-0 0; Pudobnik 0 0-0 0; Grimm 4 1-1 9; Heitz 3 0-0 9; Heran 4 1-1 9; Steen 5 3-5 16. Totals 18 5-7 49.
U — C. Kildow 5 3-4 13; Rex 0 0-0 0; T. Kildow 4 0-0 10; Cheatham 0 0-0 0; Merritt 2 2-2 8; Gregor 2 2-2 6; Vinskovich 4 5-7 13. Totals 17 12-15 50.
3-Point Goals: Steen 3, Heitz 3; Kildow 2
Linsly 8 14 13 14 — 49
Union Local 9 17 12 12 — 50

NFL GLANCE
Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 4
Houston 22, Buffalo 19, OT
Tennessee 20, New England 13
Sunday, Jan. 5
Minnesota 26, New Orleans 20, OT
Seattle 17, Philadelphia 9
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 11
San Francisco 27, Minnesota 10
Tennessee 28, Baltimore 12
Sunday, Jan. 12
Kansas City 51, Houston 31
Green Bay 28, Seattle 23
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 19
Kansas City 35, Tennessee 24
San Francisco 37, Green Bay 20
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 26
At Orlando, Fla.
AFC 38, NFC 33
Super Bowl
Sunday
At Miami Gardens, Fla.
Kansas City vs. San Francisco, 6:30 p.m. (FOX)

CHICAGO BEARS — Signed DB Tre Roberson to a two-year contract.
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Promotion Dan Fitcher to quarterbacks coach.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — The Green Bay Packers have parted ways with wide receivers coach Alvin Whitted.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Named Anthony Midget secondary coach.
Canadian Football League
EDMONTON Eskimos — Signed DL Malik Dorton, Justin Horton and Quincy Redmon. Signed S Jordan Hoover to a contract extension through the 2021 season.
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Released CB Dexter Janke.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
DETROIT RED WINGS — Recalled D Dennis Cholowski and Fs Givani Smith and Filip Zadina from Grand Rapids (AHL).
EDMONTON OILERS — Recalled LW Tyler Benson and D William Lagesson from the Bakersfield Condors (AHL).
AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE
BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS — Acquired LW Dylan Sadowy from Utica Comets to complete a previous trade and lent him to Worcester (ECHL).
LEHIGH VALLEY PHANTOMS — Loaned D Eric Knodel to Reading (ECHL). Announced G Felix Smeets was reassigned to the team from Reading.
ECHL — Suspended Utah's Peter Tischnke one game and fined him an undisclosed amount for his actions during a Jan. 29 game at Atlanta.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
INTER MIAMI — Signed D Nicolas Figal using Targeted Allocation Money.
NEW YORK RED BULLS — Signed D Mandala Ego.
PORTLAND TIMBERS — Acquired F Jaroslav Nizozgoda as a Designated Player via transfer from Ekstraklasa (Poland)

NHL
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division
GP W L OT Pts GF GA
Boston 51 29 10 12 70 169 135
Tampa Bay 50 30 15 5 65 181 142
Florida 49 28 16 5 61 193 163
Toronto 51 27 17 7 61 186 170
Montreal 52 23 22 7 53 169 162
Buffalo 51 22 22 7 51 149 160
Ottawa 50 18 23 9 45 138 169
Detroit 51 12 35 4 28 109 199
Metropolitan Division
GP W L OT Pts GF GA
Washington 51 34 12 5 73 155 117
Pittsburgh 50 31 14 5 67 168 136
Islanders 49 29 15 5 63 143 132
Columbus 51 27 16 8 62 138 138
Carolina 50 29 18 3 61 159 132
Philadelphia 50 27 17 6 60 158 150
Rangers 48 23 21 4 50 158 159
New Jersey 50 18 24 8 44 135 182
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division
GP W L OT Pts GF GA
St. Louis 51 31 12 8 70 164 141
Colorado 49 28 15 6 62 179 143
Dallas 50 28 18 4 69 131 127
Nashville 50 24 19 7 55 169 168
Chicago 51 24 21 6 54 155 161
Winnipeg 51 25 22 4 54 152 169
Minnesota 50 23 21 6 52 156 165
Pacific Division
GP W L OT Pts GF GA
Vancouver 51 29 18 4 62 170 152
Calgary 52 27 19 6 60 143 155
Edmonton 50 26 13 6 58 158 157
Vegas 52 25 20 7 57 161 150
Arizona 52 26 21 5 57 149 142
San Jose 52 22 26 4 48 136 174
Anaheim 50 20 25 5 45 128 166
Los Angeles 51 18 28 5 41 127 162
NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.
Wednesday's Games
Nashville 5, Washington 4
Toronto 5, Dallas 3
Anaheim 4, Arizona 2
Tampa Bay 4, Los Angeles 2
Vancouver 5, San Jose 2
Calgary 4, Edmonton 3, SO
Thursday's Games
Montreal 3, Buffalo 1
Nashville 6, New Jersey 5, SO
Los Angeles at Arizona, late
Friday's Games
Detroit at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Vegas at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
St. Louis at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Columbus at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Vancouver at N.Y. Islanders, 1 p.m.
Florida at Montreal, 2 p.m.
Colorado at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Toronto, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
Boston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Arizona, 8 p.m.
Vegas at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 10 p.m.
Anaheim at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Pittsburgh at Washington, 12:30 p.m.
Columbus at Montreal, 2 p.m.
Vancouver at Carolina, 2 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING
7th Annual OVAC
Bill Hinegardner Duals
Class 3A/4A
(at Moundsville Jr. High Fieldhouse)
Championship
Oak Glen 64, Barnesville 7
132—Ethan Lively (OG) p. Cody Szabo, 1:56; 138—Camden O'Connor (OG) p. Bryce Hall, 1:45; 145—Jonathan Creese (OG) d. Jacob Boulet, 5:3; 152—Peyton Hall (OG) p. Cameron Woods, 3:45; 160—Owen Oliver (B) d. Chase Smith, 6:1; 170—Dylan Heinrich (OG) md. Brad Hall, 10:1; 182—Kylar O'Connor (OG) p. Drew Holsky, 1:10; 195—Caiden Adams (OG) p. Trey Warner, 1:33; 220—Danny Bealles (OG) p. Avery Clouse, 1:11; 285—Josh Blake (OG) p. Jady Lucas, 0:43; 106—Camden Barr (OG) won by forfeit; 113—Griffen Stephen (B) md. Braxton Dlugopolski, 17:5; 120—Clayton Lamb (OG) d. Carter Wells, 7:1; 126—Kaden Lundy (OG) p. George Hoover, 3:27
Class 1A/2A
Championship
Shenandoah 63, Shadyside 12
132—Andrew Brown (Sha) p. Tyler Bruer, 3:20; 138—Laramie Giesey (She) won by forfeit; 145—Nick Blackburn (She) p. Billy Baker, 0:25; 152—Wesley Guy (She) p. Devan Robinson, 0:28; 160—Joey Vincent (She) p. Nico Bumba, 0:23; 170—Jakob Klug (Sha) p. Levi Moore, 2:48; 182—Briar Portman (She) p. Hunter Minney, 0:12; 195—Tanner DeVold (She) p. Jacob Brown, 0:10; 220—Chandler Warner (She) d. Jalob Honeywell, 5:3 SV; 285—Easton Hitchens (She) p. Brandon Doty, 0:09

AREA NOTES
Moundsville Girls' Softball Signups
The Moundsville girls' softball association will be holding its annual signups in Room 103 at the Sanford Center. The signups will be Friday, Jan. 31 from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 1 from 9 a.m.-noon. Cost is \$35 per girl, but no more than \$60 a family. For questions, please call Shawn Rine at 304-312-1195.
Softball Umpire Training Class Stated
A training class to become registered as a high school softball umpire in both Ohio and West Virginia will begin on Sunday, Feb. 2 and run seven consecutive weeks. The classes on Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, March 1 and 22 will run from noon until 1:30 p.m., while the class on March 15 will go from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. All meetings will be held at Wheeling University. For more information, please contact Tom Bechtel at 304-639-6236 or via email at rebet@comcast.net, or Bob Gabel at 304-281-5656 or via email at bobref@gmail.com
SJC Academy Softball Camp
St. John Central Academy in Bellaire is holding "Softball Camp 2020." It will consist of three Sundays, focusing on fundamentals. The camp will be conducted on Feb. 9, Feb. 16 and Feb. 23. It will be held in the high school gym. The camp will be split into two sessions. Grades 1-4 will go from noon to 2 p.m. while grades 5-8 will go from 3-5 p.m. Cost of the camp is \$20 which includes an awards ceremony and T shirt. In addition to fundamentals, the camp will feature practice with pitchers and batting practice. For more information or to register, call 740-921-9220.
Uniontown Basketball Tournament
The Uniontown (PA) High School Hall of Fame is hosting a basketball tournament Feb. 23-29 for girls and boys in grades 3-10. Each grade has its own division, and grades 7-10 also have big/small school divisions. There is a three-game minimum with flex scheduling, and teams must start no later than Feb. 22. The cost is \$150 if paid by Feb. 7, and awards will be given to the top two teams in each division. For more information, contact Jes Hutson at jeh20@psu.edu or 724-366-9693.

BRIDGEPORT 42
STEUBENVILLE — Isabella Oliver netted 20 points and Katie Zatta supplied 19 as Steubenville Catholic rolled past Bridgeport.
Hannah Olszewski garnered 12 for the Crusaders (12-7).
Jaren Tucker paced the Bulldogs (2-17) with 22 points.

GIRLS
Bealsville 66
Wheeling Central 64
Bealsville — Ashlie Louden and Ashley Howell both powered night as he tallied 43 points as Harrison Central defeated Buckeye Local.
Hayden Taylor led the way for the Panthers with 13 points.

VARGO
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"I was pretty hot in the first half so when I got closer, my teammates started to look for me a lot."
"It was real nerve-wracking. It means a lot because this record has been standing for 22 years."
Parkersburg South (7-5) scored the first six points, only to have Wheeling Park (12-3) answer with an 11-0 run to take the lead and never looked back.
Vargo scored 15 points during the first eight minutes, while teammate Xavier Morris also provided a spark with 11 points.
Vargo missed his first shot of the second quarter, but went 5-for-5 the rest of the stanza, including a free throw from an and-1, to go into the locker room with 27 and Park with a commanding 50-23 lead.
He added nine more in the third quarter, including a 3-pointer at the buzzer as heads turned toward Wheeling Park bookkeeper and the authority on all things relating to school records in Pete Chacallos.
Vargo was getting there, but it wasn't going to be easy. In fact, he had to do most of his damage from the free-throw line as he only connected on three field goals in the final quarter.
He had knocked down 11 straight free throws in the game before finally missing. He was 19 of 22 for the game.
The final four minutes of the game were a foul fest.
When Parkersburg South had the ball, Wheeling Park reserves fouled to make sure they could get Vargo the ball back. South players were playing to the end and double-teaming Vargo to keep him from setting the record.
Late in the game, he broke free and was driving toward the basket when he was fouled one point shy of the record.
He was true on both as Jebbia called timeout and greeted him with a hug as he reached the

bench.
"He said I deserved it, he knows all the work I put in and said he was proud of me," Vargo said. "When I was in the 40s, I started thinking I could get it. I thought he might have pulled me early like he did some of the previous games, but when I saw four guys at the scorer's table, I figured he would leave me in."
It was a record Jebbia was happy to pass on.
"It was special and you get into a rhythm and you really start feeling it," Jebbia said. "You really have to have a good first half and he did that at half-time with 27 points. Our guys were looking to get him the ball."
"Alex has put more time in than any basketball player that I have coached in 14 years. He deserves it. Twenty-two years is long enough for a record and I am so proud of him. That first half of basketball we played so well as a team."
"We kid around all the time (about me pulling him so he couldn't get the record) because there are games we have sat him in the fourth quarter. Parkersburg South is a great basketball program and sometimes that gets tough at the end. This was a chance for him to have a special night and he has invested so much time and I just thought it was the right time to let him try and break the record."
"The team was excited and our chemistry is really moving right now. Guys are accepting roles and we have a tough next week with University coming in Tuesday (as well as Morgantown next Friday)."
Vargo sits at 1,370 points, fourth all-time in school history and 281 points shy of the all-time mark (1,651) held by Jebbia.
Along with Vargo, Morris kept his string of solid games going with 16 points. Travis Zimmerman added 10.
Cam Marks led South with 21 points. Dylan Day added 13.

WHEELING PARK 7
WHEELING CENTRAL 2
WC — Goals: Karnell, Smith. Assists: Smith, Brown. Goalkeeper: Barickman (15 saves).
WP — Goals: Abraham 3, T. Weekley 2, R. Weekley, Mendelson. Assists: Parshall 3, Carney 2, Woods, Brinker, Haller, T. Weekley. Goalkeeper: Dalton (18 saves).
Wheeling Central 1 1 0 — 2
Wheeling Park 2 2 3 — 7

PREP GIRLS
Bealsville 66
Wheeling Central 64
W — Horan 4, 0-0 10; Mills 0, 0-0 0; H. White 4, 8-13 16; Vogrin 2, 1-2 6; T. White 5, 1-2 11; Canestara 2, 2-4 7; Jones 7, 0-4 14.
B — Louden 6, 4-5 19; Howell 8, 2-4 19; Nalley 2, 0-0 4; Bommer 4, 1-5 10; Phillips 0, 1-2 1; Huffman 3, 2-4 10; Riley 1, 0-0 3. Totals: 24, 10-20 66.
3-Point Goals: Horan 2, Vogrin, Canestara; Louden 3, Howell, Bommer, Huffman 2, Riley.
Whg Central 15 17 14 18 — 64
Bealsville 18 13 18 17 — 66
Beaver Local 61
Toronto 32
B — Britt 0 0-0 0; Chen 1 0-0 3; Briggs 2 0-0 5; Kolkowski 4 0-0 8; Cline 4 0-0 9; Riccardo 10 2-3 24; Jordan 3 0-0 6; Cole 3 0-2 6; Keller 0 0-0 0; Palmer 0 0-0 0. Totals: 27 2-5 61.
T — Cottrell 1 0-1 2; Beckwith 1 0-0 2; Liddick 2 2-2 7; Kinsey 1 3-4 5; M. Anderson 3 3-6 9; Burruss 0 0-0 0; Jackson 1 0-0 3; Leasure 1 0-0 2; Thomas 1 0-0 2; J. Anderson 0 0-0 0; Grimes 0 0-0 0. Totals: 11 8-13 32.
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Beaver Local 20 13 14 — 61
Toronto 5 9 11 7 — 32
Steubenville Catholic 71
Bridgeport 42
B — Roberts 1 0-0 2; Meleah Tiber 2 3-6 7; Tucker 7 5-6 22; Maurra Tiber 1 0-0 3; Stockwell 1 0-0 2; Perez 1 0-0 2; Bell 2 0-0 4. Totals 15 8-12 42.
S — Zatta 7 0-0 19; Harold 1 0-0 2; Green 3 2-2 9; Rohde 0 2-2 2; Fayak 0 0-0 0; Balzano 0 0-0 0; Grimm 3 0-0 7; Oliver 7 6-10 20; Kirkpatrick 0 0-0 0; Dong 0 0-0 0; Olszewski 6 0-0 12. Totals: 27 10-14 71.
3-Point Goals: Tucker 3, Maurra Tiber; Zatta 5; Green; Grimm.
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Union Local 50
Linsly 49
L — Cook 2 0-0 6; Burwill 0 0-0 0; Pudobnik 0 0-0 0; Grimm 4 1-1 9; Heitz 3 0-0 9; Heran 4 1-1 9; Steen 5 3-5 16. Totals 18 5-7 49.
U — C. Kildow 5 3-4 13; Rex 0 0-0 0; T. Kildow 4 0-0 10; Cheatham 0 0-0 0; Merritt 2 2-2 8; Gregor 2 2-2 6; Vinskovich 4 5-7 13. Totals 17 12-15 50.
3-Point Goals: Steen 3, Heitz 3; Kildow 2
Linsly 8 14 13 14 — 49
Union Local 9 17 12 12 — 50

PREP WRESTLING
7th Annual OVAC
Bill Hinegardner Duals
Class 3A/4A
(at Moundsville Jr. High Fieldhouse)
Championship
Oak Glen 64, Barnesville 7
132—Ethan Lively (OG) p. Cody Szabo, 1:56; 138—Camden O'Connor (OG) p. Bryce Hall, 1:45; 145—Jonathan Creese (OG) d. Jacob Boulet, 5:3; 152—Peyton Hall (OG) p. Cameron Woods, 3:45; 160—Owen Oliver (B) d. Chase Smith, 6:1; 170—Dylan Heinrich (OG) md. Brad Hall, 10:1; 182—Kylar O'Connor (OG) p. Drew Holsky, 1:10; 195—Caiden Adams (OG) p. Trey Warner, 1:33; 220—Danny Bealles (OG) p. Avery Clouse, 1:11; 285—Josh Blake (OG) p. Jady Lucas, 0:43; 106—Camden Barr (OG) won by forfeit; 113—Griffen Stephen (B) md. Braxton Dlugopolski, 17:5; 120—Clayton Lamb (OG) d. Carter Wells, 7:1; 126—Kaden Lundy (OG) p. George Hoover, 3:27
Class 1A/2A
Championship
Shenandoah 63, Shadyside 12
132—Andrew Brown (Sha) p. Tyler Bruer, 3:20; 138—Laramie Giesey (She) won by forfeit; 145—Nick Blackburn (She) p. Billy Baker, 0:25; 152—Wesley Guy (She) p. Devan Robinson, 0:28; 160—Joey Vincent (She) p. Nico Bumba, 0:23; 170—Jakob Klug (Sha) p. Levi Moore, 2:48; 182—Briar Portman (She) p. Hunter Minney, 0:12; 195—Tanner DeVold (She) p. Jacob Brown, 0:10; 220—Chandler Warner (She) d. Jalob Honeywell, 5:3 SV; 285—Easton Hitchens (She) p. Brandon Doty, 0:09

Wheeling Park holding a dominating lead, Coach Michael Jebbia sent his reserves to the scorer's table.

Four entered, but the coach elected to keep senior star Alex Vargo in the game.

Vargo was sitting at 44 points — two less than Parkersburg South had as a team at the time — and eight points shy of tying the record for the top single game in school history.

With everyone in the Palace on the Hill cheering him, Vargo etched his name into school history with 16 seconds remaining, knocking down a free throw to tie and his second to give him 53 points to set a new standard for Wheeling Park basketball in a 91-70 victory against Parkersburg South.

Coincidentally, it was a mark that was previously held by Jebbia, set against Brooke in January 1998.

"It is a good feeling and I have been jacking him about it since the start of the season," Vargo said.

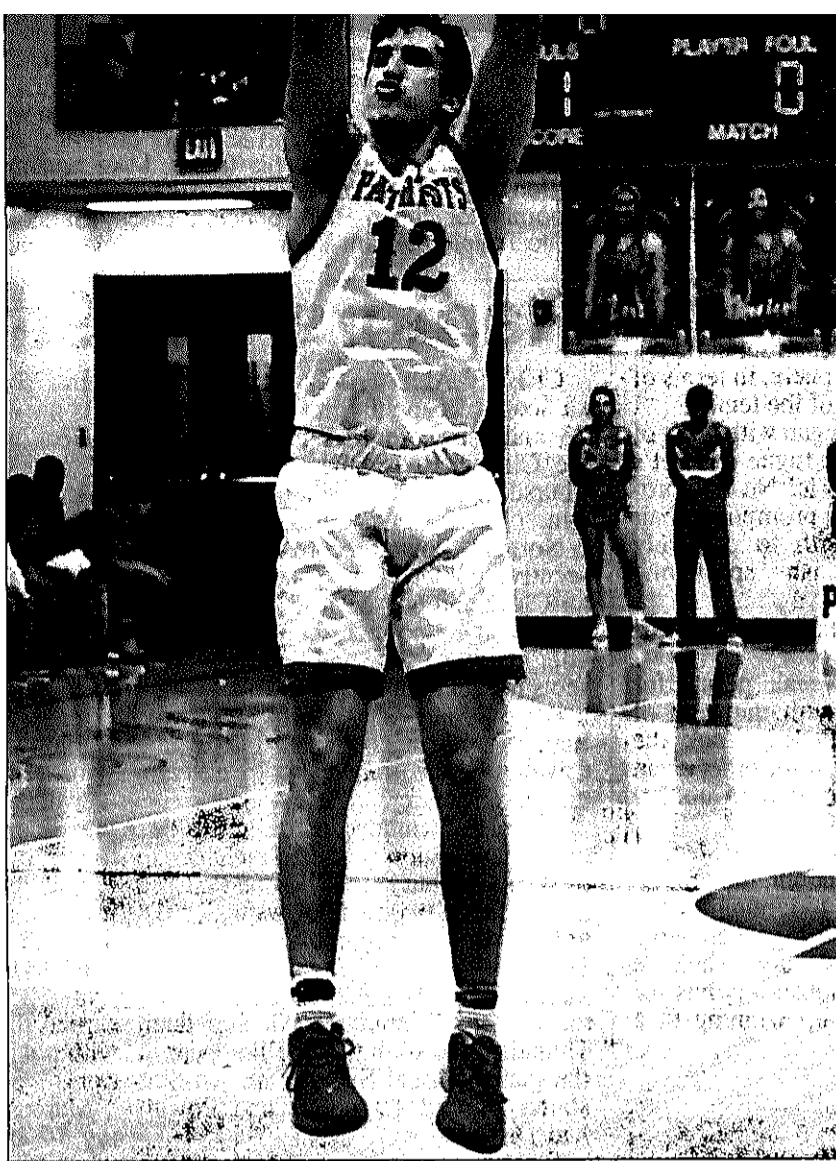


Photo by Kyle Lutz
Wheeling Park's Alex Vargo shoots a 3-pointer during Thursday's game against Parkersburg South. Vargo finished the night with 53 points, breaking the single-game school record set by coach Michael Jebbia.

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Photo by Cody Tomer
Wheeling Park's Liam Carney, left, corrals the puck against the wall, while Wheeling Central's Kyle Brown gives chase during Thursday's hockey game at WesBanco Arena.

Patriots Surge Past Knights

By **CODY TOMER**
Staff Writer

WHEELING — Senior Night for Wheeling Park's hockey team had an extra dose of motivation on Thursday night.

The Patriots faced off against rival Wheeling Central on their special night and they made it a memorable one.

Wheeling Park senior Spencer Abraham recorded a hat trick to lead his team to a 7-2 triumph over the Maroon Knights.

"It feels good and the team feels good," Abraham said.

"It's always good when you're a senior. Now, I'm looking forward to working hard and trying to bring in the ring. Winning state is the goal."

Fellow senior Tyler Weekley delivered two goals and an assist, while classmate Andrew Dalton collected 18 saves.

After falling behind 4-2 heading into the third period, the Knights had an opportunity to regain the momentum on the power play.

However, the Patriots killed the man-advantage and then reeled off three third period power play goals to seal a victory.

"That was huge," Abraham said. "It was pretty close and they had some momentum but I think we did our job and closed it out in the third."

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Oak Glen, Shenandoah Win OVAC Dual Titles

Golden Bears secure 3A/4A championship

By **KIM NORTH**
For The Intelligencer
WELLSBURG

Being the underdog isn't so bad. Just ask Oak Glen wrestling coach Patrick McGillian. His Golden Bears entered Thursday night's 7th annual OVAC Bill Hinegardner Class 3A/4A Dual Meet Championships as the No. 4 seed.

They left as champions after edging past top-seeded St. Clairsville, 37-31, in the semifinals. Then roared past No. 2 Barnesville, 64-7, in the championship match. The Shamrocks had defeated third-seeded Linsley, 66-18, in the other semi. The Red Devils then pinned the Cadets,

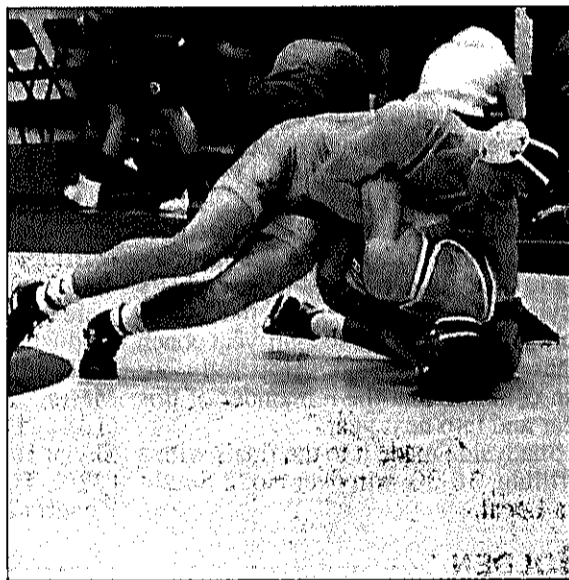


Photo by Kim North
Oak Glen's Peyton Hall, top, grapples with Barnesville's Cameron Wood during the OVAC Class 3A/4A Dual Thursday.

60-24, for third place. "The kids wrestled well. Even though we were the fourth seed I thought we could be the second seed," McGillian said. "We knew

the St. Clairsville dual (in the semifinals) was going to be tough. The kids battled and battled and we came out on top.

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Zeps capture 1A/2A plaque

By **KIM NORTH**
For The Intelligencer
WELLSBURG

The days and years on the calendar may change, but Shenandoah winning OVAC Bill Hinegardner Dual Meet Championships doesn't.

The top-seeded Zeps three-peated Thursday night by claiming the Class 1A/2A title with a 63-12 triumph over No. 3 Shadyside after disposing of fourth-seeded Bridgeport, 48-21, in the semifinals.

In 2018-18, Shenandoah won the Class 1A/2A title. Last year it prevailed in Class 3A.

"We're just building momentum toward the end of the season," Shenandoah coach Jesse Wells said. "It feels really good in how far we've come in a short

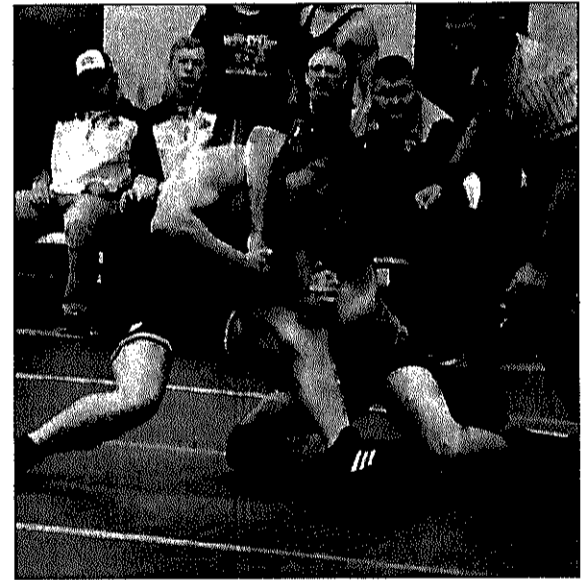


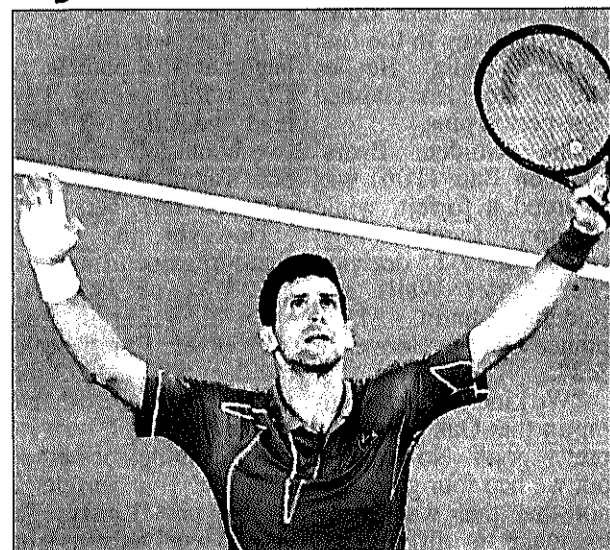
Photo by Kim North
Shadyside's Jakob Klug, right, and Shenandoah's Jason Levi are locked up in their 170-pound bout.

amount of time. The kids have bought in and worked really hard. It's an awesome feeling."

The Zeps were led by OVAC Ron Mauck Tournament champion Easton Hitchens (285) and runnerup Alex Overly (120). The Tigers, who barely finished the season a year ago after a dominant

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Djokovic Adds to Slam Streak vs. Federer at Aussie Open



AP Photo
Novak Djokovic celebrates after defeating Roger Federer in their semifinal match.

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**
AP Tennis Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — Novak Djokovic was wondering, right along with everyone else, what sort of shape Roger Federer would be in for their Australian Open semifinal.

At age 38, despite dealing with a painful groin muscle and coming off a draining five-setter, Federer came out just fine, it seemed, and soon was up 4-1 and love-40, holding a trio of break chances as Djokovic served.

Didn't last. Federer couldn't sustain that level. Neither his body nor Djokovic would let him.

Casting aside a bit of a poor start during the rivals' 50th meeting, Djokovic stretched his Grand Slam winning streak against Federer to

six in a row with a 7-6 (1), 6-4, 6-3 victory Thursday night that earned the defending champion a record eighth trip to the final at Melbourne Park.

"Today was horrible, to go through what I did. Nice entrance. Nice sendoff. And in between, it's one to forget, because you know you have a 3% chance to win," Federer said, adding that he discussed beforehand with his team how bad things would need to get for him to stop playing. "Once you can see it coming, that it's not going to work anymore, it's tough."

Djokovic now leads their head-to-head series 27-23, including 11-6 at majors. Federer hasn't beaten him at one of the sport's four most important tournaments since 2012.

"I just want to say, respect to Roger for coming out tonight. He was obviously hurt," Djokovic said. "Wasn't at his best."

The No. 2-seeded Djokovic will try to collect a record-extending eighth Australian Open title on Sunday against No. 5 Dominic Thiem or No. 7 Alexander Zverev.

Djokovic also can claim a 17th major trophy overall to move closer to Federer's record of 20. Rafael Nadal, beaten by Thiem in the quarterfinals, is at 19.

In the women's final Saturday, it'll be two-time major champion Garbine Muguruza of Spain against 21-year-old Sofia Kenin of the United States. It's Kenin's debut in a Grand Slam title match.

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Clearly, for Djokovic vs. Federer, everything hinged on the first hour or so.

They played on a muggy, sweltering evening, with the temperature in the high 90s (high 30s Celsius) and no breeze to offer respite.

Almost from the moment his wild quarterfinal ended Tuesday after he'd saved seven match points and eked past Tennys Sandgren in five sets, speculation swirled about how well Federer would recover.

Might the muscle issue force him to pull out of the tournament? Why didn't he practice Wednesday?

As it happens, Federer showed up, of course. And gave what he could until the end.

He's never handed an opponent a walkover across more than 400 Grand Slam matches, never retired from any of his more than 1,500 career tour-level matches.

"I don't think I would have gone on court if I had no chance to win," Federer said. "We saw I was still able to make a match out of it."

Indeed, Federer appeared to be managing just fine at the outset.

And, oh, did this match set out well, in terms of the atmosphere, in terms of the tension, in terms of the tennis.

The proceedings began with a jolt of a 14-point game as a fugue of "Let's go, Roger!" and "No-le! No-le!" provided the soundtrack, prompting chair umpire Nico Helwerth to passively aggressively admonish spectators: "Please. Thank you."

There was an exchange of 17 strokes. Another of 15.

There were two break points for Djokovic, nullified with the help of formidable serves. Federer took the game with three aces, three other clean winners and then broke to go up 2-0 on his way to 4-1.

Soon it was nearly 5-1 in Federer's favor. Close doesn't count, though.

Djokovic put up too much resistance, much like during their epic Wimbledon final last July, when he thwarted two championship points for Federer and wound up winning in a fifth-set tiebreaker.

Raptors Win 9th Straight

CLEVELAND (AP) — Serge Ibaka scored 26 points, Kyle Lowry had 23 and the Toronto Raptors held off the Cleveland Cavaliers 115-109 on Thursday night for their ninth straight win.

Norman Powell scored eight consecutive points in the final minute after Cleveland cut the lead to 105-104. Powell hit a 3-pointer, scored on a layup after making a steal and sank three foul shots to seal the win.

Powell's late-game flurry helped the Raptors stifle a comeback bid by the Cavaliers, who trailed 88-75 early in the fourth quarter.

Cleveland trimmed its deficit to one on three occasions and had a chance to tie the game, but Darius Garland missed the second of two free throws with 1:18 to play, leaving Toronto's lead at 105-104.

Lowry was selected as a reserve on the Eastern Conference All-Star team Thursday, the sixth time he'll appear in the game. Pascal Siakam, an All-Star starter, scored 19 points and Powell had 16.

Ibaka started in place of Marc Gasol, who is out indefinitely after re-injuring his left hamstring Tuesday against Atlanta.

WIZARDS 121, HORNETS 107
WASHINGTON (AP) — Bradley Beal had 34 points, nine rebounds and nine assists after he was snubbed for an All-Star selection, and the Washington Wizards beat the Charlotte Hornets. Miles Bridges led Charlotte with 23

points. Terry Rozier had 21. The Hornets have lost nine of 10 and 15 of 18.

Beal, who had been named to the All-Star Game the previous two years, failed to make the East team as a reserve in results that were revealed shortly before game time.

HAWKS 127, 76ERS 117
ATLANTA (AP) — All-Star Trae Young had 39 points and a career-high 18 assists to lead the Atlanta Hawks past Ben Simmons and Philadelphia, extending the 76ers' road woes.

Simmons scored 31 points to lead Philadelphia. Shake Milton had a career-high 27 points — 14 more than his previous high — but it wasn't enough to improve the 76ers' poor road record. Philadelphia, 22-2 at home, fell to 9-16 in away games.

CELTICS 119, WARRIORS 104
BOSTON (AP) — Gordon Hayward scored 25 points and the Boston Celtics earned their fifth victory in six games with a win over the Golden State Warriors.

Marcus Smart added 21 points, scoring 17 in the second half on a night when Boston became the latest team to offer a tribute to Kobe Bryant following his death in a helicopter crash.

Jayson Tatum, who was named to his first All-Star team before the game, returned to the lineup after missing three games with a right groin strain. He finished with 20 points in 24 minutes.

D'Angelo Russell led the Warriors, who lost their fifth straight, with 22 points. Alec Burks scored 18.

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run several years back, received victories from Andrew Brown (132) and Jakob Klug (170).

"From where we were last year with only four kids to where we are now being OVAC runnersup team-wise, that's obviously a great direction that we're going in," Shadyside second-year coach Chase Kinemond said. "Hopefully, we can continue that the remainder of this year and into next year."

Shadyside made it to the finals with a thrilling, 36-30, win over No. 2 Southern Local.

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"We kept the momentum going into the final and the kids just kept wrestling hard. We're gearing up for the post-season, so coming in here and winning this should give the kids a lot of confidence."

The championship match began at 132 pounds and Oak Glen never looked back after Ethan Lively gave them a 6-0 lead with a first-period pin of Cody Szabo. The Golden Bears prevailed in the first four bouts in grabbing a 21-0 advantage.

Camden O'Connor (138) made it 12-0 with another first-period fall of Bryce Hall. Jonathan Creese (145) edged by Jacob Boulet, 5-3, while nationally ranked Peyton Hall (152) pinned Cameron Woods in 3:45.

Barnesville finally got on the board when Owen Oliver (160) defeated Chase Smith, 6-1, but the Shamrocks wouldn't taste victory again until Griffen Stephen (113) scored a 17-5 major decision over Braxton Dlu-

The Tigers competed without four regulars in Kooper Chimley (126), Brendan Schrader (145), Rhys Francis (160) and William Robinson (182).

Bridgeport defeated Southern Local, 40-27, for third place. The Bulldogs were the defending class champs but graduation losses took their toll.

Winning twice for Bridgeport were Mason Aberts (132), Peyton Pyle (138), D'Zayveon Richmond (145), Skylar Hatten (160) and Devin Danhart (220). The Bulldogs were without Zach Kuneff (285).

gopolski. In between, Oak Glen kept widening its margin with a 10-1 major decision by Dylan Heinrich (170) of Brad Hall. Consecutive pins from Kyler O'Connor (182), Caiden Adams (195), Danny Bealles (220) and Josh Blake (285) bumped the margin to 49-3, with Adams' fall in 1:33 of Trey Warner clinched the crown.

O'Connor took down Drew Holskey in the first period, while Bealles and Blake also claimed first-period pins.

The Golden Bears' Camden Barr (106) was awarded a forfeit, while Clayton Lamb (120) earned a 7-1 decision over Carter Wells and Kaden Lundy (126) pinned George Hoover in 3:27.

"We kind of knew coming in that Oak Glen was pretty good. No excuses but we had four guys out, not that that was going to make a difference," Barnesville head coach Jayson Stephen said of all three of his 106 pound-

ers, A.J. Francis (132), Caiden Thornton (138) and Austin Frame (170) who are all sidelined with injuries. "It is what it is. We didn't matchup very well and we had some kids that could've stepped up and won matches, but they didn't."

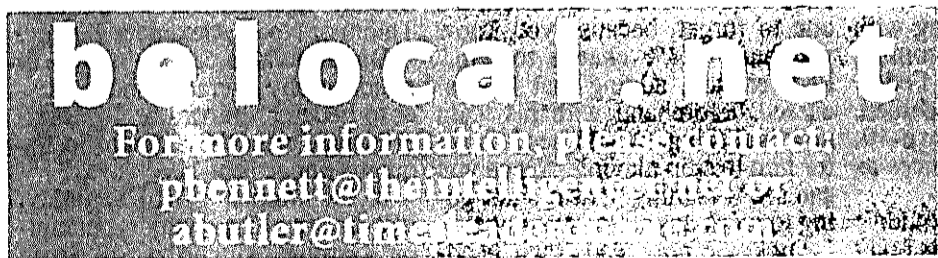
"Hopefully, we can get healthy and ready for New Lexington this weekend and then the sectionals."

In the semifinals that began at 126 pounds, St. Clairsville took a 13-0 lead and led 31-27 with two bouts left after Gannon Kazmirski (106) de- cisioned Barr, 7-2. However, the Golden Bears regained their lead at 33-31 on Dlugopolski's 2:58 pin of Zach McKeever. Lamb sealed the deal with a 12-2 major decision of Josh De- Noble. Barnesville used six pins and five forfeits in rolling past Linsly. The Cadets received pins from Steven Felton (195), Fabian Egger (220) and Chance Knight (285).



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OVAC Bill Hinegardner Dual Championships open Wednesday with Class 5A at JM

By KIM NORTH
Times Leader Sports Writer

Three defending champions are among the field for the seventh annual OVAC Bill Hinegardner Dual Meet championships this week. Wheeling Park (Class 5A), St. Clairsville (4A), Shenandoah (3A) and Bridgeport (Class 1A/2A) all won titles last winter when Mother Nature forced postponement of the event with a huge snow storm.

However, the number of divisions has been pared this year from four to three due to an inordinate number of teams not being eligible because they don't wrestle enough OVAC teams.

Champions will be declared in Class 5A, Class 3A/4A and Class 1A/2A. The Class 3A field was combined with the Class 4A schools due to a lack of eligible teams.

"It's disappointing that we have five classes and are only going to present three banners this season," meet director Jim Rocchi said at the OVAC Ron Mauck Tournament press conference earlier this month. "It's a shame that more teams don't compete."

The Class 5A championships will be held Wednesday at the John Marshall Fieldhouse in Moundsville. Weigh-ins take place at 5 p.m., with semifinal action beginning at 6.

Wheeling Park earned the top seed with a fine 15-2 mark. The Patriots

also finished as runnersup in the recent OVAC Ron Mauck Tournament. They will meet fourth-seeded Weir (5-2), which edged out John Marshall and Morgantown for the final spot.

In the other semifinal, a pair of Jefferson County squads — No. 2 Indian Creek (5-1) and No. 3 Steubenville (12-4) — will do battle.

The two semifinal winners will meet in the championship approximately 20 minutes after the last semifinal ends.

"It was nice to win last year but it was disappointing that we couldn't do it on the mat," second-year Wheeling Park head coach Brian Leggett said. "Our kids are excited to be able to defend that title. We try and wrestle all the OVAC teams we can before the cut-off so that we get good competition."

The Patriots defeated Steubenville earlier this season in dual-meet action. "It was a good dual," Leggett recalled. "All three of the other teams are quality teams."

On Thursday, the Class 1A/2A and Class 3A/Class 4A tournaments will be held at Brooke High School in Wellsburg. Like Wednesday night, weigh-ins are set for 5, with wrestling at 6.

Shenandoah has dropped down a division this year, but veteran head coach Jesse Wells likes his team's chances.

"I think we have a good shot at repeating," he said. "There are some good wrestlers and good teams in our division, but I think we've shown

throughout the season that we are wrestling at a high level."

The Zeps (6-1), who won the Class 1A/2A title at the OVAC Ron Mauck Tournament, will meet No. 4 Bridgeport (2-5) in one semifinal, while second-seeded Southern Local (6-7) and No. 3 Shadyside (3-5) meet in the other.

The two semifinal winners will meet in the championship approximately 20 minutes after the last semifinal ends.

In Class 3A/4A, St. Clairsville (10-0) is the top seed. Prior to winning the Class 4A title last year, the Red Devils were runnersup the previous two years.

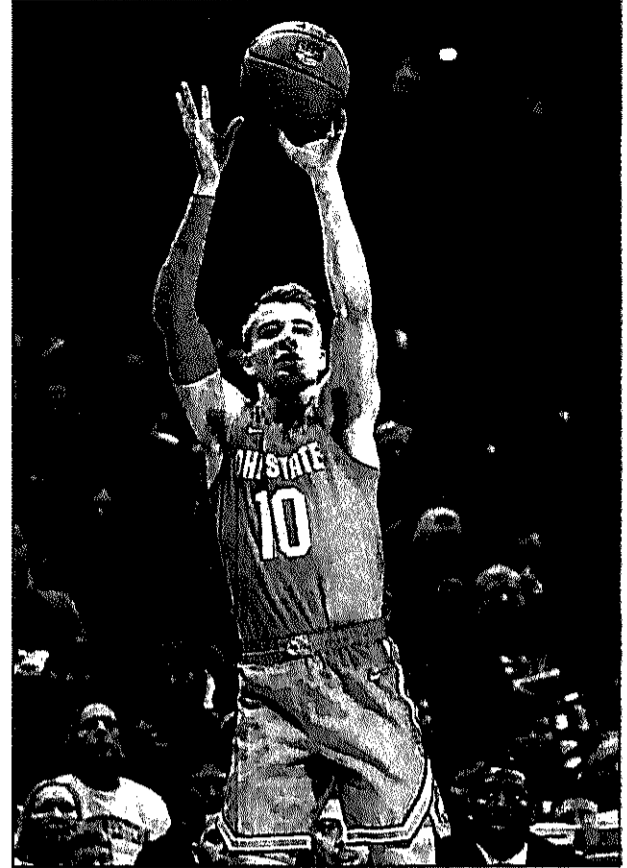
St. Clairsville faces No. 4 Oak Glen (8-5) in the semifinals.

"We've seen them at the OVACs and last week at the Brooke Classic," head coach Joel Sansone said of the Golden Bears. "Both teams had nice showings at the OVACs. I think bonus points will be huge. This is a tough first-round match, but you've got to beat the best to be the best."

The other semi has second-seeded Barnesville (6-0) and No. 3 Linsly (7-1) battling for a berth in the finals. Both have been Class 3A powers in the past.

"Barnesville is a really good Class 3A team," Sansone said. "They are solid."

The two winners will meet in the championship approximately 20 minutes after the last semifinal ends.



AP PHOTO

OHIO STATE forward Kyle Ahrens shoots against Northwestern during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in Evanston, Ill., Sunday.

Carton leads Ohio State past Northwestern 71-59

EVANSTON, Ill. (AP) — D.J. Carton was disappointed with his play. He wanted to deliver for his teammates on slumping Ohio State.

He felt much better after one impressive stretch on Sunday.

Carton scored 12 of his 17 points in the second half, helping the Buckeyes hold off lowly Northwestern for a sorely needed 71-59 win.

"I've been working hard on practice, and my teammates put a lot of belief in me and push me at practice," Carton said, "so it's starting to come along and my confidence is building."

Once ranked as high as No. 2 in the AP Top 25, the Buckeyes had dropped six of seven to plummet out of the poll altogether. But they got back on track behind their defense, holding the Wildcats to 26.7% shooting in the second half.

"I thought we tightened up," coach Chris Holtmann said. "I thought it really wasn't any significant adjustments on our part as much as I think the guys just played a little harder when they needed to."

Justin Ahrens made four 3-pointers and scored 12 points for Ohio State (13-7, 3-6 Big Ten). Kaleb Wesson had 11 points and nine rebounds, and his brother Andre also scored 11 points.

Led by Carton and Ahrens, the Buckeyes enjoyed a 39-10 advantage in points by reserves. Carton said the team has stayed positive despite its recent trouble.

"These next games are huge and we're going to need every one of them since we dug ourselves into a hole," he said. "We're going to need bench players to step up, and those toughness plays are going to have to be consistent throughout."

Northwestern (6-13, 1-8) lost for the ninth time in 10 games. Miller Kopp scored 20 points for the Wildcats, and Pat Spencer finished with 13.

"We're just going to keep fighting, come in every day," freshman Boo Buie said. "We're young, but we're not using it as an excuse. We're in these games. We know we can win these games."

"We're not going to stop until we find a way to win." Buie made a 3-pointer to give Northwestern a 44-41 lead with 14:44 left. But Ohio State responded with a 14-2 run.

Carton opened the decisive stretch with consecutive baskets, including a fast-break layup that put the Buckeyes ahead to stay. Ahrens capped the run with two 3s, making it 55-46 with 11:30 to go.

The Wildcats closed to 59-55 on Ryan Young's layup with 5:14 remaining. Carton then made a couple of big plays, sinking two foul shots and converting an acrobatic alley-oop off a pass from Duane Washington Jr.

"When the game was on the line those last five or six minutes, they stepped up," Northwestern coach Chris Collins said.

IN MOURNING

The death of former Los Angeles Lakers star Kobe Bryant was on the mind of each team. Bryant was killed in a helicopter crash in Southern California on Sunday.

Collins' father, Doug, played with Bryant's father, Joe, on the Philadelphia 76ers, and Chris Collins worked with Kobe Bryant when he served as an assistant coach for Team USA at the 2008 and 2012 Olympics.

"It's just a really a hard day," an emotional Collins said. "It puts it all in perspective."

Holtmann said he talked to his team about his Bryant's death before the game. Washington's uncle, Derek Fisher, played with Bryant with the Lakers, and Holtmann said it hit the sophomore guard particularly hard.

"I think anybody in this generation that has been in-

St. C. matmen, swimmers shine; UL boys prevail

WELLSBURG — Finishing second for the Patriots were Nate Shelek (120) and Erick Brothers Jr. (182). Third-place finishers included Stevie Mitchell (145), Billy Gooch (152) and Canon Welker (160).

The Red Devils were led by OVAC Ron Mauck Tournament champion Koen Kish (126). The junior moved to 25-2 with a 7-6 decision over Erie Cathedral Prep's Kaeman Smith. Kish recorded two pins and a pair of decisions en route to his title.

Senior Derek Witsberger (220) was runnerup to Erie Cathedral Prep's Dorian Crosby. Taking third was sophomore Caden Stout (138).

Oak Glen's Peyton Hall (152), who recently won his third OVAC Rom Mauck Tournament title, also continued his torrid streak by pinning Erie Cathedral Prep's Marques McClorin in the finals. It was his fourth fall of the event. He is now 34-2.

Hall and Fairmont Senior's Zach Frazier (285) were voted as co-Most Outstanding Wrestlers by tournament coaches. Both are three-time West Virginia state champions. Frazier is now 26-0.

West Holmes Invitational AT MILLERSBURG, Indian Creek (167.5) finished

third in the team race, while Barnesville (98) tied for ninth.

The Redskins had individual titlists in Austin Starr (170) and Elijah Llewellyn (195). Dom Paterra (138) and Gavin Dondzilla (182) were runnerups. Trevor Myers (120) and Tyler Smarella (220) were both third.

The Shamrocks's Griffen Stephen (113), Carter Wells (120), Jacob Boulet (145) and Owen Oliver (160) all finished fourth. Cameron Woods (152) was fifth.

Buck Bailey Invitational AT WELLSVILLE, Shadyside's Jakob Klug (170) finished second. The Tigers were ninth with 55 points.

Girls Basketball East Richland 36, Jefferson Co. Christian 32

ST. CLAIRSVILLE — Ava Brunner netted 20 points, while teammate Hallee Hastings added 10 as East Richland Christian improved to 8-5 with a victory against Jefferson County Christian.

River 51, Steub. CC 45 STEUBENVILLE — River scored the game's initial 12 points, then held on from there to earn a victory. Alli Long led the way for the Pilots.

Union Local 62, Edlson 48 RICHMOND — Luke Merritt drained six 3-pointers on his way to 32 points as Union Local upended Edison.

Nathan Meyer collected 15 points for the Jets.

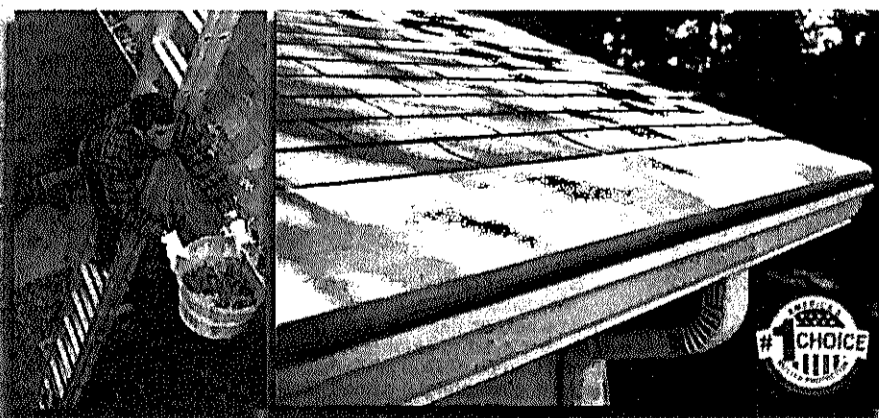
Alec McBane and Andrew Pugh paced the Wildcats with 13 points each and Noah Woods followed with 12.

SWIMMING St. Clairsville Girls, New Philly Boys Win at Steubenville STEUBENVILLE — Casadie DiBetta won the breaststroke (1:07.06) and the butterfly (1:02.91) to lead the St. Clairsville girls to victory.



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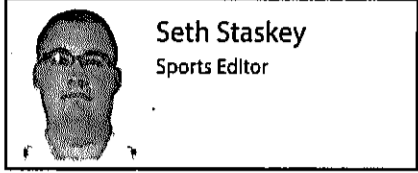
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Seth Staskey
Sports Editor

UL graduate Kemp cited by USTFCCA, sets WLU mile mark

WEST LIBERTY — Whether it's on the cross country course, indoor track or classroom, Union Local grad Hannah Kemp has simply gotten it done since she arrived on the Hilltopper campus in August.

Kemp was bestowed another academic honor Thursday when she was honored by the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

This award combines the academic side of college with the athletic performance because to be recognized, a student-athlete must finish in the top 30 percent of his or her respective regional meet.

Kemp was one of 403 female runners to be recognized nationally.

This award follows up an impressive showing at the SPIRE Institute last weekend where she set a new West Liberty school record in the mile run in 5:20, which is the second best time in the Mountain East Conference this winter.

Here is a listing of how area products in their sports:

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

CAITLYN KROLL, Ohio — Bridgeport product scored seven points and had two rebounds against Bowling Green. She played against Akron.

ANGELA STAFFILENO, Duquesne — Brooke product played in a loss to St. Louis.

LILLY RITZ, Wheeling — Cambridge grad continued to dominate in the post in a pair of victories. She scored 24 points and grabbed 26 rebounds in a win over West Liberty. She then had 25 points and 19 boards against West Virginia Wesleyan.

MORGAN BRUNNER, West Liberty — Linsly product scored 24 points and had three rebounds in a loss to Wheeling. She scored five points and had two rebounds against D&E.

EMILY HOLZOPFEL, Wheeling — Buckeye Local product scored nine points in a win over West Liberty and was held scoreless against West Virginia Wesleyan.

MONICA BRAGG, West Liberty — Madonna product played against Wheeling and scored two points against

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7TH ANNUAL OVAC BILL HINEGARDNER DUAL MEET CHAMPIONSHIPS

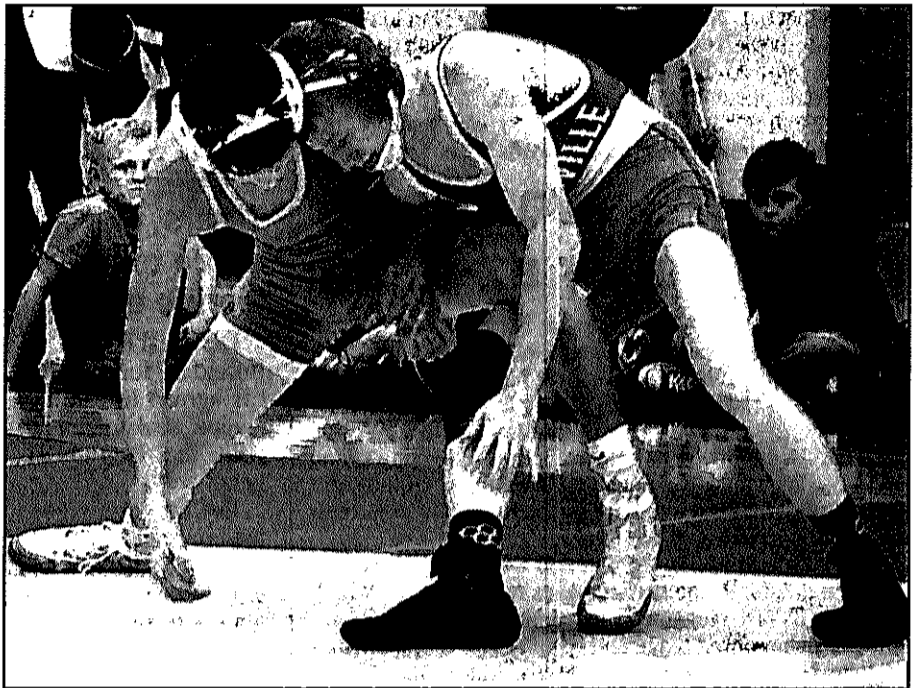
Oak Glen stuns St. Clairsville, Barnesville for 3A/4A crown

By KIM NORTH
Times Leader Sports Writer

WELLSBURG — Being the underdog isn't so bad. Just ask Oak Glen head wrestling coach Patrick McGillian. His Golden Bears entered Thursday night's 7th annual OVAC Bill Hinegardner Class 3A/4A Dual Meet Championships as the No. 4 seed.

They left as champions after edging past top-seeded St. Clairsville, 37-31, in the semifinals. The Hancock Countians then roared past No. 2 Barnesville, 64-7, in the championship match. The Shamrocks had defeated third-seeded Linsly, 66-18, in the other semi. The Red Devils then pinned the Cadets, 60-24, for third place.

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BARNESVILLE'S GRIFFEN Stephen, right, looks for the upperhand against Oak Glen's Braxton Dlugopolski during their 113-pound bout Thursday night at the OVAC Bill Hinegardner Class 3A/4A Dual Meet Championships at Brooke High School. Stephen won, but the Golden Bears captured the title.

Shenandoah defeats Shadyside for Class 1A/2A championship

By KIM NORTH
Times Leader Sports Writer

WELLSBURG — The days and years on the calendar may change, but Shenandoah winning OVAC Bill Hinegardner Dual Meet Championships doesn't.

The top-seeded Zeps three-peated Thursday night by claiming the Class 1A/2A title with a 63-12 triumph over No. 3 Shadyside after disposing of fourth-seeded Bridgeport, 48-21, in the semifinals.

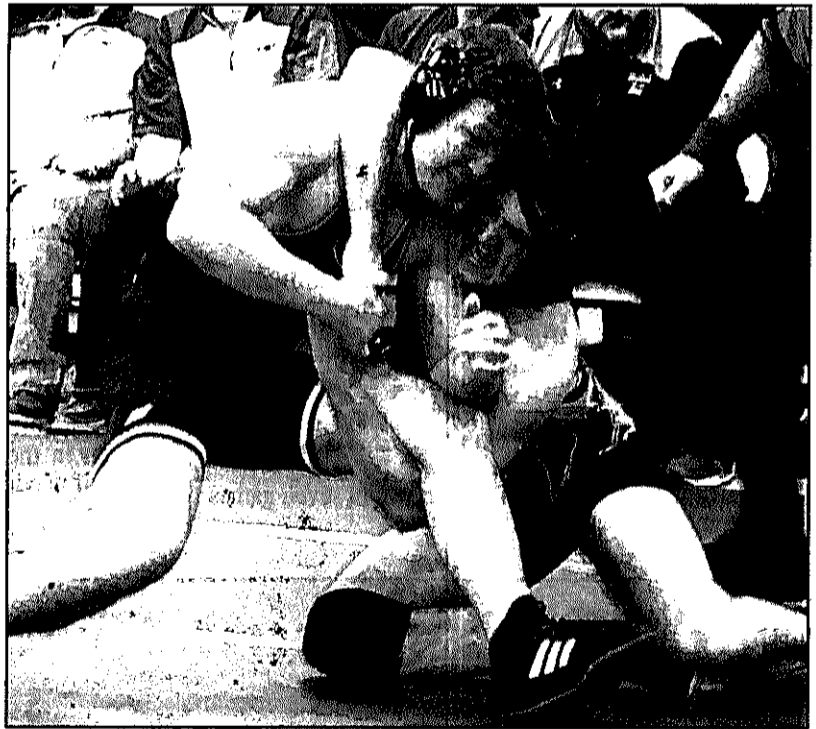
In 2018-18, Shenandoah won the Class 1A/2A title. Last year it prevailed in Class 3A.

"We're just building momentum towards the end of the season," Shenandoah head coach Jesse Wells said. "It feels really good in how far we've come in a short amount of time. The kids have bought in and worked really hard. It's an awesome feeling."

The Zeps were led by OVAC Ron Mauck Tournament champion Easton Hitchens (285) and runnerup Alex Overly (120).

The Tigers, who barely finished the season a year ago after a dominant run several years back, received victories from Andrew Brown (132) and Jakob Klug (170).

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SHADYSIDE'S JAKOB Klug, right, and Shenandoah's Jason Levi are locked up in their 170-pound bout during the 7th annual OVAC Bill Hinegardner Class 1A/2A Dual Meet Championship Thursday night at Brooke High school. Klug won by a pin.

Mitchell leads Harrison past Buckeye Local

By RICK THORP
Times Leader Sports Writer

CADIZ — Buckeye Local was able to withstand a 37-point effort from Luke Powell in edging Barnesville on Tuesday night.

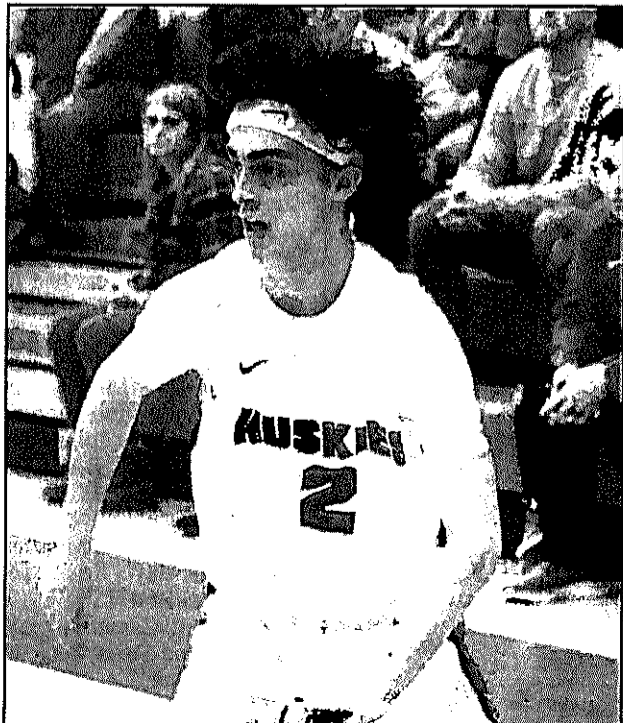
Kobe Mitchell's 43-point outing Thursday night was a bit much too much for the Panthers to overcome.

The sleek-shooting junior scored 12 points during the final period as the Huskies pulled away for a 61-47 triumph in boys' Buckeye 8 basketball play inside Harrison Central High School.

The game was knotted at 45-all early in the quarter, but Harrison Central scored 16 unanswered to secure the victory, one that put the Huskies above the .500 mark at 8-7.

"He's a heckuva player," Buckeye Local head coach Chris Heaton marveled. "He can shoot the basketball, he can get to the rim. We knew what he was capable of. He's just tough to stop."

As the fourth quarter opened, though, Mitchell showed he's not just a scorer. His pass to Johnny Vermillion resulted in a layup. And seconds later, his behind-the-back dish to Vermillion resulted in him being fouled and sent to



Raptors capture 9th straight victory, beat Cavaliers by 115-109

CLEVELAND (AP) — Toronto's ninth straight win didn't come easily.

The Raptors nearly let a big lead slip away in the fourth quarter before holding on to defeat the Cleveland Cavaliers 115-109 on Thursday night.

Serge Ibaka scored 26 points, Kyle Lowry had 23 and Norman Powell made big plays down the stretch after Cleveland cut a 14-point deficit to 105-104.

Powell came through with eight consecutive points in the final minute, hitting a 3-pointer, scoring on a layup after making a steal and sinking three foul shots to seal the win.

"That was anybody's game from start to finish, to be honest," Raptors coach Nick Nurse said. "You've just got to grind it out and find a way."

Powell's late-game flurry helped the Raptors stifle a comeback bid by the Cavaliers, who trailed 90-76 early in the fourth quarter.

Cleveland trimmed its deficit to one on three occasions and had a chance to tie the game, but Darius Garland

