

# Big Ben Retires at 39: Time to 'Hang Up My Cleats'

By WILL GRAVES  
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — No more comebacks for Ben Roethlisberger.

The longtime Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback announced his retirement on Thursday, saying it was "time to clean out my locker, hang up my cleats" after 18 seasons, two Super Bowls, countless team records and a spot in the Hall of Fame all but secure.

"I don't know how to put into words what the game of football has meant to me and what a blessing it has been," Roethlisberger, 39, said in a video message. "But I know with confidence I have given my all to the game; I am overwhelmed with gratitude for what it has given me."

The much-anticipated decision came less than two weeks after Pitts-

burgh's lopsided loss to Kansas City in the first round of the postseason, the 12th time in Roethlisberger's career the Steelers reached the playoffs.

He hinted before his final game at Heinz Field that it was time for him to move on and spend more time with his wife, Ashley, and their three children. He made it a point to embrace the moment following a Monday night win over the Browns on Jan. 3, doing a victory lap of sorts before disappearing down the tunnel surrounded by his family.

Roethlisberger called the journey from a kid growing up in Ohio to the 11th overall pick in the 2004 draft to a likely future Hall of Famer "exhilarating."

And wildly successful.

The Steelers never endured a los-

ing season during Roethlisberger's tenure and captured Super Bowls 40 and 43 — the latter coming on a now-iconic touchdown pass over the outstretched hands of three Arizona defenders to Santonio Holmes in the back corner of the end zone.

"Putting that jersey on every Sunday with my brothers will always be one of the greatest joys of my life," he said.

Roethlisberger's personal journey, unlike his professional one, was more complicated. He wasn't wearing a helmet when broke his jaw and his nose in a motorcycle crash in 2006 shortly after becoming the youngest quarterback ever to win a Super Bowl.



AP Photo

Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger (7) runs onto the field before an NFL wild-card playoff game against the Kansas City Chiefs.

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## Wheeling Park Takes Down Undefeated Fairmont Senior

Patriots battle back from early 13-point deficit

By CODY NESPOR  
Sports Writer

WHEELING — Wheeling Park's gauntlet of heavyweights continued Thursday night as the Patriots hosted previously-unbeaten Fairmont Senior for a bout in the Palace on the Hill.

Fairmont Senior came into the game as the top-ranked team in Class AAA and sported a spotless 13-0 record. Park, the number 4-ranked team in Class AAAA, pulled out a 63-53 triumph to hand the Polar Bears their first loss of the season.

"You can't simulate any of this stuff in practice," Park coach Ryan Young said. "Our kids are great in practice, but nothing's going to prepare you for these games when you go up against these heavyweight teams. We have so many different situations we've been in, down big, up big, tight games at the end, a triple overtime game, it's just been awesome. You can't script it any better in terms of preparing for the end of the season."

Fairmont Senior (13-1) came out of the gates firing on all cylinders Thursday and quickly built a big lead over the Patriots. Led by Division I recruit Marley Washenitz's 13 points, the Polar Bears went on a 15-2 run and led 17-4 early in the game.

Wheeling Park (15-2) started off deploying its usual full-court pressure, but the Polar Bears, and especially Washenitz, were largely unbothered by it. That's when Young called a timeout and the team switched to a 2-3 zone defense that proved to be much more effective.

"Marley came out real hot for them and dug us into a big hole," Young said. "We subbed Jai'lah (Walker) into the game and when we did that we went into a 2-3 zone. We already knew that we



Photo by Cody Nespor

Fairmont Senior's Marley Washenitz, right, shoots a 3-pointer while being defended by Wheeling Park's Alexis Bordas, left.

were probably going to try it against them and we never really got out of it. It slowed them down a little bit and we were able to locate her a little bit better."

Fairmont Senior led 20-12 after the first quarter, but by then the tides were already beginning to shift into Park's favor.

A 10-3 run by the Patriots helped them cut the deficit to single digits and Fairmont Senior's lead sat at just 30-24 at halftime.

In the third, Park tied the game at 34 on a 3-pointer by freshman Alexis Bordas then took their first lead of the game on a pair of free throws by fellow freshman Lala Woods. That was during a 12-point run for the Patriots that put momentum squarely on their side.

Despite not scoring in the first half, sophomore Natalie Daugherty netted 11 fourth-quarter points to seal the game for Park. Daugherty's outburst included a perfect six for six effort from the

free throw line.

"They say freshmen and sophomores grow up to become sophomores and juniors as the season goes on and I kind of think that's where we're headed with those kids," Young said. "It's a team effort, we are definitely a team that goes eight or nine (players) deep and in most games we need all eight or nine. This game is just another example of that."

As a team, Wheeling Park was a perfect eight for eight from the line in the final frame.

"At the end of the game we handled the ball a lot better than we did against Morgantown and we made free throws. I told the kids that if we play like we did in the second half, we'll be a tough team to beat."

Woods finished with a team-high 19 points but Bordas (10) and Daugherty (13) had quieter scoring outputs than usual.

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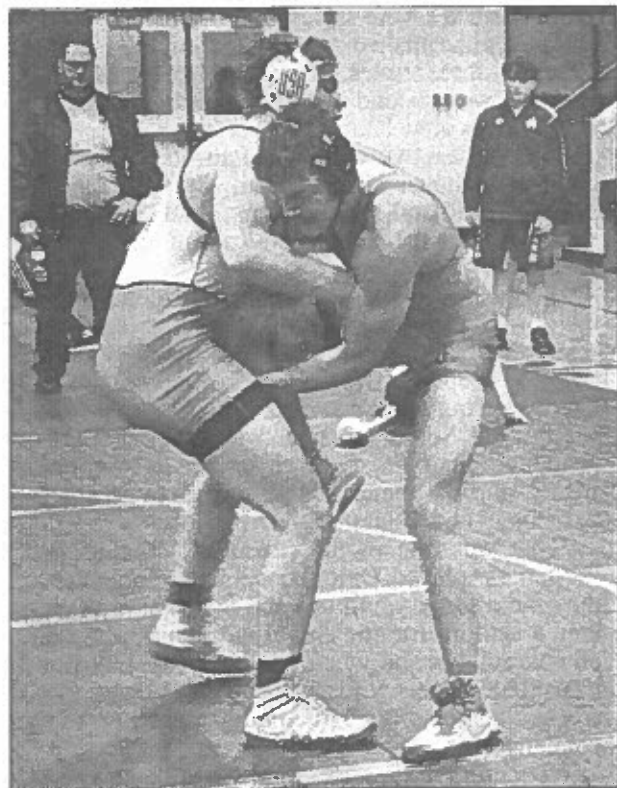


Photo by Kim North

Wheeling Park's Gavin Washington is wrapped up with Steubenville's Nate King.

## Patriots, 'Rocks Claim Mat Titles

By KIM NORTH  
For The Intelligencer

MOUNDSVILLE — Bamesville and Wheeling Park duplicated their performances in the OVAC Ron Mauck Wrestling Championships Thursday night as both captured OVAC Bill Hinegardner Dual Meet titles. However, both victories took drastically different routes inside a jam-packed John Marshall Fieldhouse.

The No. 2 seed Shamrocks roared past fourth-seeded Martins Ferry, 47-28, to earn the Class 3A title, while the No. 1 Patriots went back-and-forth with second-seeded Steubenville before prevailing, 39-28, for the Class 5A trophy.

Class 5A The Patriots' magical season continued Thursday night and did so in thrilling fashion as they

traded the lead with Big Red four times in the middleweights before Gavin Washington sealed the deal at 220 pounds.

Just when Steubenville pulled to within 33-25 with two bouts remaining, Washington, a seldom-used junior, rallied from a 5-1 deficit in the third period to stun Nate King and the Big Red faithful with a pin at the 5-minute, 6-second mark, securing the team title.

"I was giving up like 30 pounds," Washington said. "I just never gave up. He got me in the first period, but you've got to keep fighting and that's what I did."

Wheeling Park head coach Brian Leggett said he wasn't surprised with Washington's effort.

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## Cameron C. agons Thump Wildcats



## Kraken Beat Pens in OT



# Linsly Girls Bounce Back to Win at Monroe Central

WOODSFIELD — The Linsly girls basketball team bounced back on Thursday with a 63-51 win on the road over Monroe Central.

Zaniah Zellous paced the Cadets with 16 points, while Brooklyn Edge tallied 12 points and Haylen Cook added 10 in the win.

Kalista Friday paced the Seminoles with 24 points and Abby Thompson added 10 points.

## Hundred 62, Valley 36

HUNDRED - Roxie Huggins turned in 16 points and 12 rebounds as Hundred rolled past Valley.

In the win, Leah Dean amassed 13 points, 10 rebounds and eight blocks, while Rachel Snedden tallied 10 points and eight assists and Addie Tuttle added 10 points, eight assists and eight steals.

Addy Booher paced the Jumberjills

with 12 points.

## Caldwell 60, Barnesville 45

BARNESVILLE — The Redskins completed the season sweep of the struggling Shamrocks on Thursday.

Barnesville was led by freshmen Madelynn Tyson and Lilly Welch. Each had nine.

## Steubenville Catholic 52, Buckeye Local 19

STEUBENVILLE - The Crusaders continued their fine season with a 52-19 drubbing of the invading Panthers.

Katie Zatta led the Crusaders with 25 points. Buckeye Local was led by Emily Valuska's nine.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

### University 64, Linsly 60

MORGANTOWN - Caleb Murray bucketed 23 points and Raef Wykes added 13 points but Linsly fell to University.

## Monroe Central 61, Magnolia 41

WOODSFIELD - Malachi Rose-Burton garnered 24 points to lead Monroe Central past visiting Magnolia. Tucker Howell amassed 16 points and Collin Kroll added 10.

Trevor Williamson paced the Blue Eagles with 27 points.

## Harrison Central 59, Buckeye Local 36

CADIZ — Harrison Central was once again led to victory by sophomore Hayden Cassidy. He went for 25 points, while junior Jace Madzia added 16.

The Panthers were led by Luke Darrah and Braydon Walker. Each had seven.

## Martins Ferry 44, Union Local 42

MORRISTOWN - Alex Reese netted 18 points as Martins Ferry edged Union Local.

Jaizen Miles and Zach Flesch turned in

nine points each for the Purple Riders.

Carter Blake paced the Jets with 14 points and D.J. Butts added 11.

## SWIMMING

### Linsly Rolls

WHEELING - The Linsly girls defeated St. Johns (100-13), Edison (100-25) and Steubenville Catholic (100-29), while the Cadets' boys team beat Edison (100-29) and Steubenville Catholic (100-27).

Liv Torner won the 200 IM (2:29.19) and the butterfly (1:07.23), while teammate Maddalena Tibaldo won the breaststroke (1:10.42) and the 200 (2:10.15) to spark the girls team.

On the boys' side, Brock Brewer captured top honors in the 200 (2:16.77) and the 500 (6:03.54), while Asier Doval won the backstroke (59.23) and the 200 IM (2:11.85).

## WHEELING PARK

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Sophie Abraham finished second on the team with 13 points, six of which helped Park stay afloat during that dour first quarter.

"Sophie Abraham was the MVP for us (Thursday) for sure," Young said. "She kept us in the game when we were struggling to score."

Washenitz finished with a game-high 21 points, including three triples. Meredith Maier, a Marshall commit, was second with 15 points and Laynie Beresford scored 12.

Over the last two weeks the Patriots have played Ohio powerhouse Union Local, Class AAAA No. 3 Cabell Midland, No. 7 Capital and No. 2 Morgantown with their only loss coming on the road at Capital.

"You can see them getting more comfortable, that's what these games are for and that's why we schedule them," Young said. "All these games are going to prepare us for the end of the season so I like where our team's at right now."

Fairmont Senior presented a different kind of challenge than those other teams as the Polar Bears' starting lineup was all seniors to go against the mostly underclassmen-led Patriots.

"That was one of the concerns," Young said. "When we played Union Local and Morgantown, they have some youth too and their better players aren't seniors for the most part. Fairmont starts all five seniors and when you have two Division I basketball players who are four-year starters, that's a tough task and our kids really stepped up to the challenge."

Wheeling Park's next contest will be an OVAC semifinal game at home against John Marshall on Monday.

## DRAGONS

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"They are really great at playing passing lanes and we could have done a better job of playing passing lanes by getting our hands up.

"They are a physical team, too. A 6-foot-7 guy (Beresford) - you have to deny him the ball. They did a nice job when we paid him extra attention by sliding a guy in on the backside and they took advantage of that. They are good at seeing the floor and moving the ball around."

Cameron kicked off the game on a 9-0 run and finished the first quarter on 12-0 march thanks to its smothering pressure defense.

In the second quarter, Beresford showcased his height and inside skills with a pair of rim-rattling dunks as the Dragons used a 16-0 run and a 10-0 run to take a commanding 53-12 advantage at half-time.

Hartley netted 19 points in the first half, while Wichterman connected on a trio of treys en route to 11 first-half points and Beresford added 10.

"We started off forcing a few passes and were kind of rushing a bit but once we gained our composure we started moving the ball better," Hart said. "I thought we passed the ball really well. Paden City was running some zone against us, so we were trying to get guys to be patient and look for the best pass and I think we did that (Thursday)."

Cameron opened the second half on a 7-2 spurt before handing things over to the bench in the final frame.

"We are a young team but I have faith in these guys," Riggle said. "Brandon Hizer played with a level of fire that we needed (Thursday) and I'm really proud of him for that. He did well on offense and defense."

"Jeremiah Thomas is stepping into the point guard position and he does a nice job of seeing the floor. We have to do a better job of getting those guys in position to succeed."

## TITLES

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"We rested some of starters tonight to get them ready for the weekend, but we are the good of a team to be able to have kids step up and perform. You saw that in Gavin's performance," Leggett said. "He's a kid that a lot of people don't know about. He's in there wrestling guys like Hunter (Nixon), Erick (Brothers Jr.) and Brody (Cottrill), so it only makes him better."

Other winners were Nixon (195) by pin; OVAC titlist Bradyn Lucas (138) and Jameson Maynard (170) by major decisions; and Robbie Coffman (113) and Gabe Carman (160) by decisions. Noah White (106) received a forfeit.

Steubenville victors included Brody Saccoccia (120), Kaiden Minella (132), Kail Simmons (145), Savier Faulks (152) and Peyton Tuttle (285) by pins. Earning a major decision was Cal Beadling (126). Brandon Kinney (195) won by decision.

"I'm extremely proud of the way my guys wrestled," Steubenville first-year head coach Lucas Huffman said. "We knew coming in that Wheeling Park was going to a tough match because they are solid all the way through. We went out and fought and fought. That was a tough one to lose."

Wheeling Park routed Morgantown 74-3 in their semifinal while Steubenville outscored John Marshall, 46-30. The Monarchs blanked the Mohigans, 81-0, for third place.

### Class 3A

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That's when the Shamrocks reeled off triumphs in the next six bouts, with Caiden Thornton's technical fall at 152 clinching the title.

## PENS

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McCann played parts of three seasons with Pittsburgh, scoring 39 goals and 84 points in 141 regular-season games. Pittsburgh traded McCann to Toronto during the 2021 offseason and he was eventually selected by Seattle in the expansion draft. McCann, who leads the Kraken in points, is two goals shy of matching his career high.

Neither team scored a goal in the first two periods, as Pittsburgh held a 20-9 advantage in shots. That included an 11-2 edge in the second period, as Seattle went 16:57 without a shot through the end of the first and the beginning of the second.

Grubauer made a sliding pad save on Jeff Carter during a 2-on-1 with Evan Rodrigues. Later in the period, Pittsburgh pressured with a 91-second even-strength shift in the Seattle zone that resembled a power play, but the Penguins couldn't capitalize.

The Kraken poured it on the rest of the way, outshooting Pittsburgh

18-4 in the third period and 2-0 in the overtime.

## BLUE JACKETS 5, RANGERS 3

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Boone Jenner and Sean Kuraly each had two goals and Columbus scored four straight to rally from an early deficit and beat New York, breaking a three-game losing streak.

## CANUCKS 5, JETS 1

WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP) — J.T. Miller registered his second career hat trick and Vancouver snapped a three-game skid.

## LIGHTNING 3, DEVILS 2

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Anthony Cirelli had the tiebreaking goal midway through the third after failing to score on a second-period penalty shot, and Tampa Bay edged New Jersey.

## BLUES 5, FLAMES 1

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Brandon Saad scored twice and had an assist,

Barnesville head coach Jayson Stephen said Huntsman's pin gave the Shamrocks a spark right off the bat.

"We're big about not backing down or running from matchups," Stephen said as Huntsman avenged a loss a few weeks back. "We wanted the re-match. We told him to out and do what he does. We told him he was the better wrestler."

Martins Ferry head coach Chad Ware said it was a tough way to start against a team that is loaded in the early weight classes.

"Jase got the early takedown but then just got stacked and pinned," Ware said. "That's something that you can't plan to happen, it just does. I think we finished strong with everyone from 160-up."

"All of my guys came out to wrestle. When you wrestle Barnesville you know what you're getting," Ware said. "You've got some studs early and you've got some in the middle. All we asked was that they go out and wrestle the best they can, and for the most part they did."

Stephen can't recall how many titles his team's have won.

"I don't how many titles this is because the duals have been canceled. I don't know how many paper champions they've given, but I'm glad that my team finally had the opportunity to get out on the mat and wrestle for it," Stephen said. "Last year with not having it, it was quite a bummer for the kids but they came out tonight and wanted it."

Despite trailing 41-6, Martins Ferry didn't roll over and won five of the final six bouts to make the score respectable.

In addition to Ward, Purple Riders winning included Zak Dobson (220) and Zeke Bruney (285) by pins; Alexander Finsley (195) by major decision; and George Hulsey (160) and Johnny McFarland (170) by decisions.

Barnesville roared back from an 18-0 deficit to dispatch third-seeded Shenandoah, 48-30, in the semifinals. Martins Ferry knocked off No. 1 Linsly, 48-24. The Zeps then pinned the Cadets, 64-17, for third place.

Ville Husso made 28 saves to win his sixth consecutive start, and St. Louis cruised past Calgary.

## KINGS 3, ISLANDERS 2

NEW YORK (AP) — Andreas Athanasiou scored and assisted on Quinton Byfield's first NHL goal in his return from a long injury layoff, and Cal Peterson made 23 saves for Los Angeles.

## HURRICANES 3, SENATORS 2, SO

OTTAWA, Ontario (AP) — Andrei Svechnikov scored the shootout winner to lift Carolina past Ottawa.

## PANTHERS 4, GOLDEN KNIGHTS 1

SUNRISE, Fla. (AP) — Sam Bennett scored two goals to lift Florida over Vegas.

## DUCKS 5, CANADIENS 4

MONTREAL (AP) — Anaheim scored three first-period goals. Trevor Zegras scored twice in the second period, and Anaheim held off Montreal.

## BIG BEN

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He was twice accused of sexual assault, once in 2009 and again in 2010. A civil case filed against him stemming from an incident at Lake Tahoe in 2009 was settled out of court. A woman in Georgia alleged he assaulted her at a bar in March 2010 but prosecutors did not formally charge him.

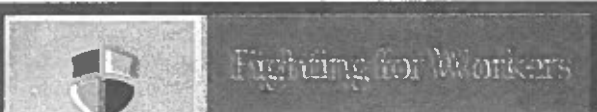
Peyton Manning's 54.

Long regarded for his toughness and playing in considerable pain, Roethlisberger suffered only one major injury. He missed almost the entire 2019 season after tearing ligaments in his right elbow in Week 2 against Seattle.

He returned in 2020 and guid-

The Steeler Way "to his teammates, almost all of them at least a decade younger, and made it a point to pass the baton to defensive tackle Cam Heyward after falling to the Chiefs.

His retirement caps a career that began when Dan Rooney insisted the Steelers take him in the 2004 draft. Pittsburgh expected to have Roeth-





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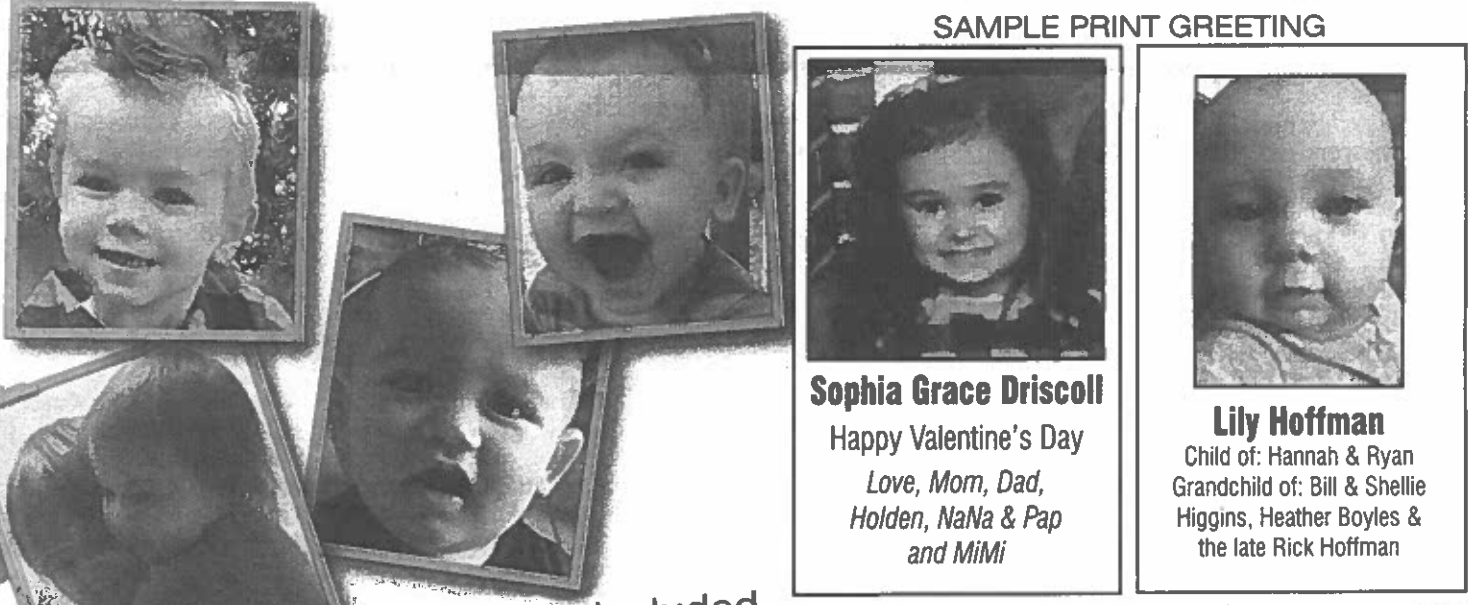
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## Barnesville, Park wrestle to OVAC 3A, 5A Dual titles

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Times Leader Sports Writer

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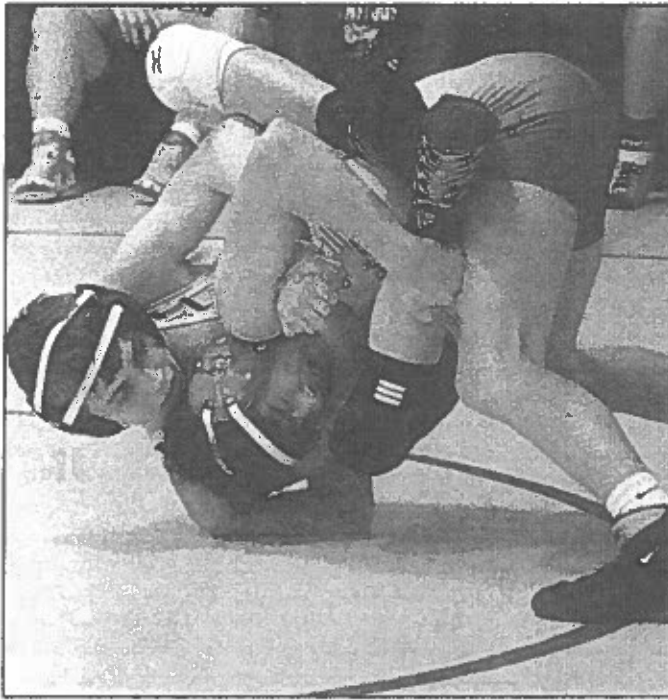
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**BARNESVILLE'S JOHNNY** Huntsman, right, and Martins Ferry's Jase Mahoney are tangled up during their 106-pound bout Thursday night in the OVAC Bill Hinegardner Class 3A Dual Meet Championship finals. Huntsman won by pin and the Shamrocks rolled, 47-28.

## Big Ben officially calls it a career

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Ben Roethlisberger didn't play football like a quarterback. Not today's quarterback anyway.

He didn't run from contact as much as he welcomed it. The harder the hits, the higher the stakes, the longer the odds, the more Roethlisberger seemed to dig in during a career in which he led the Pittsburgh Steelers to a pair of championships while developing a reputation as a throwback in a city that fashions itself as one even as it has evolved into something far more modern.

Pittsburgh moved on from steel mills long ago. And the position Roethlisberger commanded so well for so long has moved on, too. The game has become quicker since the Steelers drafted him with the 11th overall pick in 2004. The quarterbacks, more versatile than the semi-dad-bodded 6-foot-5, 240-pounder known universally as "Big Ben."

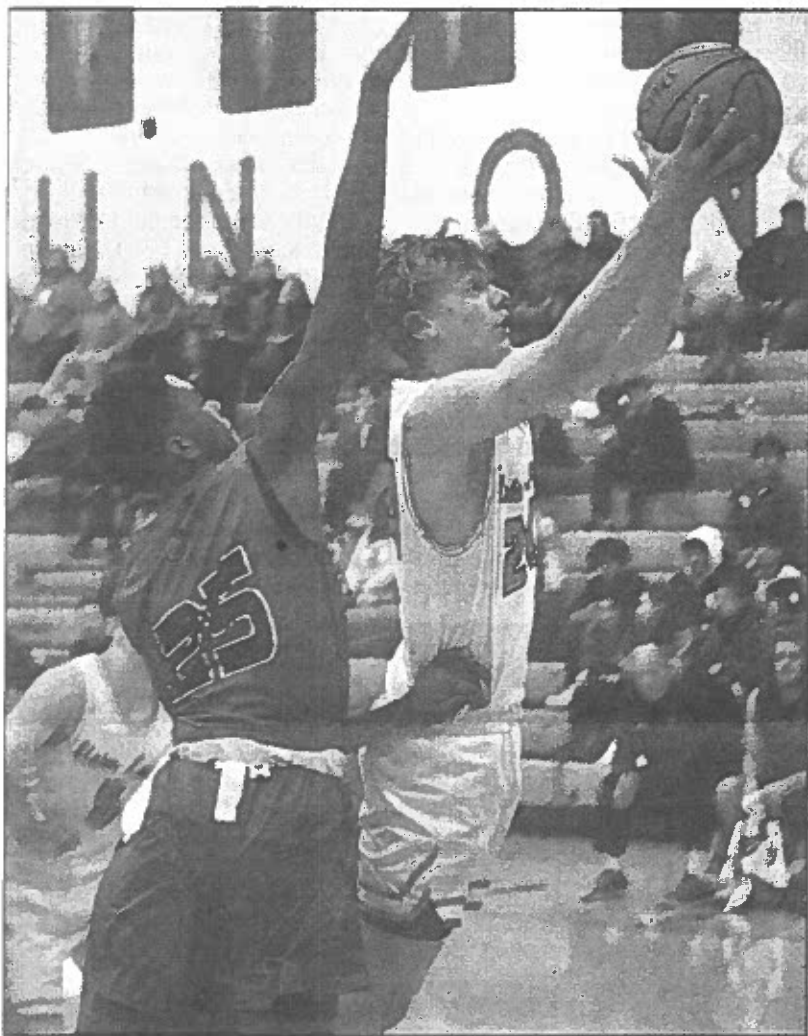
No player understood this more than Roethlisberger. And what he hinted at for months became reality on Thursday when he announced his retirement, saying it was "time to clean out my locker, hang up my cleats" after 18 seasons, two Super Bowls, countless team records and a spot in the Hall of Fame all but secure.

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Roethlisberger described the journey that carried him from northwestern Ohio to Pittsburgh to almost certainly the Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, in five years as "exhilarating."



T-L Photo/SETH STASKEY

**UNION LOCAL** junior D.J. Butts goes up for a shot as Martins Ferry freshman Alex Reese defends during Thursday's game in Morristown. Butts scored 11 points, but it wasn't enough as the Purple Riders posted a 44-42 victory. Reese led the Riders with 18 points.

## Ferry continues to trend upward after win at UL

By SETH STASKEY  
Times Leader Sports Editor

MORRISTOWN - It's been a roller-coaster type season for Martins Ferry's boys basketball team.

The Purple Riders appear to be on the upward climb, however.

Martins Ferry fended off Union Local, 44-42, in front of a good crowd inside the 'The Hangar' at Union Local High School in what could prove to be a crucial verdict for both teams in their respective pursuits of berths in the OVAC Tournament.

"This is a huge win for many reasons, but definitely in terms of (OVAC) points," Ferry head coach Derek Edwards said. "This is a big game all-around for us and not just because of the standings, but for our confidence."

The win improves the Riders to 5-9, while the Jets, who are on the bubble in the 4A OVAC race, dropped to 7-7. Both teams are in action Saturday at Beaver Local High School as part of the Buckeye 8 Championship Day.

"Sometimes the game is as simple as the ball doesn't go in," Union Local head coach Zach Delman said. "I thought we had a lot of opportunities within eight or so feet that were truly coin flipper shots. We missed a bunch of those."

The entire game was never played outside of a four-point window. Each team had a four-point lead once. The Jets' biggest margin came after junior D.J. Butts scored his team's final nine points of the third to give his team a 38-34 lead entering the final period.

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## Liddell leads No. 16 Ohio State past Minnesota, 75-64

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — E.J. Liddell had 23 points and a career-high 15 rebounds to help No. 16 Ohio State muscle past Minnesota for a 75-64 victory Thursday night.

Liddell, who stretched his double-digit scoring streak to 27 games, became the 60th player in program history to pass 1,000 career points and led an overpowering effort by the Buckeyes on the glass. The rebounding margin was 48-22, more than enough to offset a quiet night for Ohio State's out-

injury keeping him out for the first time in his five-year career after 143 consecutive games.

Meechie Johnson Jr. started in Wheeler's place, wearing a protective mask after missing three games with a facial fracture. Malaki Branham pitched in with 11 points and six rebounds for the Buckeyes, who played their first conference game in 11 days due to a COVID-19-postponement of their matchup with Nebraska last weekend. They beat IUPUI on Jan. 18 in an add-on game to

from a COVID-19 absence. Payton Willis and Sean Sutherland each had 12 points, and Luke Loewe added 11 points for Minnesota.

Willis, a co-winner of the Big Ten Player of the Week award after scoring a career-high 32 points on 8-for-13 shooting from 3-point range against Rutgers, carried the Gophers to that critical victory on Saturday while three of their top four scorers were sidelined.

The transfer-heavy team in coach Ben Johnson's first sea-

The Gophers knocked down their share of timely 3-pointers, including one from Battle that gave them a 29-27 lead with 2:50 to go before the break, but a two-point halftime deficit quickly ballooned to double digits with an assertive start to the second half by the Buckeyes.

Ohio State coach Chris Holtmann, in his fifth season after arriving from Butler, notched his 100th victory with the Buckeyes. He also won on the raised Williams Arena floor for

Liddell had only 10 points on 3-for-11 shooting.

### BIG PICTURE

**Ohio State:** Getting Johnson back in the lineup sparked a Buckeyes team that has been hindered by injuries as much as any group in the league, particularly on a night when Wheeler, the transfer from Penn State who has stabilized the backcourt, was out. Justice Sueing and Seth Towns have been sidelined by long-term injuries, with no sign of an imminent return.

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"Give Martins Ferry credit because they did a phenomenal job of scouting and preparing for us," Delman said. "Usually people aren't that prepared for us because we run a lot of stuff, but give them credit because they had a lot of it down. We weren't able to string enough stops together. We chart stringing three stops in a row together and we didn't do it enough."

While the Jets got their leading scorer - Butts - going in the latter portion of the third, Ferry was able to get its leading scorer - senior Jaizen Miles - some scoring chances in the fourth.

Miles, who had one field goal in the game prior to the fourth, scored seven in the fourth. The Jets tied the game with 2:08 to play when junior Carter Blake, who led UL with 14 points, converted one of two at the line.

However, Ferry was able to get Miles the ball on the block who made a nice move for what proved to be the game winner.

Union Local got off a challenged look just inside of halfcourt, which hit off the rim, as the horn sounded.

"Winning on the road, in the league, is never easy," Edwards said. "We knew it was going to be this type of game. It wasn't perfect for us, in any sense, because we made a lot of mental errors, especially when we were trying to hold

the ball (down the stretch)."

The Jets were the beneficiary of a couple of late Purple Rider turnovers, but were never able to take advantage. They scored only four points in the fourth quarter and had just one field goal.

"We talk daily how a game can come down to one possession and then look back and find a dozen things where you give one away," Delman said.

Though the Riders didn't get Miles going until late, freshman Alex Reese - who missed five games due to injury earlier this season - put forth arguably the best game of his young career. He scored 18 points and dialed in four bonus goals.

"We've not had Alex for most of the season, but you're talking about one of the hardest working kids around," Edwards said. "I feel so good for Alex and our entire team. This is a team game and I am proud of all of our guys."

Senior Zach Fleisch, who has been a streaky shooter, connected on three from behind the arc for nine points.

Blake's aforementioned production was complemented by Butts' 11. No other Jet scored more than seven.

The Purple Riders will take on Edison at 10 a.m. on Saturday, while the Jets take the court at 4 p.m. against the host Beavers.

## Monroe boys remain red-hot

WOODSFIELD — Monroe Central continued its red-hot play with a decisive victory against invading Magnolia, 61-41, on Thursday.

The Seminoles received a 24-point outburst from senior Malachi Rose-Burton. Tucker Howell added 16 and Colin Kroll had 10.

**H. Central 59, Buckeye Local 36**  
CADIZ — The Huskies continued their march to what they hope will be an OVAC Tournament berth with a big win over the rival Panthers.

Harrison Central was once again led by Hayden Cassidy. He went for 25 points, while Jace Madzia added 16.

The Panthers were led by Luke Darrah and Braydon Walker. Each had seven.

**University 64, Linsly 60**  
MORGANTOWN — The Hawks took advantage of a distinct edge at the foul line en route to a victory.

The Cadets were led by Caleb Murray's 23. Raef Wykes finished with 13.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
**Linsly 63, Monroe Central 51**

WOODSFIELD — Two of the favorites in their respective classes got together for a final tuneup before the OVAC Tournament and the Cadets scored a repeat victory.

Linsly was once again balanced in the scoring column with freshman Zaniah Zellous leading the way with 16 points.

Brooklyn Edge posted 12.

The Seminoles were once again led by senior standout Kalista Friday. She posted 24 points, six rebounds, six assists and two steals.

**River 38, Bellaire 31**  
BELLAIRE — After being postponed a couple of times, the Pilots and Big Reds finally got together inside the 'House of Champions' and the Pilots were just a little too much.

River received 14 points from Rylee Knight and 13 from talented sophomore Kelsey Harlan.

Bellaire, meanwhile, was led by freshman Zara Harveth's 10. Alli Ault added eight.

**Caldwell 60, Barnesville 45**  
BARNESVILLE — The Redskins completed the season sweep of the struggling Shamrocks on Thursday.

Barnesville was led by freshmen Madelynn Tyson and Lilly Welch.

**Toronto 47, Bridgeport 27**  
BRIDGEPORT — The Red Knights scored a repeat win to keep the Bulldogs winless on Thursday.

The Bulldogs were led by Kaylee Bain and Haley Aubrey. Each had nine.

**Steub. Catholic 52, B. Local 19**  
STEUBENVILLE — The Crusaders continued their fine season with a 52-19 drubbing of the invading Panthers.

Buckeye was led by Emily Valuska's nine.

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That's when the Shamrocks reeled off triumphs in the next six bouts, with Caiden Thornton's technical fall at 152 clinching the title.

Barnesville head coach Jayson Stephen said Huntsman's pin gave the Shamrocks a spark right off the bat.

"We're big about not backing down or running from matchups," Stephen said as Huntsman avenged a loss a few weeks back.

"We wanted the re-match. We told him to out and do what he does. We told him he was the better wrestler."

Martins Ferry head coach Chad Ware said it was a tough way to start against a team that is loaded in the early weight classes.

"Jase got the early takedown but then just got stacked and pinned," Ware said. "That's something that you can't plan

to happen, it just does. I think we finished strong with everyone from 160-up.

"All of my guys came out to wrestle. When you wrestle Barnesville you know what you're getting," Ware said.

"You've got some studs early and you've got some in the middle. All we asked was that they go out and wrestle the best they can, and for the most part they did."

Stephen can't recall how many titles his team's have won.

"I don't know how many titles this is because the duals have been canceled. I don't know how many paper champions they've given, but I'm glad that my team finally had the opportunity to get out on the mat and wrestle for it," Stephen said.

"Last year with not having it, it was quite a bummer for the

kids but they came out tonight and wanted it."

Despite trailing 41-6, Martins Ferry didn't roll over and won five of the final six bouts to make the score respectable.

In addition to Ward, Purple Riders winning included Zak Dobson (220) and Zeke Bruney (285) by pins; Alexander Finsley (195) by major decision; and George Hulsey (160) and Johnny McFarland (170) by decisions.

Barnesville roared back from an 18-0 deficit to dispatch third-seeded Shenandoah, 48-30, in the semifinals. Martins Ferry knocked off No. 1 Linsly, 48-24. The Zeps then pinned the Cadets, 64-17, for third place.

**Class 5A**  
The Patriots' magical season continued Thursday night and did so in thrilling fashion as they traded the lead with Big

Red four times in the middle-weights before Gavin Washington sealed the deal at 220 pounds.

Just when Steubenville pulled to within 33-25 with two bouts remaining, Washington, a seldom-used junior, rallied from a 5-1 deficit in the third period to stun Nate King and the Big Red faithful with a pin at the 5-minute, 6-second mark, securing the team title.

Wheeling Park head coach Brian Leggett said he wasn't surprised with Washington's effort.

"We rested some of our starters tonight to get them ready for the weekend, but we are the good of a team to be able to have kids step up and perform. You saw that in Gavin's performance," Leggett said. "He's a kid that a lot of people don't know about. He's in there wres-

ting guys like Hunter (Nixon), Erick (Brothers Jr.) and Brody (Cottrill), so it only makes him better."

Other winners were Nixon (195) by pin; OVAC titlist Bradyn Lucas (138) and Jameson Maynard (170) by major decisions; and Robbie Coffman (113) and Gabe Carman (160) by decisions. Noah White (106) received a forfeit.

Steubenville victors included Brody Saccoccia (120), Kaiden Minella (132), Kail Simmons (145), Savier Faulks (152) and Peyton Tuttle (285) by pins. Earning a major decision was Cal Beadling (126). Brandon Kinney (195) won by decision.

Wheeling Park routed Morgantown 74-3 in their semifinal while Steubenville outscored John Marshall, 46-30. The Monarchs blanked the Mohigans, 81-0, for third place.

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Kim North  
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## Panther Classic final tune-up for local high school wrestlers

The final tune-up for local high school wrestling teams comes Saturday as 24 teams converge on Buckeye Local High School in Connorville for the annual Panther Classic.

Teams from the tri-state area include six from Pennsylvania, three from West Virginia and 15 from the Buckeye State.

Schools entered are Buckeye Local, Martins Ferry, Union Local, Jefferson-Morgan (Pa), Weirton Madonna, River, Indian Creek, Edison, Steubenville Central, Bridgeport, Shadyside, Tri-Valley, Caldwell, East Liverpool, Plum (Pa), Wheeling Park, Westinghouse (Pa), Ellwood City (Pa), Obama Academy (Pa), Fairless, West Mifflin (Pa), Harrison Central, Tyler Consolidated and Bellaire.

According to Buckeye Local head coach Guy Nestor, there should be plenty of exciting semifinal and championship bouts.

### OVC Championships

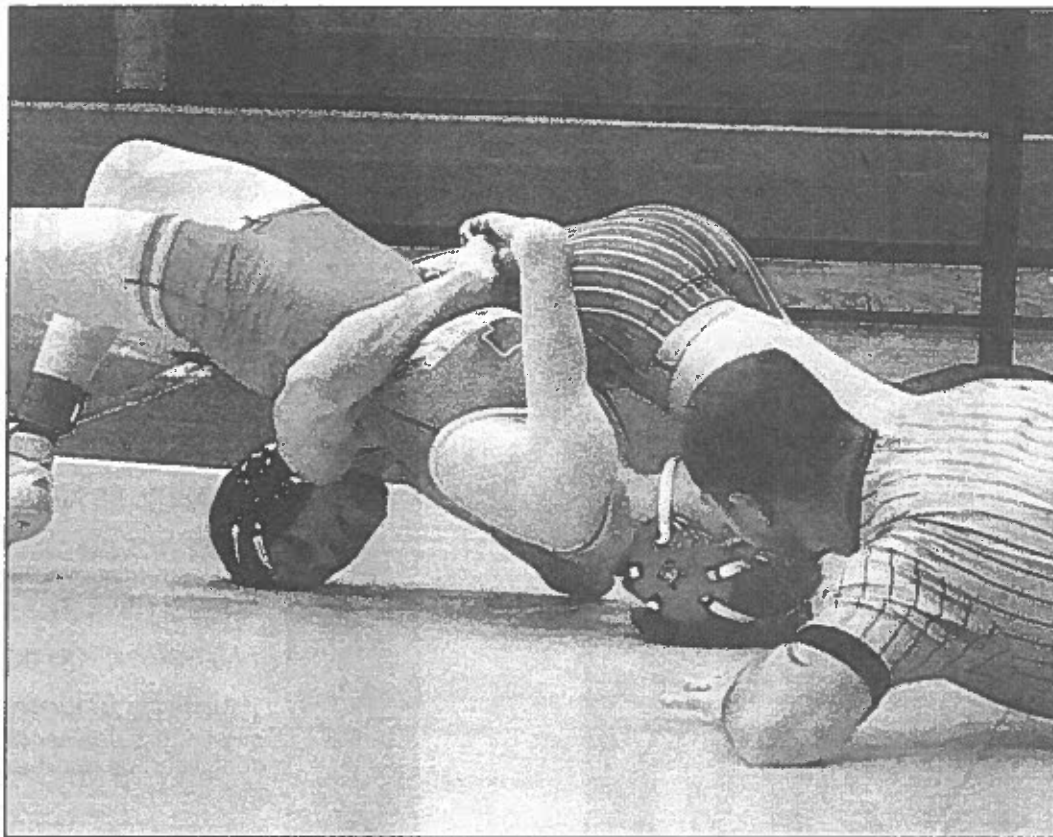
The younger version of the OVAC Ron Mauck Wrestling Championships was held at Union Local High School last weekend, and history was made just like it was two weeks ago.

Harding Middle School seventh-grader Talea Guntrum was not only the first female to win a title as she breezed to the 86-pound title but she was also the first female to be selected Most Outstanding Wrestler in the tournament.

Now a sparkling 23-3 on the season, Guntrum was ranked No. 3 nationally in the 73-pound weight class in girls 12-and-under.

Congratulations Talea.

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**ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S** Zach McKeever looks for back points in his 126-pound bout with Indian Creek's Brent Rayburn during Wednesday night's OVAC Bill Hinegardner Class 4A Dual Meet Championships inside Brooke High School. McKeever won by major decision and the Red Devils topped the Redskins, 43-25. Referee Derrick Stickles looks on.

T-L Photo/KIM NORTH

## St. C. repeats as OVAC Class 4A Dual Meet titlists

By **KIM NORTH**  
Times Leader Sports Writer

**WELLSBURG** -- St. Clairsville repeated as OVAC Bill Hinegardner Class 4A Dual Meet Wrestling champions Wednesday night, but this time feels a whole lot better as the Red Devils accomplished it on the mat and not paper. The event was canceled last winter and the champions were crowned by virtue of the final standings.

Head coach Joel Sansone's top-seeded squad defeated No. 4 Harrison Central, 51-27, in the semifinals before holding off No. 2 Indian Creek, 43-25, in the championship match inside Brooke High School. The Redskins had rallied past No. 3 Oak Glen, 43-30, in their semi. The Golden Bears then took down the Huskies, 54-30, in the third-place match.

"Any time there is something decided on the mat and

you have two tough teams going for it, it's always nice to come out on top," Sansone said. "We kind of figured it was going to be Indian Creek in the finals, but Oak Glen took them right to the end. We liked our matchups. We felt where we were good, they were good too."

Each team had a huge win in the championship bout as St. Clairsville's Caden Stout avenged a loss to Dom Pattera in the OVAC Ron Mauck Wrestling Championships earlier this month with a 9-5 victory Wednesday. The decision gave the Red Devils a seemingly comfortable 31-9 advantage with half-a-dozen weight classes remaining.

"I couldn't win it for myself in the OVAC finals, so I thought no better way than to help my team win," Stout explained of his hard-fought win. "We knew it was going to be a tough, close match, and that one win could decide it."

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## St. Clairsville wins 1,000th boys game

By **SETH STASKEY**  
Times Leader Sports Editor

**CAMBRIDGE** - It seemed like St. Clairsville had been waiting on win number 1,000 in program history for weeks, if not months.

The way Wednesday night's game inside the Gene Ford Gymnasium at Cambridge High School started, it looked like the Red Devils were going to continue to play the waiting game, too.

Instead, after finding themselves down by 11 at halftime, head coach Ryan Clifford and his squad had a "heart to heart" conversation inside their locker room.

It clearly worked because St. Clairsville played maybe its best half of basketball to date in blitzing the Bobcats to a tune of 53-20 in the second half for an 81-57 victory.

"We lost Saturday (at Barnesville) because of the way we guarded. We could have lost Friday (to Bellaire) because of how we guarded and that's how we guarded again in the first half (Tuesday)." St. Clairsville head coach Ryan Clifford said. "It comes down to taking some pride on yourself to guard your guy and play with more energy

than they played with and we did that in the second half."

St. Clairsville will formally celebrate its 1,000th victory at its next home game, which is scheduled for Feb. 2 against Wheeling Central.

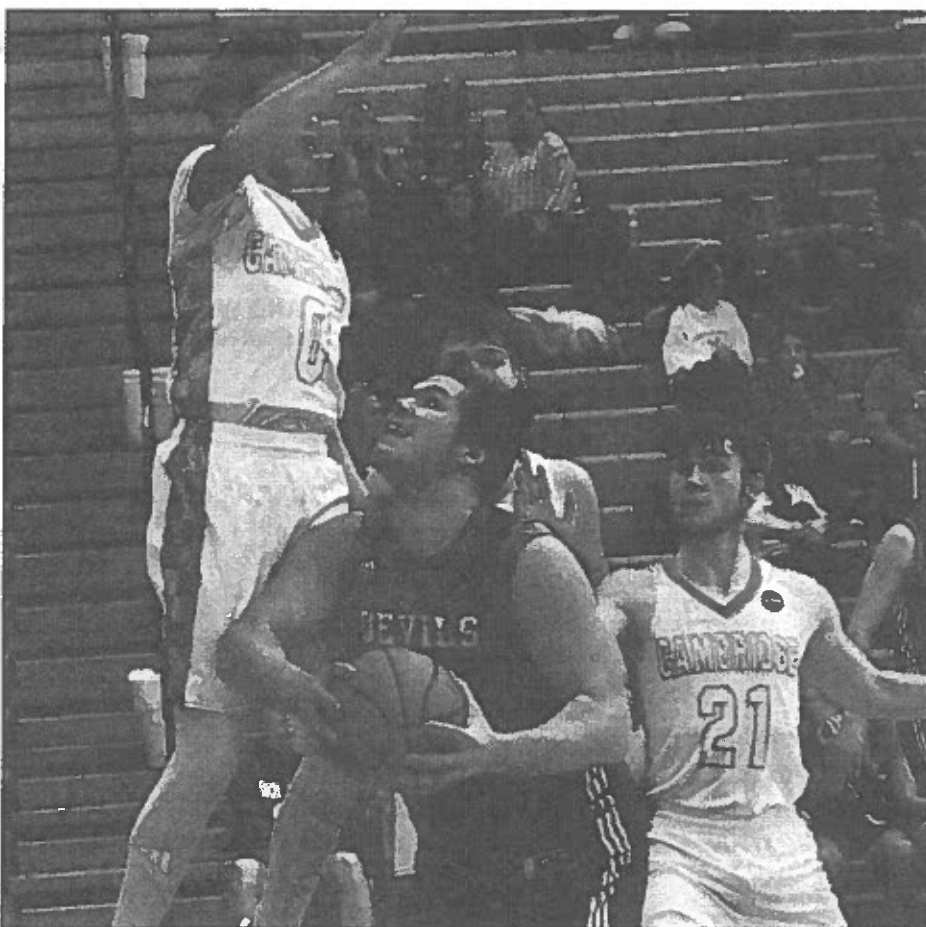
"We thought we would have had that 1,000th by now," Clifford laughed. "It's special because it symbolizes all of the guys who have played here before."

The Red Devils created some opportunities for themselves early in the second half by going to a full-court press. Cambridge turned the ball over multiple times, many of which were of the live-ball variety and led to early scoring chances.

All told, St. Clairsville opened the third quarter with a 14-0 run. Many of those points came from senior center Avery Henry, who scored early and often en route to a game-high 25 points.

"We've been hit or miss with that pressure, but we ran into some sickness and backed up. Plus, we're not playing a lot of guys, so we've had to throttle back a little bit, but I thought our pressure and athleticism would be this team's calling card," Clifford continued.

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**ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S** Avery Henry prepares to go up for a shot as Cambridge's Davion Jeffrey goes up high to attempt to block the shot during Wednesday's game inside the Gene Ford Gymnasium. Henry scored 25 points to lead the Devils to an 81-57 victory, which is the 1,000th in their program's history.





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**WHEELING UNIVERSITY** will host the camp leading up to the annual OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game, beginning in July. The newly approved contract runs for five years. Pictured, from left, are Wheeling University Director of Athletics Carrie Hanna, Head Football Coach Zac Bruney and President Ginny Favede.

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"(Having this camp) is so important to the university," Favede said. "When I took over (as president), I actually said to the campus community, 'we would rebuild this university on the backs of athletics.' I am a huge proponent of athletics because I believe that anything you need to learn in life you can learn through sports ... how to win, how to lose, how to be gracious and how to push yourself forward. We're developing young men and women and sports plays a big part of that, so this is a huge opportunity for us."

The players and coaches from Ohio and West Virginia will be the first groups to arrive. They'll begin their preparations on July 17. The band will report on July 19.

Wheeling University head football coach Zac Bruney - a former OVAC All-Star himself from his prep days at Martins Ferry - thinks having many of the premier players of the conference on campus could also prove highly beneficial for his program, too.

"You get guys practicing football on your campus, you get young men who have had great high school careers, on both sides of the river, an opportunity to play one more (high school) game," Bruney said. "A chance to get them on our campus, use our facilities, stay in our dorms and experience social events on our campus is great. The most memorable thing, for me, when I was a player (in the OVAC Game) was the week that was. The game's memorable in its own part and right, but the week of training camp and everyone who was involved with it, made it memorable or special."

The Cardinals football roster features several former OVAC All-Stars. With National Signing Day now less than a week away, Bruney anticipates a few more future Cardinals will grace the field at Wheeling Island Stadium before reporting to Wheeling camp in early August.

of the net and drew a foul for a three-point play to make it 49-48 with 1:11 to go.

Down the stretch, Kildow and Lauren Miller each made one of two free throws for the Jets and a last-second Linsly 3 couldn't connect as UL walked away with the win.

"We told them just to have a short memory," Linsly coach Rebecca Upton said.

"We play again (tonight) at Monroe Central and it's not going to be any easier.

"They have some really talented kids, too. This is all in preparation for next week (OVAC Tournament).

"We have very specific goals for next week and hopefully we can move on from this and use it as a learning experience."

Linsly led 24-19 midway through the second quarter until the Jets finished the half on a 12-3 run to take a 31-27 upper hand into halftime.

Merritt led all UL scorers at the break with 10 points thanks to a pair of 3-pointers.

Union Local took a 39-35 edge into the final frame and was able to hang on with clutch shooting late.

"They are so talented," Upton said of Kildow and Vinskovich.

"You are not going to keep them scoreless. I thought Haylen did a great job on Kildow and Vinskovich is just a tough matchup. She does such a good job at using her body to protect the ball.

"Carleigh fought hard and this is a tough place to play.

"There is nothing but good things to say about our kids' effort."

**Beallsville 36** - The Trojans lengthy trip was worth it as they led wire-to-wire en route to a peat victory on Wednesday. The Big Reds received a solid performance from sophomore Alli Ault, Skyler King, and Ayden Griffen. Stephen and Karson Milhoan earned decisions.

## Love paces Cavs past Bucks

CLEVELAND (AP) - The Cleveland Cavaliers are legit, and the defending NBA champions now know it, too.

Kevin Love scored 25 points, Cedi Osman added 23 and the Cavs pulled off their most impressive win in what's

become a turnaround season, 115-99 over the Milwaukee Bucks on Wednesday night.

"This is not the Cleveland we knew over the past few years," Bucks superstar Giannis Antetokounmpo said.

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Other winners were Corbin Phillips (80--Blennerhassett); Wyatt McCune (92--East Liverpool); Colt Carpenter (98--Barnesville); Gabe Chaplin (104--Bellaire); Bobby Buchheit (110--Beaver Local); Evan Ours (116--Beaver Local); Marshall Laishley (122--Cambridge); Brody Perzanowski (128--Union Local); Gavin Pownall (134--Indian Creek); Jake Hughes (142--Beaver Local); Nolan Blackburn (150--Harding); Rowan Wiley (160--East Liverpool); Wyatt Brady (172--Triadelphia); Isaac Martin (205--Triadelphia) and Anderson Palian (245--Linsly).

Harding won the team title with 236.5 points, which was 29 better than Beaver Local. There were 34 schools entered.

## WVU

Three members of the West Virginia University wrestling team rank among the top 33 of their respective weight classes in the first NCAA coaches' ranking, released Friday afternoon.

In all, four coaches' rankings will be announced leading up to the NCAA Selection Show on Wednesday, March 9, at 6 p.m.

Redshirt senior Killian Cardinale, a 2021 All-American, leads the way at No. 6 in the 125-pound weight class. He also is the second-highest wrestler out of the Big 12 Conference in his division (No. 4 Trevor Mastrogiovanni - Oklahoma State).

At 165 pounds, Oak Glen graduate and true sophomore Peyton Hall cracked the top 10 with a 17-1 record. Hall checks in at No. 9 and is third among conference competitors (No. 1 Keegan O'Toole - Missouri and No. 4 Travis Wittlake - Oklahoma State).

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However, like it did against Oak Glen in the semis, Indian Creek stormed back as Reese Spencer posted a major decision at 160, and after St. Clairsville's Gavin Schoolcraft pinned his opponent in 1:34, the Redskins needed four pins to draw even.

Ethan Llewellyn trailed Brennan Stout 6-2 after one period before taking control in the second period and winning by pin in 3:51 to make it 37-19.

Indian Creek's Austin Starr, an OVAC Ron Mauck champion, cut into the deficit even further with a 37-second pin at 195, but St. Clairsville's Cody Stecyk battled his way to a 3-1 loss that actually sealed the deal.

"By Cody not getting pinned, that allowed us to get the win," Sansone said.

"We talked about dual meets during a roll-around earlier today. We told the kids about saving points. Losing a decision is better than losing a major decision and being technical failed is better than getting pinned.

"I'm really happy with

the way we wrestled tonight. We knew St. C. was going to be a tough match," Indian Creek head coach Brandon Pendleton said.

"We dug ourselves a hole and we knew that coming in with back-to-back forfeits to start, but the guys kept battling and we had a chance to tie it down the stretch."

Pendleton was real pleased with Llewellyn.

"He turned the match around real quick," Pendleton said.

"He's really coming around.

"We know what are top guys can do and we've got some guys that aren't quite there yet, but they wrestled well and we're improving."

Other winners for the Red Devils were Dylan Lodge (106), OVAC Ron Mauck titlist Gannon Kazmirski (113), Zach McKeever (126), Harrison Kazmirski (132), Darshan Howard (138) and Ryan Ivey (185). Lodge and G. Kazmirski both won by forfeits, while McKeever earned a major decision. H. Kazmirski, Howard and Ivey all getting pins.

Howard's pin came in just 19 seconds and drew praise from his head coach.

"Darshan was in the varsity lineup for the first time and he went out there and got the pin. That was impressive," Sansone said. "Zach wrestled well."

This is the third under Sansone. The other coming in 2018.

Like it did against Indian Creek, Oak Glen started off strong by winning the first six matches, but faltered down the stretch in going 1-1.

"I kind of figured we might jump out 30-0 but all we needed to do was win one match after 145, but we didn't," Oak Glen head coach Patrick McGillian said. "Indian Creek is a quality team with some highly ranked wrestlers. We'll see them again in a couple of weeks."

St. Clairsville is back in action Saturday as it travels to New Lexington for the Jimmy Wood Classic. Harrison Central, Indian Creek and Oak Glen are entered in the Panther Classic at Buckeye Local on Saturday.

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**OVAC Bill Hinegardner Dual Meet Championships Class 4A (at Brooke H.S.) Championship**

**St. Clairsville 43, Indian Creek 25** 106--Lodge (STC) won by forfeit; 113--G. Kazmirski (STC) won by forfeit; 120--Sipes (IC) d. Street, 5-0; 126--McKeever (STC) md. Rayburn, 12-0; 132--H. Kazmirski (STC) p. Crane, 0:43; 138--Howard (STC) p. Giusto, 0:19; 145--CJ Spencer (IC) p. Wood, 0:57; 152--C. Stout (STC) d. Paterra, 9:5; 160--R. Spencer (IC) md. Witsberger, 17:3; 170--Schoolcraft (STC) p. Ferguson, 1:34; 182--Llewellyn (IC) p. B. Stout, 3:51; 195--Starr (IC) p. Walker, 0:37; 215--Dondzila (IC) d. Stecky, 3-1; 285--Ivey (STC) p. Haggerty, 0:44

**Third-Place**

**Oak Glen 54, Harrison Central 30** 106--Davis (OG) p. Sampson, 3:13; 113--Anderson (OG) won by forfeit; 120--C. Lamb (OG) won by forfeit; 126--Doty (OG) won by forfeit; 132--Lopez (HC) p. Adams, 3:41; 138--Marbais (HC) p. Bellville, 0:41; 145--Bittinger (HC) p. Heinrich, 1:04; 152--Dlugopolski (OG) won by forfeit; 160--O'Connor (OG) won by forfeit; 170--Barganski (OG) won by forfeit; 182--Sauers (OG) won by forfeit; 195--Molish (OG) won by forfeit; 215--Lu. Thomas (HC) won by forfeit; 285--La. Thomas (HC) won by forfeit Semifinals

**St. Clairsville 51, Harrison Central 27**

106--Sampson (HC) p. Lodge, 1:09; 113--G. Kazmirski (STC) won by forfeit; 120--Street (STC) won by forfeit; 126--McKeever (STC) won by forfeit; 132--H. Kazmirski (STC) d. Lopez, 8-5; 138--Marbais (HC) p. Howard, 1:17; 145--Bittinger (HC) d. Wood, 14-8; 152--C. Stout (STC) won by forfeit; 160--Witsberger (STC) won by forfeit; 170--Schoolcraft (STC) won by forfeit; 182--B. Stout (STC) won by forfeit; 195--Walker (STC) won by forfeit; 215--Lu. Thomas (HC) won by forfeit; 285--La. Thomas (HC) p. Ivey, 0:24

**Indian Creek 43, Oak Glen 30** 106--Davis (OG) won by forfeit; 113--Anderson (OG) won by forfeit; 120--H. Lamb (OG) d. Sipes, 7-2; 126--C. Lamb (OG) p. Rayburn, 3:48; 132--Doty (OG) d. Crane, 8-4; 138--Bellville (OG) p. Giusto, 3:36; 145--CJ Spencer (IC) won by forfeit; 152--Paterra (IC) md. Dlugopolski, 9-0; 160--R. Spencer (IC) d. O'Connor, 6-2; 170--Ferguson (IC) p. Barganski, 3:10; 182--Llewellyn (IC) p. Sauers, 1:04; 195--Starr (IC) won by forfeit; 215--Dondzila (IC) p. Molish, 1:52; 285--Haggerty (IC) won by forfeit

**Sports on TV**

**Thursday, January 27**  
**COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)**  
5 p.m.  
BTN — Wisconsin at Nebraska  
7 p.m.  
ESPN — Gardner-Webb at UNC Asheville  
8 p.m.  
ESPN — Ohio St. at Minnesota  
9 p.m.  
CBSN — UAB at W. Kentucky  
ESPN2 — East Carolina at Memphis  
ESPN — Morehead St. at Missouri St.  
FS1 — Purdue at Iowa  
PAC-12N — California at UCLA  
11 p.m.  
CBSN — Loyola Marymount at Gonzaga  
ESPN — BYU at Santa Clara  
FS1 — Stanford at Southern Cal  
PAC-12N — Colorado at Washington

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)**  
5 p.m.  
ESPN — Fairleigh Dickinson at Mount St. Mary's  
6 p.m.  
ACCN — Syracuse at Notre Dame  
ESPN — Mississippi at South Carolina  
6:30 p.m.  
SECN — Missouri at Mississippi St.  
7 p.m.  
BTN — Michigan at Ohio St.  
8 p.m.  
ACCN — Florida St. at Louisville  
8:30 p.m.  
SECN — LSU at Arkansas  
9 p.m.  
BTN — Wisconsin at Nebraska

**GOLF**  
3 p.m.  
GOLF — PGA Tour: The Farmers Insurance Open, Second Round, Torrey Pines Golf Course, San Diego

**NBA BASKETBALL**  
7:30 p.m.  
TNT — LA Lakers at Philadelphia  
10 p.m.  
TNT — Minnesota at Golden State  
**SOCCER (MEN'S)**  
6:30 p.m.  
ESPN2 — CONCACAF World Cup Qualifier: U.S. vs. El Salvador, Columbus, Ohio

1, 0-0 2; Thoburn 6, 0-0 16; Woodford 2, 1-1 5; Pastor 3, 3-4 9; Crist 0, 0-0 0; Schafer 0, 0-0 0; Newton 0, 0-0 0; Vera 0, 0-0 0; Parsons 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 34, 6-8 81. **CAMBRIDGE (57)** — Jeffrey 3, 0-0 7; Bond 4, 0-0 8; Moore 1, 1-2 4; Parsons 4, 1-2 9; Long 3, 0-0 6; Polasky 8, 2-4 19; Campbell 2, 0-0 4; Stansberry 1, 0-0 2; Totals: 26, 4-8 57.

3-point goals: St. C. — McCort (3), Thoburn (4). C — Jeffrey, Polasky; Moore

**Shadyside 63, Shenandoah 46** SHENANDOAH (46) — Smith 2, 1-1 6; Fairchild 4, 0-0 11; Stottsberry 6, 3-4 16; Irvin 0, 0-0 0; G. Stottsberry 2, 0-0 6; VanFleet 0, 0-0 0; Bennett 0, 0-0 0; Perkins 0, 0-0 0; Miley 0, 0-0 0; House 3, 0-0 7; Totals: 17, 4-5 46. **SHADYSIDE (63)** — VanNest 1, 0-0 2; Wach 6, 0-0 17; Salgat 0, 0-0 0; Beckett 5, 3-3 14; Tsoras 0, 0-0 0; Brock 6, 1-2 13; Amos 7, 3-4 17; Totals: 25, 7-9 63.

3-point goals: Shen — Smith, Fairchild (3), M. Stottsberry, G. Stottsberry (2). Shad — Wach (5), Beckett.

**Cameron 68, Bridgeport 35** CAMERON (68) — Estel 0, 0-0 0; Frye 0, 0-0 0; Powell 4, 0-0 9; Burkett 6, 0-0 13; Wichterman 9, 0-0 22; McCauley 2, 0-0 4; Winters 0, 2-2 2; Marling 0, 0-0 0; Beresford 4, 7-9 15; McCauley 0, 0-0 0; Hartley 1, 1-2 3; Totals: 26, 10-13 68. **BRIDGEPORT (35)** — C. Jackson 5, 0-0 12; Tarr 2, 0-0 4; Spurlock 3, 0-0 9; Flanagan 3, 0-0 8; A. Jackson 0, 0-0 0; Gear 1, 0-0 2; Totals: 14, 0-0 35.

3-point goals: C — Wichterman (4), Powell, Burkett. B — C. Jackson (2), Spurlock (3), Flanagan (2).

**Newcomerstown 55, Beallsville 36** NEWCOMERSTOWN (55) — D. Newkirk 8, 0-0 17; Wilson 3, 0-0 7; Pryson 5, 1-2 11; T. Newkirk 3, 3-4 9; Da. Newkirk 1, 0-0 2; Guillen 1, 0-0 2; Sanders 2, 2-2 7; Totals: 20, 6-8 55. **BEALLSVILLE (36)** — English 2, 1-2 5; Allen 3, 2-5 8; Taylor 3, 3-4 10; Ta. English 2, 1-4 8; M. Louden 0, 0-0 0; Smith 2, 0-0 5; Anderson 0, 0-0 0; Fulton 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 13, 7-15 36.

3-point goals: N — D. Newkirk, Wil-

**LINSLEY (48)** — Grimm 6 3-3 15; Heitz 0 0-0 0; Hicks 2 0-0 6; Podobnik 0 0-0 0; Ratcliffe 0 0-0 0; A. Cook 0 0-0 0; Edge 3 0-0 9; H. Cook 3 1-2 9; Zellous 4 0-2 9; Totals 18 4-7 48. **UNION LOCAL (51)** — Miller 1 1-2 3; Kildow 5 2-4 12; Kellaway 2 2-2 8; Merritt 4 0-0 10; Gregor 2 2-2 6; Vinskovic 4 4-8 12; Totals 18 11-18 51.

3-Point Goals: H. Cook 2, Hicks 2, Edge 3; Kellaway 2, Merritt 2.

**Martins Ferry 60, Harrison Central 33** MARTINS FERRY (60) — Clark 2, 5-6 9; Sidon 3, 0-0 9; Best 6, 1-2 13; Jones 7, 1-2 15; Pollock 2, 0-0 6; Agnew 0, 0-0 0; Hughes 0, 0-0 0; Smith 2, 0-0 4; Shreve 0, 0-0 0; E. McFarland 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 24, 7-10 60. **HARRISON CENTRAL (33)** — Rensi 1, 0-0 2; Carson 0, 0-0 0; Dunkle 4, 1-1 9; Fischer 2, 0-0 5; Bernal 0, 2-2 2; Butler 1, 0-0 3; Ferri 4, 0-0 10; Sedgmer 0, 0-0 0; Harbold 1, 0-0 2; Totals: 13, 3-3 33.

3-point goals: MF — Sidon (3), Pollock (2). HC — Fischer, Butler, Ferri (2).

**Bellaire 56, Shadyside 47** SHADYSIDE (47) — Stewart 0, 0-0 0; T. Fulton 0, 0-0 0; R. Fulton 7, 2-2 23; Sims 0, 0-0 0; Brown 2, 2-4 6; Hendershot 1, 1-2 3; Gorby 5, 5-8 15; Totals: 15, 10-16 47. **BELLAIRE (56)** — Ault 3, 3-3 12; Porter 0, 0-0 0; Harveth 3, 4 5 10; Mason 5, 2-3 12; Hamilton 0, 0-0 0; McAninch 2, 2-2 6; Rowson 0, 0-0 0; O'Grady 3, 3-4 12; Bonar 2, 0-2 4; Craig 0, 0-1 0; Totals: 18, 14 20 56.

3-point goals: S — R. Fulton (7), B — Ault (3), O'Grady (3).

**Marietta 58, River 53** MARIETTA (58) — Turner 0, 0-0 0; Baker 0, 0-0 0; Lauer 4, 3-4 13; Medley 5, 2-2 12; Wharff 3, 0-0 9; McKnight 8, 0-0 24; Totals: 20, 5-6 58. **RIVER (53)** — Hobbs 2, 2-3 6; Harlan 4, 1-2 10; E. Reed 2, 0-0 5; J. Reed 3, 0-0 9; Raper 6, 1-5 13; Knight 5, 0-0 10; Pfalzgraf 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 22, 4-10 53.

3-point goals: M — Laurer (2), Wharff (3), McKnight (8). R — J. Reed (3), Harlan, E. Reed.

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Brooklyn 65, Rocky River Lutheran W. 34  
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Cedarville 41, Jamestown Greenview 31  
Centerville 60, Kettering Fairmont 39

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Wellsville 34, Sebring McKinley 30  
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Wickliffe 62, Middlefield Cardinal 31  
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**Transactions**

**BASKETBALL**  
National Basketball Association  
NBA — Fined Dallas Mavericks F/C Kristaps Porzingis for kicking the ball into the stands in a game on Jan. 25 against Golden State.

**FOOTBALL**  
National Football League  
BALTIMORE RAVENS — Announced DE L.B. Anthony Levine Sr. is retiring.  
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed WR

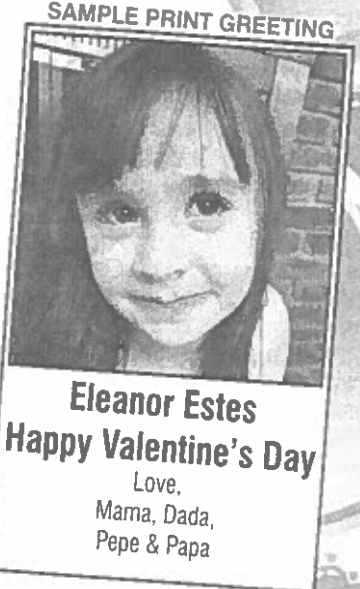
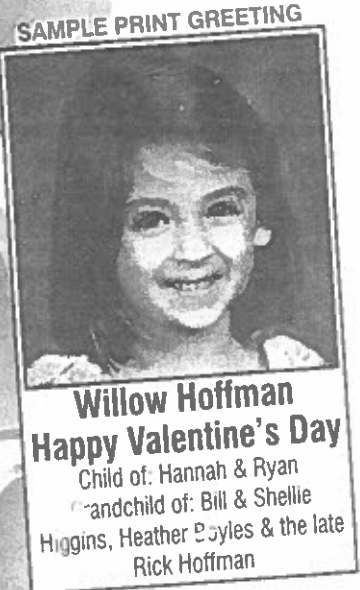
Rico Gafford and CB Kiondre Thomas to reserve/future contracts.  
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed TE Nikola Kalinic to a reserve/future contract.  
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Named Kwesi Adofo-Mensah general manager.  
NEW YORK JETS — Signed S Jovante Moffat to a reserve/future contract.  
PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Signed P Cameron Nizialek to a reserve/future contract.

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**OVAC Girls**

**Semifinal Pairings Class 5A**  
John Marshall at Wheeling Park  
Warren at Morgantown  
**Class 4A**  
Harrison Central at Union Local  
St. Clairsville at Oak Glen  
**Class 3A**  
Martins Ferry at Linsly



## Wheeling U to Host OVAC All-Star Football Camp

By SETH STASKEY  
For The Intelligencer

WHEELING — Wheeling University President Ginny Favade found herself on 'Cloud 9' Wednesday afternoon.

Understandably so when you consider she saw upwards of two-and-a-half years of work pay off.

It was formally announced after the OVAC Executive Board meeting, which was held earlier in the day at Belmont College, that Wheeling University's bid to host the camp for the annual OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game had been approved by the board.

"I want to thank the OVAC All-Star Football Game committee and the OVAC Executive Board for giving this opportunity to Wheeling

University," Favade said during a press conference held in the Alma Grace McDonough Center. "We're thrilled to have this opportunity."

Nearly 70 players, 20 cheerleaders and more than 130 band members will converge on Wheeling University's campus the week of July 17. The 78th annual game will be held at Wheeling Island Stadium on Saturday, July 23.

"(Having this camp) is so important to the university," Favade said. "When I took over (as president), I actually said to the campus community, 'we would rebuild this university on the backs of athletics.' I am a huge proponent of athletics because I believe that anything you need to learn in life you can learn through sports ...

how to win, how to lose, how to be gracious and how to push yourself forward. We're developing young men and women and sports plays a big part of that, so this is a huge opportunity for us."

The players and coaches from Ohio and West Virginia will be the first groups to arrive. They'll begin their preparations on July 17. The band will report on July 19.

Wheeling University head football coach Zac Bruney - a former OVAC All-Star himself from his prep days at Martins Ferry - thinks having many of the premier players of the conference on campus could also prove highly beneficial for his program, too.

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Photo by Seth Staskey  
Pictured, from left, are Wheeling University Director of Athletics Carrie Hanna, Head Football Coach Zac Bruney and President Ginny Favade.

## Bethany Topples PAC-Leading W&J

Bison deal  
Presidents first  
conference loss

By CODY NESPOR  
Sports Writer

BETHANY — The Bethany women's basketball team knocked off conference-leading Washington & Jefferson 64-59 in front of a rowdy home crowd inside the Hummel Field House Wednesday evening.

It was the first conference loss of the season for the Presidents (12-4, 9-1 PAC) as the Bison (10-5, 5-3) remain unbeaten at home.

"It's such a program win for us," said Bethany coach Brian Sansom. "We've tried to set a new standard with the things we do as a team and for that you've got to beat programs like Grove City, St. Vincent and W&J and we've got those three so far."

Bethany's largest lead of the night came at the 7:30 mark in the third quarter when Ashleigh Wheeler hit a 3-pointer that put the Bison up by 12, 34-22. That was also when the Presidents began to fight their way back into the game.

W&J went on an 11-point run to shrink the deficit to just one point, 34-33 before Bethany's Lindsey Garrison sank a 3-pointer that gave the Bison some breathing room again.

W&J tied the game at 41 at the end of the quarter on a jumper from Aleena McDaniel and then took their first lead since the opening minutes when McDaniel converted an and-one midway through the fourth that put them up 49-47.

"Even when we had that big lead and they came back and took the lead, we stayed composed," Sansom said. "They're 12-3, 9-0 for a reason, they're good and they're going to make plays and hit shots, but we're pretty good too."

Any time it seemed like the



Photo by Cody Nespor  
Bethany freshman Lindsey Garrison (2) drives to the hoop against Washington & Jefferson's Maddi Gutierrez during a game inside Hummel Field House Wednesday.

Presidents were going to pull away and build a lead, someone from Bethany was able to hit a big shot.

Courtney Walker made a triple that put the Bison back up 50-49, Garrison later hit a 3 that tied the game at 51-51 and McKenzie Mason hit the layup that gave Bethany the lead for good, 59-57, with a minute and a half left to play.

"We're just kind of in the right place at the right time," Garrison said. "Our teammates look for us to get 3s because we're some of the better 3-point shooters."

With the crowd hooting, hol-

ling, chatting, cheering, singing and all around losing their minds late in the game, the Bison were able to maintain their composure down the stretch, Garrison and Mason sank free throws late and they held on to win 64-59.

"It's small and it echoes in here so when the crowd's going, it's a special place," Sansom said of the atmosphere Wednesday. "The support (our students) give each other is so crucial at a small college and I think that made a difference."

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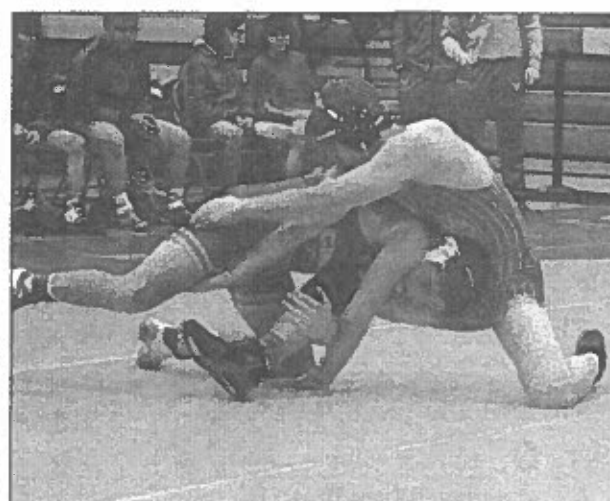


Photo by Kim North  
St. Clairsville's Caden Stout, right, avenged a loss to Indian Creek's Dom Paterra in the OVAC Tournament finals with a 9-5 decision Wednesday night.

## St. C. Repeats As OVAC Dual Meet Champs

By KIM NORTH  
For The Intelligencer

WELLSBURG — St. Clairsville repeated as OVAC Bill Hinegardner Class 4A Dual Meet Wrestling champions Wednesday night, but this time feels a whole lot better as the Red Devils accomplished it on the mat and not paper. The event was canceled last winter and the champions were crowned by virtue of the final standings.

Head coach Joel Sansone's top-seeded squad defeated No. 4 Harrison Central, 51-27, in the semifinals before holding off No. 2 Indian Creek, 43-25, in the championship match inside Brooke High School. The Redskins had rallied past No. 3 Oak Glen, 43-30, in their semi. The Golden Bears then took down the Huskies, 54-30, in the third-place match.

"Any time there is something decided on the mat and you have two tough teams going for it, it's always nice to come

out on top," Sansone said. "We kind of figured it was going to be Indian Creek in the finals, but Oak Glen took them right to the end. We liked our matchups. We felt where we were good, they were good too."

Each team had a huge win in the championship bout as St. Clairsville's Caden Stout avenged a loss to Dom Paterra in the OVAC Ron Mauck Wrestling Championships earlier this month with a 9-5 victory Wednesday. The decision gave the Red Devils a seemingly comfortable 31-9 advantage with half-a-dozen weight classes remaining.

"I couldn't win it for myself in the OVAC finals, so I thought no better way than to help my team win," Stout explained of his hard-fought win. "We knew it was going to be a tough, close match, and that one win could decide it."

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## Jets Win Nail-Biter



## WVU Losing Streak hits 4

By JARED SERRE

Gabe Osabuohien, which led the team,

All told, St. Clairsville opened the third quarter with a 14-0 run. Many of those points came from senior center Avery Henry, who scored early and often en route to a game-high 25 points. Henry's scoring was just one of the way he's impacted the game. He also collected 13 rebounds and blocked five shots.

Cambridge was led by Levin Polasky. He came off the bench to score 19.

**Shadyside 63, Shenandoah 46**  
SHADYSIDE — The Tigers picked up their second win in as many nights Wednesday when they easily rolled past invading Shenandoah, 63-46.

The Tigers were led by sophomore Ben Wach, who had 17 points and five bonus goals as well as senior Bryce Amos who also poured in 17. Senior

## ST. C.

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However, like it did against Oak Glen in the semis, Indian Creek stormed back as Reese Spencer posted a major decision at 160, and after St. Clairsville's Gavin Schoolcraft pinned his opponent in 1:34, the Redskins needed four pins to draw even.

Ethan Llewellyn trailed Brennan Stout 6-2 after one period before taking control in the second period and winning by pin in 3:51 to make it 37-19.

Indian Creek's Austin Starr, an OVAC Ron Mauck champion, cut into the deficit even further with a 37-second pin at 195, but St. Clairsville's Cody Stecyk battled his way to a 3-1 loss that actually sealed the deal.

"By Cody not getting pinned, that allowed us to get the win," Sansone said. "We talked about dual meets during a roll-around earlier today. We told the kids about saving points. Losing a decision is better than losing a major decision and being technical failed is better than getting pinned."

"I'm really happy with the way we wrestled tonight. We knew St. C. was going to be a tough match," Indian Creek head coach Brandon Pendleton said. "We dug ourselves a hole and we knew that coming in with back-to-back forfeits to start, but the guys kept battling and we had a chance to tie it down the stretch."

Pendleton was real

pleased with Llewellyn.

"He turned the match around real quick," Pendleton said. "He's really coming around."

"We know what are top guys can do and we've got some guys that aren't quite there yet, but they wrestled well and we're improving."

Other winners for the Red Devils were Dylan Lodge (106), OVAC Ron Mauck titlist Gannon Kazmirski (113), Zach McKeever (126), Harrison Kazmirski (132), Darshan Howard (138) and Ryan Ivey (185). Lodge and G. Kazmirski both won by forfeits, while McKeever earned a major decision. H. Kazmirski, Howard and Ivey all getting pins.

Like it did against Indian Creek, Oak Glen started off strong by winning the first six matches, but faltered down the stretch in going 1-1.

"I kind of figured we might jump out 30-0 but all we needed to do was win one match after 145, but we didn't," Oak Glen head coach Patrick McGillician said. "Indian Creek is a quality team with some highly ranked wrestlers. We'll see them again in a couple of weeks."

St. Clairsville is back in action Saturday as it travels to New Lexington for the Jimmy Wood Classic. Harrison Central, Indian Creek and Oak Glen are entered in the Panther Classic at Buckeye Local on Saturday.

while Bailey poured in three.

Carson Chriver led the CeeBees with 19 points and sank a trio of 3-pointers.

**Newcomerstown 55, Beallsville 36**  
BEALLSVILLE — The Trojans lengthy trip worth it as they led wire-to-wire en route to a convincing win.

The Blue Devils were led by Logan Taylor's 10.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
Cameron 66, Clay-Battelle 34

CAMERON — Ashlynn Vantassell put up 19 points and a dozen rebounds to lead the Dragons to victory at home.

Lili Neely helped with 18 points and a pair of 3-pointers. Kenzie Clutter and Emilee Dobbs both chipped in eight points and Dobbs added five assists.

Liv Ammons led CB with 18 points.

## BETHANY

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"We fed off that and late (in the game), that noise, our defense and our composure I think are what put us over the top."

The Bison led 26-19 at halftime thanks to their stingy full-court defense. They forced nine first-half turnovers from W&J, scored 11 points off those turnovers and held the Presidents to just seven points in the second quarter.

"We've really invested in how we defend," Sansom said. "It's been something that when we bring teams in here to Bethany, we want to make it hard for them to score and I think we do a really good job."

Garrison, a freshman from nearby Wheeling Park high school, finished as the game's leading scorer with 28 points and shot an astonishing 14 of 14 from the free throw line, including two to extend Bethany's lead with 20 second left.

"I kind of try to block everything out and just focus on making it," Garrison said of her approach to foul shots.

She also led the team with four triples and three steals.

"It's unbelievable to somebody on the outside that doesn't get to see her day in and day out," Sansom said. "I'm not shocked, she'll be in (the gym Thursday) even though she said she felt like she ran 10 miles tonight."

"She puts the work in," he continued. "This didn't happen overnight, she's put the time in to get to those moments. 14 for 14 from the foul line as a freshman, against the top team in the conference is absolutely outstanding."

"It feels really good (to win) since we lost to them at their place," Garrison said. "So to win at home, and we haven't lost at

the second time this season to the Tigers.

River was led by Hannah Raper's 13. Kelsey Harlan and Rylee Knight each went for 10.

Marietta's Jacey McKnight dialed in eight triples en route to a game-high 24 points.

**COLLEGE**  
MEN'S BASKETBALL

Wheeling 62, West Virginia Wesleyan 58

BUCKHANNON — It was a defensive battle as the Wheeling Men's Basketball team (6-13, 5-8) battled West Virginia Wesleyan. After scoring just 23 points in the first half, Wheeling rallied back with 39 second half points to pull off a 62-58 victory. Wheeling sealed the game from the free throw

added 13 in a losing cause.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

**West Liberty 87, Davis & Elkins 54**  
ELKINS, W.Va. - Audrey Tingle notched her third triple-double of the season and the West Liberty University women's basketball team breezed to an 87-54 win against Davis & Elkins Wednesday night at the McDonnell Center.

The 5-6 Tingle tossed in 11 points, grabbed 15 rebounds and dished out 10 assists in leading the Hilltoppers (14-5, 9-4) to their fifth straight win.

Corinne Thomas checked in with a double-double of her own, netting 11 points to go along with 10 rebounds. Arriana Manzay just missed with 16 points and 9 boards while Karly McCutcheon also finished with 16 points.

## JETS

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Linsly held a 45-44 edge with under 4 minutes remaining when junior guard Emily Kellaway delivered a clutch 3-pointer to give the Jets the lead for good.

She also followed the 3 up with a pair of free throws to create a 49-45 cushion with 1:41 remaining.

"Emmy hung in there and made some big shots at the right time," Tolzda said. "I was really proud of that."

Linsly didn't back down, however, as Grimm found the bottom of the net and drew a foul for a three-point play to make it 49-48 with 1:11 to go.

Down the stretch, Kildow and Lauren Miller each made one of two free throws for the Jets and a last-second Linsly 3 couldn't connect as UL walked away with the win.

"We told them just to have a short memory," Linsly coach Rebecca Upton said. "We play again (tonight) at Monroe Central and it's not going to be any easier. They have

some really talented kids, too. This is all in preparation for next week (OVAC Tournament). We have very specific goals for next week and hopefully we can move on from this and use it as a learning experience."

Linsly led 24-19 midway through the second quarter until the Jets finished the half on a 12-3 run to take a 31-27 upper hand into halftime.

Merritt led all UL scorers at the break with 10 points thanks to a pair of 3-pointers.

Union Local took a 39-35 edge into the final frame and was able to hang on with clutch shooting late.

"They are so talented," Upton said of Kildow and Vinskovich. "You are not going to keep them scoreless. I thought Haylen did a great job on Kildow and Vinskovich is just a tough matchup. She does such a good job at using her body to protect the ball. Carleigh fought hard and this is a tough place to play. There is nothing but good things to say about our kids' effort."

## WHEELING

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"You get guys practicing football on your campus, you get young men who have had great high school careers, on both sides of the river, an opportunity to play one more (high school) game," Bruney said. "A chance to get them on our campus, use our facilities, stay in our dorms and experience social events on our campus is great. The most memorable thing, for me, when I was a player (in the OVAC Game) was the week that was. The game's memorable in its own part and right, but the week of training camp and everyone who was involved with it, made it memorable

or special."

The Cardinals football roster features several former OVAC All-Stars. With National Signing Day now less than a week away, Bruney anticipates a few more future Cardinals will grace the field at Wheeling Island Stadium before reporting to Wheeling camp in early August.

"We had a couple of guys play last year on the West Virginia side," Bruney said. "The years prior, we've had some Ohio guys. Every year there seems to be a few guys, but it's just natural. You try to keep your Division II, home-grown talent home if you can."

## WVU

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While the turnover problem seemed to be patched come the second half, Oklahoma's possession of a double-digit lead for more than eight minutes took its toll. Ultimately, West Virginia's inability to match the Sooners' offensive success led to the team's swift demise.

"All I know is, I'm gonna do my best," Huggins said on trying to right the ship. "I know how important Mountaineer basketball is to the people in the state of West Virginia ... I understand how important it is and I understand how much they plan their

schedules around it. And I apologize to them."

West Virginia returns to the court on Saturday, traveling to Arkansas for this season's installment of the Big 12/SEC challenge.

"It starts with the leaders, the people who have been here," Bridges said. "Everyday in practice, we gotta bring the defensive intensity, we gotta rebound every ball, we gotta play hard. You can just tell, we're out there dead in the water. We gotta go back to the drawing board. We're gonna get it fixed in practice, and we'll go get one at Arkansas."



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**LOCAL CARD**

**Thursday, January 27**  
**Boys Basketball**  
 Buckeye Local at Harrison Central  
 Paden City at Cameron  
 Linsly at University  
**Girls Basketball**  
 Caldwell at Barnesville  
 River at Bellaire  
 St. Clairsville at Brooke  
 Clay-Battelle at Hundred  
 Linsly at Monroe Central  
 Tyler Consolidated at Parkersburg Catholic  
 Wheeling Central at Weir  
 Fairmont Senior at Wheeling Park

**NFL PLAYOFFS**

**Divisional Playoffs**  
**Saturday, Jan. 22**  
 Cincinnati 19, Tennessee 16  
 San Francisco 13, Green Bay 10  
**Sunday, Jan. 23**  
 L.A. Rams 30, Tampa Bay 27  
 Kansas City 42, Buffalo 36, OT  
**Conference Championships**  
**Sunday, Jan. 30**  
**AFC**  
 Cincinnati at Kansas City, 3:05 p.m. (CBS)  
**NFC**  
 San Francisco at L.A. Rams, 6:40 p.m. (FOX)  
**Super Bowl**  
**Sunday, Feb. 13**  
**At Inglewood, Calif.**  
 conference championship winners, 6:30 p.m. (NBC)

**ECHL**

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**North Division**

GP	W	L	OL	SOL	Pts	GF	GA	
Reading	31	17	8	5	1	40	99	92
Newfoundland	25	17	7	2	0	36	96	70
Maine	33	15	14	3	1	34	106	115
Trois-Rivieres	27	16	10	0	1	33	98	85
Adirondack	30	13	15	2	0	28	87	103
Worcester	32	13	17	1	1	28	102	119

**South Division**

GP	W	L	OL	SOL	Pts	GF	GA	
Jacksonville	35	22	10	2	1	47	104	82
Florida	37	20	11	3	3	46	125	95
Atlanta	38	20	15	2	1	43	106	105
Orlando	36	19	15	2	0	40	107	115
South Carolina	37	13	20	4	0	30	87	121
Greenville	32	11	15	3	3	28	88	100
Norfolk	33	12	19	1	1	26	86	124

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Central Division**

GP	W	L	OL	SOL	Pts	GF	GA	
Toledo	34	24	8	0	2	50	130	90
Fort Wayne	36	19	13	4	0	42	116	104
Cincinnati	37	20	16	1	0	41	122	113
Wheeling	36	19	16	1	0	39	124	118
Kalamazoo	35	19	16	0	0	38	121	125
Indy	37	17	16	2	2	38	129	124
Iowa	39	15	18	5	1	36	110	141

**Mountain Division**

GP	W	L	OL	SOL	Pts	GF	GA	
Utah	39	25	12	1	1	52	139	116
Rapid City	40	20	15	3	2	45	123	125
Tulsa	35	20	14	0	1	41	105	103
Idaho	37	20	16	0	1	41	109	89
Kansas City	37	18	18	1	0	37	116	122
Allen	34	14	15	4	1	33	113	129
Wichita	39	13	21	5	0	31	103	127

**HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL**

**Boys Basketball**  
**St. Clairsville 81, Cambridge 57**  
 ST. CLAIRSVILLE (81) - McCort 10, 1-1 24; Henry 12, 1-2 25; Oberdick 1, 0-0 2; Thoburn 6, 0-0 16; Woodford 2, 1-1 5; Pastor 3, 3-4 9; Crist 0, 0-0 0; Schafer 0, 0-0 0; Newton 0, 0-0 0; Vera 0, 0-0 0; Parsons 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 34, 6-8 81. CAMBRIDGE (57) - Jeffrey 3, 0-0 7; Bond 4, 0-0 8; Moore 1, 1-2 4; Parsons 4, 1-2 9; Long 3, 0-0 6; Polasky 8, 2-4 19; Campbell 2, 0-0 4; Stansberry 1, 0-0 2; Totals: 26, 4-8 57.  
**3-point goals:** St. C. - McCort (3), Thoburn (4). C - Jeffrey, Polasky; Moore.  
**Shadyside 63, Shenandoah 46**  
 SHENANDOAH (46) - Smith 2, 1-1 6; Fairchild 4, 0-0 11; Stottsberry 6, 3-4 16; Irvin 0, 0-0 0; G. Stottsberry 2, 0-0 6; VanFleet 0, 0-0 0; Bennett 0, 0-0 0; Perkins 0, 0-0 0; Miley 0, 0-0 0; House 3, 0-0 7; Totals: 17, 4-5 46. SHADYSIDE (63) - VanNest 1, 0-0 2; Wach 6, 0-0 17; Salgat 0, 0-0 0; Beckett 5, 3-3 14; Tsoras 0, 0-0 0; Brock 6, 1-2 13; Amos 7, 3-4 17; Totals: 25, 7-9 63.  
**3-point goals:** Shen - Smith, Fairchild (3), M. Stottsberry, G. Stottsberry (2). Shad - Wach (5), Beckett.  
**Cameron 68, Bridgeport 35**  
 CAMERON (68) - Estel 0, 0-0 0; Frye 0, 0-0 0; Powell 4, 0-0 9; Burkett 6, 0-0 13; Wichterman 9, 0-0 22; McCauley 2, 0-0 4; Winters 0, 2-2 2; Marling 0, 0-0 0; Beresford 4, 7-9 15; McCauley 0, 0-0 0; Hartley 1, 1-2 3; Totals: 26, 10-13 68. BRIDGEPORT (35) - C. Jackson 5, 0-0 12; Tarr 2, 0-0 4; Spurlock 3, 0-0 9; Flanagan 3, 0-0 8; A. Jackson 0, 0-0 0; Gear 1, 0-0 2; Totals: 14, 0-0 35.  
**3-point goals:** C - Wichterman (4), Powell, Burkett. B - C. Jackson (2), Spurlock (3), Flanagan (2).  
**Tyler Consolidated 61, Clay-Battelle 45**  
 CB - Shriver 7 2-2 19; Payton 2 0-0 5; Barr 4 5-9 13; Luzader 0 4-4 4; Gadd 1 0-0 2; Arnett 1 0-0 2.  
 TYLER - C. Strode 6 7-8 23; Bailey 6 2-4 17; Baker 4 2-2 13; Seckman 1 2-2 4; Westbrook 1 0-0 2; B. Strode 0 1-2 1.  
**3 Pt. Goals** - Clay-Battelle 4 (Shriver 3, Payton 1), Tyler Consolidated 10 (C. Strode 4, Bailey 3, Baker 3).  
**CB 9 14 8 14 - 45**  
**TC 19 6 23 13 - 61**  
**Newcomerstown 55, Beallsville 36**  
 NEWCOMERSTOWN (55) - D. Newkirk 8, 0-0 17; Wilson 3, 0-0 7; Pryson 5, 1-2 11; T. Newkirk 3, 3-4 9; Da. Newkirk 1, 0-0 2; Guillen 1, 0-0 2; Sanders 2, 2-2 7; Totals: 20, 6-8 55. BEALLSVILLE (36) - Tr. English 2, 1-2 5; Allen 3, 2-5 8; Taylor 3, 3-4 10; Ta. English 2, 1-4 8; M. Loudon 0, 0-0 0; Smith 2, 0-0 5; Anderson 0, 0-0 0; Fulton 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 13, 7-15 36.  
**3-point goals:** N - D. Newkirk, Wilson, Sanders. B - Taylor, Ta. English, Smith.  
**Girls Basketball**  
**Union Local 51, Linsly 48**  
 LINSLY (48) - Grimm 6 3-3 15; Heitz 0 0-0 0; Hicks 2 0-0 6; Podobnik 0 0-0 0; Ratcliffe 0 0-0 0; A. Cook 0 0-0 0; Edge 3 0-0 9; H. Cook 3 1-2 9; Zelunion 4 0-2 9; Totals 18 4-7 48. UNION LOCAL (51) - Miller 1 1-2 3; Kildow 5 2-4 12; Kellaway 2 2-2 8; Merritt 4 0-0 10; Gregor 2 2-2 6; Vinskovich 4 4-8 12; Totals 18 11-18 51.  
**3-Point Goals:** H. Cook 2, Hicks 2, Edge 3; Kellaway 2, Merritt 2.  
**Martins Ferry 60, Harrison Central 33**  
 MARTINS FERRY (60) - Clark 2, 5-6 9; Sidon 3, 0-0 9; Best 6, 1-2 13; Jones 7, 1-2 15; Pollock 2, 0-0 6; Agnew 0, 0-0 0; Hughes 0, 0-0 0; Smith 2, 0-0 4; Shreve 0, 0-0 0; E. McFarland 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 24, 7-10 60. HARRISON CENTRAL (33) - Rensi 1, 0-0 2; Carson 0, 0-0 0; Dunkle 4, 1-1 9; Fischer 2, 0-0 5; Banal 0, 2-2 2; Butler 1, 0-0 3; Ferri 4, 0-0 10; Sedgmer 0, 0-0 0; Harbold 1, 0-0 2; Totals: 13, 3-3 33.  
**3-point goals:** MF - Sidon (3), Pollock (2). HC - Fischer, Butler, Ferri (2).  
**Bellaire 56, Shadyside 47**  
 SHADYSIDE (47) - Stewart 0, 0-0 0; T. Fulton 0, 0-0 0; R. Fulton 7, 2-2 23; Sims 0, 0-0 0; Brown 2, 2-4 6; Hendershot 1, 1-2 3; Gorby 5, 5-8 15; Totals: 15, 10-16 47. BELLAIRE (56) - Ault 3, 3-3 12; Porter 0, 0-0 0; Harveth 3, 4-5 10; Mason 5, 2-3 12; Hamilton 0, 0-0 0; McAninch 2, 2-2 6; Rowson 0, 0-0 0; O'Grady 3, 3-4 12; Bonar 2, 0-2 4; Craig 0, 0-1 0; Totals: 18, 14-20 56.  
**3-point goals:** S - R. Fulton (7), B - Ault (3), O'Grady (3).  
**Marietta 58, River 53**  
 MARIETTA (58) - Turner 0, 0-0 0; Baker 0, 0-0 0; Lauer 4, 3-4 13; Medley 5, 2-2 12; Wharff 3, 0-0 9; McKnight 8, 0-0 24; Totals: 20, 5-6 58. RIVER (53) - Hobbs 2, 2-3 6; Harlan 4, 1-2 10; E. Reed 2, 0-0 5; J. Reed 3, 0-0 9; Raper 6, 1-5 13; Knight 5, 0-0 10; Pfalzgraf 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 22, 4-10 53.  
**3-point goals:** M - Laurer (2), Wharff (3), McKnight (8), R - J. Reed (3), Harlan, E. Reed.  
**Cameron 66, Clay-Battelle 34**  
 CB - Ammons 7 3-7 18; Darlington 3 1-2 7; Moore 3 1-2 7; Statler 0 2-2 2; Hennen 0 0-0 0. Vantassell 8 3-5 19; Neely 7 2-4 18; Clutter 3 0-0 8; E. Dobbs 4 0-0 8; Littleton 2 0-0 5; Carter 1 0-0 2; Neehouse 1 0-0 2; Schrock 2 0-0 4.  
**3 Pt. Goals** - Clay-Battelle 1 (Ammons). Cameron 5 (Clutter 2, Neely 2, Littleton 1).  
**CB 5 7 6 16 - 34**  
**Cameron 16 18 19 13 - 66**

**WRESTLING**

**OVAC Bill Hinegardner Dual Meet Championships Class 4A (at Brooke H.S.)**  
**Championship St. Clairsville 43, Indian Creek 25**  
 106--Lodge (STC) won by forfeit; 113--G. Kazmirski (STC) won by forfeit; 120--Sipes (IC) d. Street, 5-0; 126--McKeever (STC) md. Rayburn, 12-0; 132--H. Kazmirski (STC) p. Crane, 0:43; 138--Howard (STC) p. Giusto, 0:19; 145--CJ Spencer (IC) p. Wood, 0:57; 152--C. Stout (STC) d. Paterra, 9-5; 160--R. Spencer (IC) md. Witsberger, 17-3; 170--Schoolcraft (STC) p. Ferguson, 1:34; 182--Llewellyn (IC) p. B. Stout, 3:51; 195--Starr (IC) p. Walker, 0:37; 215--Dondzila (IC) d. Stecyk, 3-1; 285--Ivey (STC) p. Hagerty, 0:44.  
**Third-Place Oak Glen 54, Harrison Central 30**  
 106--Davis (OG) p. Sampson, 3:13; 113--Anderson (OG) won by forfeit; 120--C. Lamb (OG) won by forfeit; 126--Doty (OG) won by forfeit; 132--Lopez (HC) p. Adams, 3:41; 138--Marbais (HC) p. Bellville, 0:41; 145--Bittinger (HC) p. Heinrich, 1:04; 152--Dlugopolski (OG) won by forfeit; 160--O'Connor (OG) won by forfeit; 170--Barganski (OG) won by forfeit; 182--Sauers (OG) won by forfeit; 195--Molish (OG) won by forfeit; 215--Lu. Thomas (HC) won by forfeit; 285--La. Thomas (HC) won by forfeit.  
**Semifinals St. Clairsville 51, Harrison Central 27**  
 106--Sampson (HC) p. Lodge, 1:09; 113--G. Kazmirski (STC) won by forfeit; 120--Street (STC) won by forfeit; 126--McKeever (STC) won by forfeit; 132--H. Kazmirski (STC) d. Lopez, 8-5; 138--Marbais (HC) p. Howard, 1:17; 145--Bittinger (HC) d. Wood, 14-8; 152--C. Stout (STC) won by forfeit; 160--Witsberger (STC) won by forfeit; 170--Schoolcraft (STC) won by forfeit; 182--B. Stout (STC) won by forfeit; 195--Walker (STC) won by forfeit; 215--Lu. Thomas (HC) won by forfeit; 285--La. Thomas (HC) p. Ivey, 0:24.  
**Indian Creek 43, Oak Glen 30**  
 106--Davis (OG) won by forfeit; 113--Anderson (OG) won by forfeit; 120--H. Lamb (OG) d. Sipes, 7-2; 126--C. Lamb (OG) p. Rayburn, 3:48; 132--Doty (OG) d. Crane, 8-4; 138--Bellville (OG) p. Giusto, 3:36; 145--CJ Spencer (IC) won by forfeit; 152--Paterra (IC) md. Dlugopolski, 9-0; 160--R. Spencer (IC) d. O'Connor, 6-2; 170--Ferguson (IC) p. Barganski, 3:10; 182--Llewellyn (IC) p. Sauers, 1:04; 195--Starr (IC) won by forfeit; 215--Dondzila (IC) p. Molish, 1:52; 285--Hagerty (IC) won by forfeit.

**NHL**

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**Atlantic Division**

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Florida	43	29	9	5	63	175	125
Tampa Bay	43	28	10	5	61	149	123
Toronto	39	26	10	3	55	133	103
Boston	39	24	13	2	50	122	107
Detroit	43	18	19	6	42	118	147
Buffalo	42	13	22	7	33	111	147
Ottawa	36	13	20	3	29	103	125
Montreal	41	8	26	7	23	90	154

**Metropolitan Division**

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
N.Y. Rangers	43	28	11	4	60	132	110
Pittsburgh	42	27	10	5	59	145	111
Carolina	39	28	9	2	58	140	94
Washington	44	23	12	9	55	140	122
Columbus	40	18	21	1	37	121	145
N.Y. Islanders	35	15	14	6	36	84	94
New Jersey	41	15	21	5	35	118	145
Philadelphia	43	13	22	8	34	105	148

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Central Division**

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Colorado	40	29	8	3	61	167	118
Nashville	44	27	14	3	57	138	120
St. Louis	42	25	12	5	55	147	116
Minnesota	38	25	10	3	53	149	115
Dallas	40	22	16	2	46	120	121
Winnipeg	39	17	15	7	41	114	119
Chicago	43	16	20	7	39	107	142
Arizona	41	10	27	4	24	92	158

**Pacific Division**

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Vegas	43	25	15	3	53	149	129
Anaheim	45	21	16	8	50	133	130
Los Angeles	43	21	16	6	48	121	118
Calgary	38	20	12	6	46	126	94
San Jose	43	22	19	2	46	119	132
Edmonton	38	20	16	2	42	125	128
Vancouver	42	18	19	5	41	105	119
Seattle	42	13	25	4	30	112	152

**NBA**

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**Atlantic Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Brooklyn	29	19	.604	—
Philadelphia	28	19	.596	½
Boston	25	24	.510	4½
Toronto	23	23	.500	5
New York	23	26	.469	6½

**Southeast Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Miami	31	17	.646	—
Charlotte	27	22	.551	4½
Washington	23	25	.479	8
Atlanta	22	25	.468	8½
Orlando	9	40	.184	22½

**Central Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	30	17	.638	—
Cleveland	30	19	.612	1
Milwaukee	30	20	.600	1½
Indiana	17	32	.347	14
Detroit	11	36	.234	19

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Southwest Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Memphis	33	17	.660	—
Dallas	27	21	.563	5
New Orleans	18	29	.383	13½
San Antonio	18	31	.367	14½
Houston	14	34	.292	18

**Northwest Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Utah	30	18	.625	—
Denver	26	21	.553	3½
Minnesota	24	23	.511	5½
Portland	20	27	.426	9½
Oklahoma City	14	33	.298	15½

**Pacific Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Phoenix	37	9	.804	—
Golden State	35	13	.729	3
L.A. Clippers	25	25	.500	14
L.A. Lakers	24	24	.500	14
Sacramento	18	32	.360	21