

# SPORTS

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## OVAC All-Star games



Photo by NICK HENTHORN

ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S Ethan Saffell battles for the ball Sunday during the OVAC All-Star boys soccer game at St. Clairsville High School.

### • West Virginia sweeps soccer

By NICK HENTHORN  
Sports Editor

ST. CLAIRSVILLE — The best of the Ohio Valley came together for an exhibition of their skills Sunday at St. Clairsville High School in the 2024 OVAC Soccer Senior All-Star games.

In the annual state-vs.-state outing, the West Virginia side of the river took both games Sunday, and in decisive fashion, the boys winning 11-0 and the girls winning 8-0 over their Ohio counterparts.

More important than the final scores though was the opportunity for standout seniors across the OVAC to get the spotlight one more time.

"It's an opportunity for seniors to get together, from different schools,

and play with guys that they know from around the OVAC and just have a lot of fun." Wheeling Park head coach Mario Julian, coach of the W.Va. Boys on Sunday, said. "That was the emphasis — score lots of goals and have lots of fun. That's what they tried to do out there."

"We wanted to have an enjoyable experience for the seniors," Steubenville head coach Annie Cutri, coach of the Ohio Girls on Sunday, said. "This is the last time they'll play in their high school jersey. West Virginia is always a solid side, so we were just trying to make it fun and uplifting and empowering for the girls."

In-between games, conference Players and Coaches of the Year

were presented with their plaques. Awardees included, on the girls side, Rylee Wright, Wheeling Central (1A-3A); Gabriella Spickard, Weir (4A); and Adrienne Altizer, Parkersburg South (5A). Cutri was Coach of the Year. On the boys side, Dominic Gianangeli, Wheeling Central (1A-3A); Ethan Wood, Beaver Local (4A); and Tresh McLeod, Wheeling Park (5A) were awarded. Wheeling Central's Brian Komorowski was Coach of the Year.

The W.Va. boys took an 8-0 lead into halftime and cruised to the finish line. It was a victory for the Mountain State after Ohio won in PK's last year.

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### • Ohio tops West Virginia in four sets

By MIKE HUGHES  
For The Times Leader

ST. CLAIRSVILLE — Some of the top senior volleyball talent from around the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference took to the court Sunday at the ECO Center in St. Clairsville for one final hurrah.

When an attack error sailed over the line for match point, it was the Ohio squad that emerged victorious in four sets, 25-15, 25-21, 21-25, and 15-4.

The Kaye Sechrest-led Buckeyes squad jumped out to a commanding lead in the first set, thanks in large part to the play of Warren's Madyson Long, a 5-foot-11 outside hitter with a penchant for hammering home solid kills.

Long, who averaged five kills per set her senior season, totaled five of six in the first set as Ohio raced out to a 21-9 advantage.

Her fifth scoring strike put Ohio up 24-15 before a block resulted in set point and Ohio taking an early 1-0 advantage.

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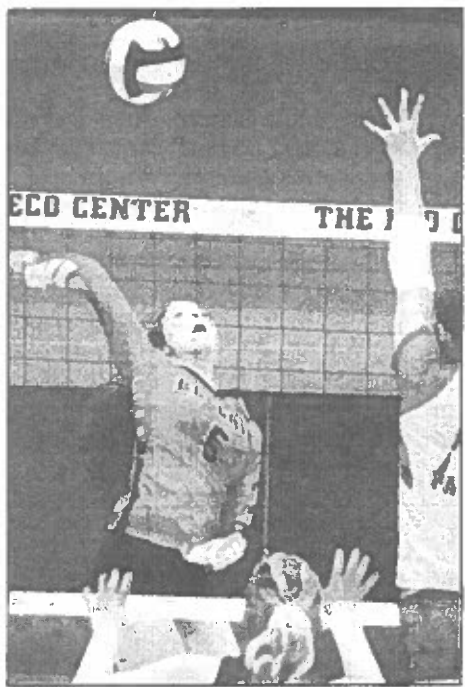
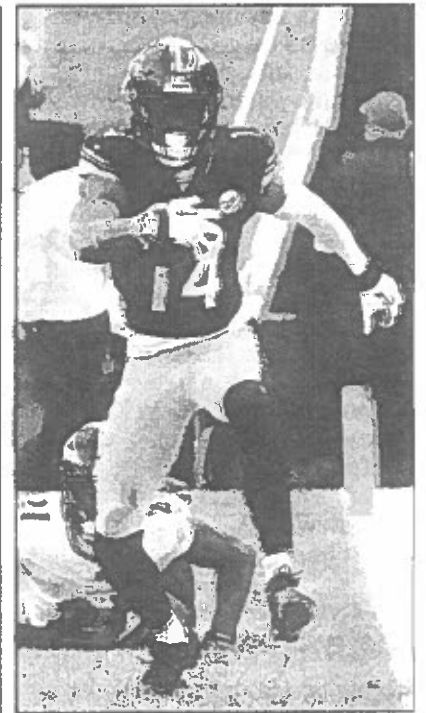


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BELLAIRE'S ZARA Harveth goes up for a kill during the OVAC All-Star Volleyball match Sunday at the ECO Center in St. Clairsville.



AP Photo

PITTSBURGH STEELERS wide receiver George Pickens (14) avoids a tackle by Baltimore Ravens cornerback Brandon Stephens (21) during the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday in Pittsburgh.

### Boswell kicks 6 field goals, the Steelers win 18-16 over Ravens

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Steelers insist they have no secret formula when it comes to stopping Lamar Jackson. That there is nothing mystical about their approach to the otherworldly Baltimore Ravens quarterback.

They study film. Just like everybody else. They read their cues. Just like everybody else. They fight. Just like everybody else.

And they win. Like just about no one else.

"Forget the minutiae of what it is you do," Steelers coach Mike Tomlin said. "You better play hard, fast and together or you have no shot."

They almost always do when Jackson is on the other side of the line of scrimmage.

The latest proof came in an 18-16 victory over the Ravens on Sunday that included another 60-minute clinic on slowing down perhaps the most dynamic player in the league.

Pittsburgh (8-2) held Jackson and the rest of the NFL's top-ranked offense to season lows in points and yards (329) and season highs in mistakes, some self-inflicted, some not.

Baltimore (7-4) turned it over three times — each leading to one of Chris Boswell's six field goals — and committed 12 penalties while never really establishing the kind of rhythm that comes so easily when they play someone other than the Steelers.

"I can't call it," Jackson said after falling to 1-4 against Pittsburgh. "I feel like we (were) making strides in the right direction and then something would happen."

The two-time MVP completed just 16 of 33 for 207 yards with a touchdown and an interception. He hit Zay Flowers for a 16-yard score with 1:06 left to get the Ra-

## Oregon is the unanimous No. 1 team again; Georgia is back in top 10 and LSU out of Top 25



(AP) — Oregon remained the unanimous No. 1 team in The Associated Press Top 25 college football poll Sunday after its close call at Wisconsin, Notre Dame and Alabama each jumped up two spots and Georgia returned to the top 10. LSU is unranked for the first time in two years.

The unbeaten Ducks are atop the AP Top 25 for the fifth straight week, passing Texas as the No. 1 team for the most polls this season. They received all 62 first-place votes for the third week in a row after scoring their fewest points in 37 games in the 16-13 win over Wisconsin.

Oregon also holds the top spot in the College Football Playoff rankings and will at-

The Ducks were followed in the AP poll by No. 2 Ohio State, No. 3 Texas, No. 4 Penn State and No. 5 Indiana for the second straight week. The top five could be due for a shake-up this week with Indiana visiting Ohio State for one of the most anticipated games of the season.

Notre Dame, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and Tennessee rounded out the top 10. Georgia got a three-rung promotion to No. 8 with its 31-17 win over Tennessee.

Mississippi, which was idle Saturday, rose one spot and Tennessee dropped four but stayed in the top 10.

The Big Ten again held four of the top five spots, and the Southeastern Conference had

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"We have a lot of good players — Tresz [McLeod], Riley Brabson. Aidan Stire got the defensive player of the game," Julian said. "Some great players, and they wanted to go out there and show the skill that they have, that West Virginia has. They were excited to play in this one."

"We have a great group of seniors on the Ohio side, and we wanted them to enjoy the game," Greg Bowers, Steubenville head coach and the coach of the Ohio boys Sunday, said. "We knew what we were up against, that's one of the more talented West Virginia squads that has been assembled. We did a good job competing, we had fun, I think the kids enjoyed the experience."

Morgantown's Aidan Stire took home W.Va. Defensive MVP, and Wheeling Park's Tresz McLeod was awarded Offensive MVP. For Ohio, Beaver Local's Hunter Warrick was Defensive MVP and Beaver Local's Kaleb Mays was Offensive MVP.

The West Virginia girls led 6-0 at halftime, and tacked on a couple more in the second half. Wheeling Park's Katelyn Smith was Offensive MVP

for West Virginia, and Morgantown's Josie Johnson was Defensive MVP. Harrison Central's Vanessa Dowdle was Ohio's Defensive MVP, with Amelia Collopy receiving Offensive MVP.

"We wanted them to go out and have some fun, and play with kids they don't get to play with any other time of the year because they're competing against each other all season," Parkersburg South head coach Ron Bucholtz, coach of the W.Va. girls Sunday, said. "We wanted them to come together and play some good soccer, which they did, the West Virginia girls played really well together."

"The main thing was to just have some fun and let the fans enjoy a Sunday postseason game where there's really nothing at stake. There didn't have to be any heat, any tension to it, nobody's going to yell or bark at officials or anything like that. It was a good, fun, clean game. It's always enjoyable, we had a good group of girls, and I didn't have to do much coaching. Set a lineup, go out and have fun."

West Virginia won 4-0 in last year's game.

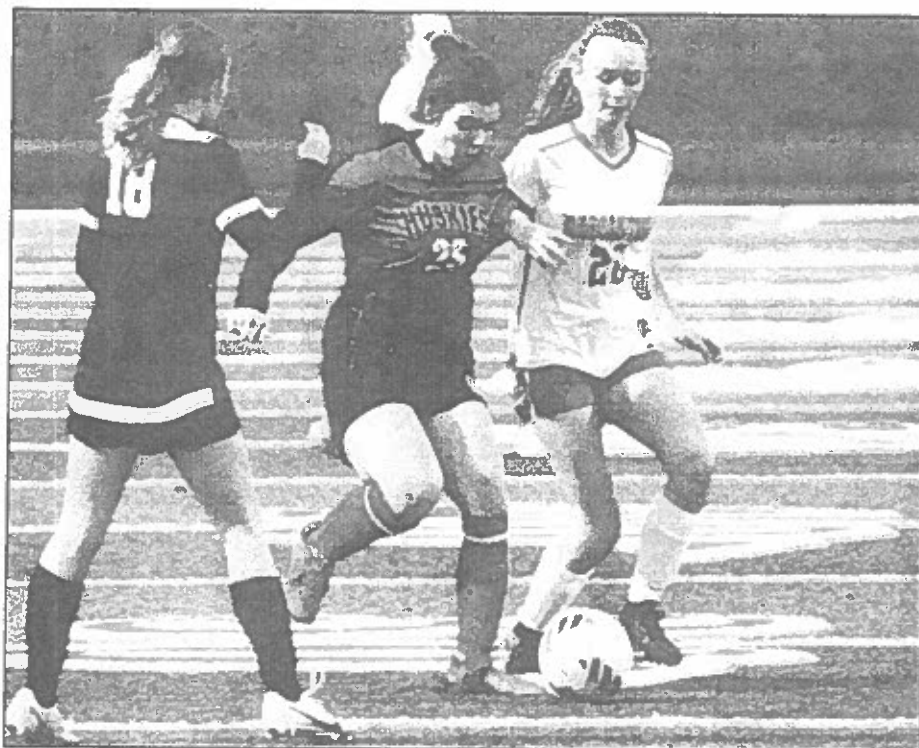


Photo by NICK HENTHORN

**HARRISON CENTRAL'S** Vanessa Dowdle maneuvers through a pair of opponents Sunday during the OVAC All-Star girls soccer game at St. Clairsville High School.

## • Oregon

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to Kansas dropped the Cougars from No. 7 to No. 14 and put them in a first-place tie with Deion Sanders' Colorado Buffaloes in the Big 12. The Buffs are No. 16.

A season-high four Group of Five teams are in the Top 25. No. 12 Boise State remains the highest ranked of those programs and first in line for the guaranteed playoff spot. No. 23 UNLV joins Boise State as Top 25 Mountain West teams. No. 18 Army and No. 20 Tulane give the American Athletic Conference two ranked teams as well.

LSU — which dropped to 6-4 following its third straight loss, 27-16 at Florida — is out of the Top 25 for the first time since Oct. 16, 2022. The Tigers were ranked in 36 straight polls.

Oregon's win over Wisconsin was its third by three points or fewer this season. The Ducks' 16 points were their fewest since a 49-3 loss to Georgia in their 2022 opener.

Tulane went from No. 25 to No. 20 for the week's biggest promotion. The Green Wave's 35-0 win at Navy marked their first shutout of a conference opponent since 1960 and set up a matchup with No. 18 Army in the AAC championship game on Dec. 6.

No. 16 Colorado has its highest ranking since it was No. 11 on Dec. 4, 2016, and No. 19 South Carolina has its highest since it was No. 13 on Sept. 21, 2014.

No. 21 Arizona State is in the Top 25 for the first time since Oct. 10, 2021. The Sun Devils (8-2), who are coming off a win at Kansas State, have their most victories since 2021.

No. 22 Iowa State, which beat Cincinnati after two straight losses, is back following a one-week absence.

No. 23 UNLV, which was ranked for one week after a 4-0 start, has won four of its last five.

No. 24 Illinois makes its eighth appearance in the Top 25 this season, its most since 2001.

Missouri, Kansas State and Louisville joined LSU as teams knocked out of the rankings following losses.

### Conference call

SEC — 7 (Nos. 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 19).

Big Ten — 5 (Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 24).

Big 12 — 4 (Nos. 14, 16, 21, 22).

ACC — 3 (Nos. 11, 13, 17).

AAC — 2 (Nos. 18, 20).

Mountain West — 2 (Nos. 12, 23).

Pac-12 — 1 (No. 25).

Independent — 1 (No. 6).

## • Steelers

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Jackson rolled to his left, tried to run then pulled up and threw a prayer to no one in particular that fell incomplete.

The Steelers — with backup quarterback Justin Fields subbing in for Russell Wilson on a couple of snaps — picked up a first down on the ensuing drive as Pittsburgh ran out the clock to give the Steelers a 1 1/2-game lead over Baltimore.

"To come away with a win, it took everybody, not one guy," Pittsburgh defensive tackle Cam Heyward said. "And we understand how critical these AFC North games are. We understand we got a bit of a gantlet (coming)."

One the Steelers appear to be well-equipped to handle.

The list of contributors to Pittsburgh's eighth win in its last nine meetings against the Ravens included rookie linebacker Payton Wilson — who literally stole the ball from Baltimore running back Justice Hill for a crucial fourth-quarter pick — and newcomers Patrick Queen and DeShon Elliott, former Ravens who have quickly found their footing on the other side of the rivalry.

Elliott pounced on a Derrick Henry fumble on Baltimore's first possession and Queen — who left Baltimore in free agency after the Ravens opted not to make him an offer — stripped former teammate Isaiah Likely at the end of the first half and scooped up the loose ball that led to a Boswell field goal and a 9-7 halftime lead the Steelers never relinquished.

"One man's trash is another man's treasure," Tomlin said of Queen. "I'm glad he is on our team."

Pittsburgh needed every one of Boswell's kicks on a day the offense sputtered while largely avoiding the miscues that cost Baltimore so dearly.

## • Volleyball

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The second set was more nip and tuck, with neither team gaining more than a one or two point advantage midway through the set.

West Virginia recorded a block on a Long kill attempt to cut the deficit to 14-13 before the Buckeyes went on a quick run.

A couple kills and attack errors saw Ohio run its lead to 19-

13 before an Addison Kitsmiller kill shot momentarily stopped the bleeding.

A couple of unforced errors allowed West Virginia to further close the gap, and when Oak Glen's McKenzi Miller split a block attempt for a successful attack, the Mountaineers trailed only 22-18.

Union Local's Olivia Wortman put Ohio ahead 24-19 before two successive blocks

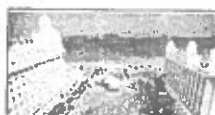
allowed the Mountaineers to narrow the gap again.

The second of those blocks saw Kitsmiller stuff Wellsville's Pressley Stokes at the net.

Stokes got her revenge on the next point, hammering home one of her four kills for set point.

Martin led the charge in the third set, allowing West Virginia to avoid the sweep.

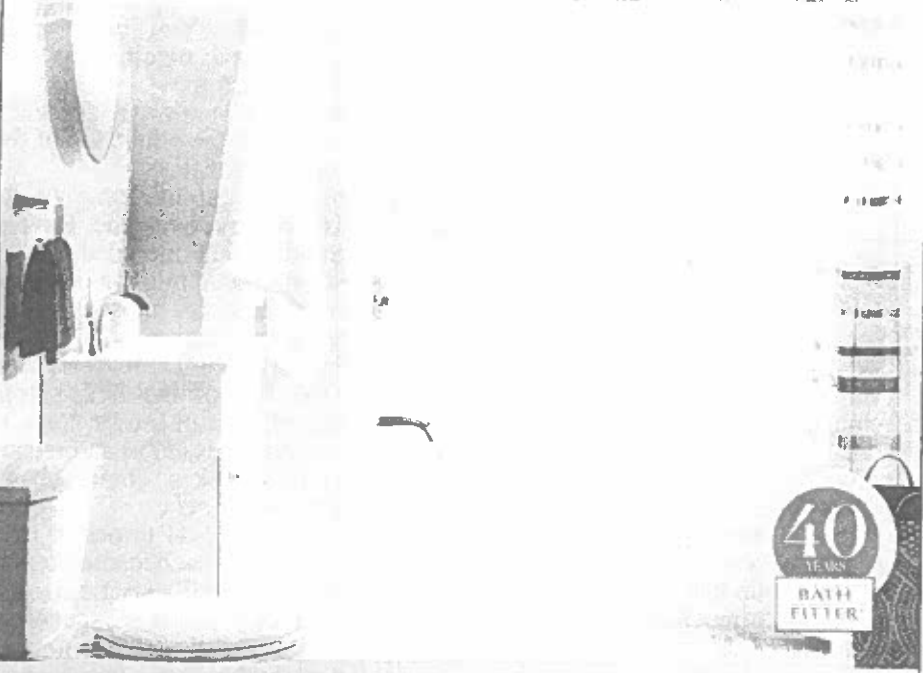
Martin, who finished with a match-high nine kills, really set the tone in the third set as West Virginia won 25-21.



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**SPORTS ON TV**

**Monday, Nov. 18**  
**COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)**  
 6 p.m.  
 BTN — Miami (Ohio) at Michigan  
 7 p.m.  
 ACCN — Colgate at NC State  
 8 p.m.  
 BTN — Texas-Rio Grande Valley at Wisconsin  
 9 p.m.  
 SECN — North Alabama at Auburn  
 10 p.m.  
 CBSSN — Gonzaga at San Diego St.  
**NBA BASKETBALL**  
 8 p.m.  
 NBATV — Houston at Milwaukee  
 10:30 p.m.  
 NBATV — Golden State at L.A. Clippers  
**NFL FOOTBALL**  
 8:15 p.m.  
 ABC — Houston at Dallas  
 ESPN — Houston at Dallas  
 ESPN2 — Houston at Dallas (MNF with Peyton and Eli)  
**NHL HOCKEY**  
 7 p.m.  
 NHLN — Colorado at Philadelphia  
**SOCCER (MEN'S)**  
 2:30 p.m.  
 FS2 — UEFA Nations League Group Stage: Croatia vs. Portugal, Group A, Split, Croatia  
 8 p.m.  
 TNT — CONCACAF Nations League: U.S. vs. Jamaica, Quarterfinal - Leg 2, St. Louis  
 TRUTV — CONCACAF Nations League: U.S. vs. Jamaica, Quarterfinal - Leg 2, St. Louis (DataCast)  
**TENNIS**  
 11 a.m.  
 TENNIS — BJK Cup Semi-final

**NFL STANDINGS**

**AMERICAN CONFERENCE**

East		W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	9	2	0	.818	320	214	
Miami	4	6	0	.400	181	221	
NYJ	3	8	0	.273	204	242	
N. Eng.	3	8	0	.273	182	248	

**South**

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Houston	6	4	0	.600	224	226
Indian.	5	6	0	.455	236	250
Tenn.	2	8	0	.200	170	263
J-ville	2	9	0	.182	208	316

**North**

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Pitts.	8	2	0	.800	233	162
Balt.	7	4	0	.636	334	271
Cincy	4	7	0	.364	297	296
Cleve.	2	8	0	.200	162	248

**West**

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
K. City	9	1	0	.900	240	191
LA Ch.	7	3	0	.700	220	145
Denver	6	5	0	.545	235	183
Vegas	2	8	0	.200	187	285

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

**East**

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Phila.	8	2	0	.800	259	179
Wash.	7	4	0	.636	308	243
Dallas	3	6	0	.333	177	259
NYG	2	8	0	.200	156	222

**South**

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Atlanta	6	5	0	.545	244	274
Tampa	4	6	0	.400	279	266
New Or.	4	7	0	.364	262	260
Carolina	3	7	0	.300	167	310

**North**

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Detroit	9	1	0	.900	336	177
Minn.	8	2	0	.800	244	170
Gr. Bay	7	3	0	.700	250	213
Chicago	4	6	0	.400	194	187

**West**

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Arizona	6	4	0	.600	238	220
Rams	5	5	0	.500	213	239
S. Fran.	5	5	0	.500	250	222
Seattle	5	5	0	.500	230	238

**Thursday's Games**  
 Philadelphia 26, Washington 18

**Sunday's Games**  
 Detroit 52, Jacksonville 6  
 Green Bay 20, Chicago 19  
 Indianapolis 28, N.Y. Jets 27  
 L.A. Rams 28, New England 22  
 Miami 34, Las Vegas 19  
 Minnesota 23, Tennessee 13  
 New Orleans 35, Cleveland 14  
 Pittsburgh 18, Baltimore 16  
 Denver 38, Atlanta 6  
 Seattle 20, San Francisco 17  
 Buffalo 30, Kansas City 21  
 L.A. Chargers 34, Cincinnati 27

Open: Arizona, Carolina, N.Y. Giants, Tampa Bay

**Monday's Games**  
 Houston at Dallas, 8:15 p.m.

**Thursday, Nov. 21**  
 Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 8:15 p.m.

**Sunday, Nov. 24**  
 Dallas at Washington, 1 p.m.  
 Detroit at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.  
 Kansas City at Carolina, 1 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Chicago, 1 p.m.  
 New England at Miami, 1 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.  
 Tennessee at Houston, 1 p.m.  
 Denver at Las Vegas, 4:05 p.m.  
 Arizona at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.  
 San Francisco at Green Bay, 4:25 p.m.  
 Philadelphia at L.A. Rams, 8:20 p.m.  
 Open: Buffalo, Cincinnati, Jacksonville, N.Y. Jets, Atlanta, New Orleans

**Monday, Nov. 25**  
 Baltimore at L.A. Chargers, 8:15 p.m.

**NHL**

**Saturday's Games**  
 St. Louis 3, Boston 2, OT  
 Seattle 3, N.Y. Islanders 2  
 Florida 5, Winnipeg 0  
 Toronto 4, Edmonton 3, OT  
 Montreal 5, Columbus 1  
 Carolina 4, Ottawa 0  
 Philadelphia 5, Buffalo 2  
 Tampa Bay 4, New Jersey 0  
 Pittsburgh 4, San Jose 3, SO  
 Dallas 2, Minnesota 1  
 Los Angeles 4, Detroit 1  
 Vancouver 4, Chicago 1

**Sunday's Games**  
 Carolina 4, St. Louis 1  
 Washington 5, Vegas 2  
 N.Y. Rangers at Seattle, late.  
 Nashville at Vancouver, late.

**Monday's Games**  
 Colorado at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
 Columbus at Boston, 7 p.m.  
 Edmonton at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.  
 Anaheim at Dallas, 8 p.m.  
 Washington at Utah, 9 p.m.  
 Detroit at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

**Tuesday's Games**  
 Edmonton at Ottawa, 7 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.  
 Florida at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.  
 Minnesota at St. Louis, 8 p.m.  
 Anaheim at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.  
 N.Y. Islanders at Calgary, 9 p.m.  
 N.Y. Rangers at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

**ECHL**

**Saturday's Games**  
 Florida 8, Greenville 0  
 South Carolina 6, Maine 1  
 Adirondack 4, Reading 2  
 Fort Wayne 5, Kalamazoo 3  
 Iowa 3, Wichita 2  
 Jacksonville 4, Savannah 1  
 Worcester 5, Trois-Rivieres 4  
 Toledo 6, Norfolk 2  
 Wheeling 5, Indy 2  
 Bloomington 5, Cincinnati 2  
 Utah 5, Allen 4  
 Rapid City 1, Idaho 0  
 Tulsa 4, Tahoe 3  
 Atlanta at Orlando, ppd

**Sunday's Games**  
 Reading 7, Adirondack 1  
 Savannah 3, Orlando 2  
 South Carolina 5, Maine 1  
 Trois-Rivieres 3, Worcester 1  
 Greenville 3, Florida 2  
 Bloomington 3, Iowa 2  
 Fort Wayne 6, Cincinnati 1  
 Kansas City 2, Wichita 0

**NBA**

**Saturday's Games**  
 Charlotte 115, Milwaukee 114  
 L.A. Lakers 104, New Orleans 99  
 Boston 126, Toronto 123, OT  
 Dallas 110, San Antonio 93  
 Sacramento 121, Utah 117

**Sunday's Games**  
 Minnesota 120, Phoenix 117  
 Indiana 119, Miami 110  
 Detroit 124, Washington 104  
 Memphis 105, Denver 90  
 Cleveland 128, Charlotte 114  
 Houston 143, Chicago 107  
 New York 114, Brooklyn 104  
 Dallas 121, Oklahoma City 119  
 Portland 114, Atlanta 110  
 L.A. Clippers 116, Utah 105

**Monday's Games**  
 Chicago at Detroit, 7 p.m.  
 Indiana at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.  
 Philadelphia at Miami, 7:30 p.m.  
 Washington at New York, 7:30 p.m.  
 Houston at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.  
 Orlando at Phoenix, 9 p.m.  
 Atlanta at Sacramento, 10 p.m.  
 Golden State at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

**GOLF SCORES**

**DP World Tour Championship Par Scores**  
 Sunday at Earth Course, Dubai, United Arab Emirates  
 Purse: \$10 million; Yards: 7,706; Par: 72

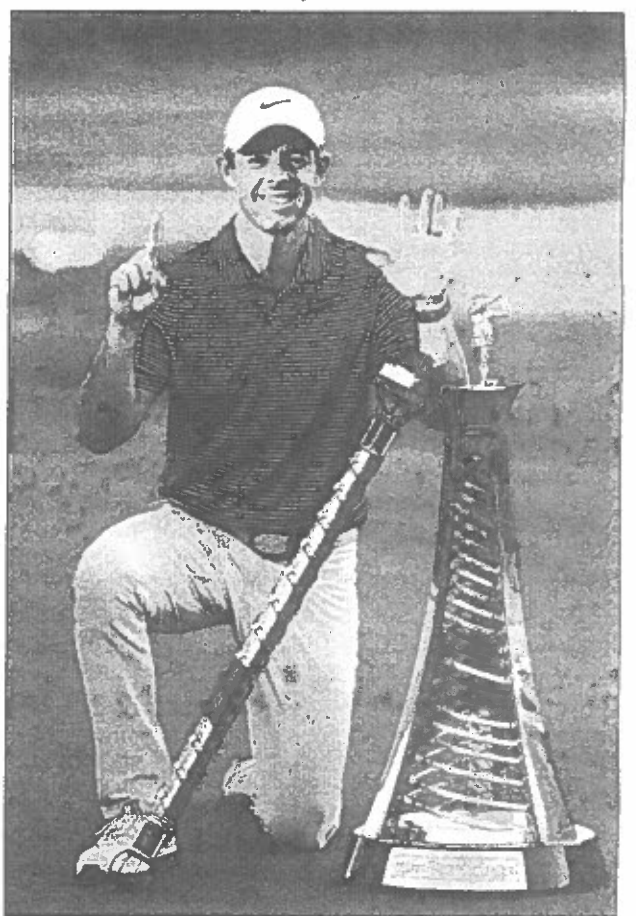
**Final Round**

Rory McIlroy (2000), \$2,842,443	67-69-68-69—273	-15
Rasmus Hojgaard (1335), \$1,203,301	71-67-66-71—275	-13
Shane Lowry (620), \$525,220	71-67-71-68—277	-11
Antoine Rozner (620), \$525,220	70-65-69-73—277	-11
Adam Scott (620), \$525,220	69-71-69-68—277	-11
Tyrrrell Hatton (420), \$299,404	67-69-71-71—278	-10
Robert Macintyre (291), \$198,616	72-68-69-70—279	-9
Keita Nakajima (291), \$198,616	69-69-70-71—279	-9

**OVAC ALL-STAR SOCCER ROSTERS**

**BOYS**  
**West Virginia**  
 Kenzo Iriando, Linsly; Gavin Border, Wheeling Park; Charles Duty, Oak Glen; Dominic Gianangeli, Wheeling Central; Shawn Cross, Parkersburg South; Chase Hile, Brooke; Nate Lindsay, University; Alex Gonzalez-Tanon, Morgantown; Alex Guio, Weir; Tresz McLeod, Wheeling Park; Aidan Stire, Morgantown; Mason Rodeheaver, Trinity Christian; Brady Grubb, University; Riley Brabson, Morgantown; Mason Schmitt, Wheeling Central; Evan Urso, Brooke; Owen Anderson-Magers, John Marshall; Josh Albrecht, Wheeling Park; Ben Howard, Weir; Ryan Blair, Wheeling Central; Alvaro Abitbol, Linsly; Braeyn Joseph, Wood County Christian  
 Head Coach: Mario Julian, Wheeling Park; Assistant Coaches: Brian Komoroski, Wheeling Central and Dallas Brewer, Oak Glen

**Ohio**  
 Hunter Warrick, Beaver Local; Zach Moore, Union Local; Ethan Wood, Beaver Local; Hayden Hicks, Steubenville; Brady Dinovo, Steubenville; Garrett Stottsberry, Shenandoah; Brady Elliott, Harrison Central; Andrew Neff, Shenandoah; Carson Hendershot, St. Clairsville; Kaleb Mays, Beaver Local; Luke Swan, St. Clairsville; Josh Eisenhart, Beaver Local; Luke Dinovo, Steubenville; Jonas Copley, Caldwell; Kamdin Miller, East Liverpool; Austin Fulton, Harrison Central; Ethan Saffell, St. Clairsville; Kayden Dunkle, Harrison Central; Garrett Brown, Caldwell; Ethan Llewellyn, Steubenville; Jack Leonard, Steubenville Catholic; Gus Zaleski, Steubenville Catholic  
 Head Coach: Greg Bowers, Steubenville; Assistant Coaches: Joseph Zirillo, Beaver Local and Steve Kopcha, Steubenville Catholic



AP Photo

**RORY MCILROY** of Northern Ireland poses with the DP World Tour Championship trophy and the Race to Dubai trophy after winning the World Tour Golf Championship in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Sunday.

**Rory McIlroy ends his year with another win in Dubai and a 6th title as Europe's best**

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Rory McIlroy ended a tumultuous year packed with emotion on and off the golf course with a pair of trophies and plenty of tears.

McIlroy broke a tie with Rasmus Hojgaard by hitting wedge to a foot for birdie on the 16th hole, and he closed with a 3-under 69 for a two-shot victory Sunday in the World Tour Championship. He also captured his sixth title as Europe's No. 1 player.

And then the 35-year-old from Northern Ireland couldn't speak, choked up with emotion as he contemplated the wins and losses, and everything else in between.

"I've been through a lot this year, professionally and personally," McIlroy said. "It feels like the fitting end to 2024. I've persevered this year a lot."

He won four times — two of them on the PGA Tour, one of those with close friend Shane Lowry in a team event — and tied the late Seve Ballesteros with his sixth title in the Race to Dubai, formerly the Order of Merit. Two more and he can match Colin Montgomerie for the record.

"I've really made it a priority of my schedule over the last few years to give myself the best chance coming into the end of the year to win the Race to Dubai. I don't see that being any different for the foreseeable future," McIlroy said. "Going for my seventh next year and try to chase Monty down."

He also threw away a chance at the U.S. Open by missing two short putts over the last three holes at Pinehurst No. 2, finishing one behind Bryson DeChambeau. He was on the verge of finally winning on home soil until Hojgaard stunned him with a late charge in the Irish Open at Royal Country Down.

McIlroy revealed in May that he had filed for divorce, and equally stunning was word a month later that the divorce proceedings had been scrapped and they would try to work it out. His wife, Erica, and 4-year-old daughter Poppy were in Dubai cheering his latest victory.

It was a lot for McIlroy, and the emotions when it was over bore that out.

"To finish the year like this, it's a dream come true," McIlroy said at the closing ceremony, where he hoisted the enormous World Tour Championship trophy and the Harry Vardon Trophy for winning the season points title.

"It's been hard at times," he said. "Had a lot of close calls. To finish the year off the way I did today means the world to me."

McIlroy ran off four straight birdies from the second hole to build a three-shot lead over the Dane, whose twin brother Nicolai won the tournament last year. Hojgaard pecked away with a birdie on the seventh, and McIlroy dropping shots on the ninth and 13th holes.

McIlroy seized control with his wedge to the 16th, which dropped from the blue sky to a foot in front of the hole. Hojgaard failed to match that birdie and never caught up. He closed with a 71, making nothing

**OHIO PLAYOFFS**

**Division III Region 11 Final**  
 No. 1 Columbus Bishop Watterson (13-0) vs. No. 2 Steubenville (12-0) at Woody Hayes Quaker Stadium, New Philadelphia, 7 p.m. Friday.

**Division IV, Region 15 Final**  
 No. 1 St. Clairsville (13-0) vs. No. 2 Indian Valley (13-0) at John D. Sulzberger Stadium, Zanesville, 7 p.m. Friday.

**AP Top 25 Poll**

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 16, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Rec	Pts	Prv
1. Oregon (62)	11-0	1550	1
2. Ohio St.	9-1	1485	2
3. Texas	9-1	1413	3
4. Penn St.	9-1	1319	4
5. Indiana	10-0	1310	5
6. Notre Dame	9-1	1191	8
7. Alabama	8-2	1130	9
8. Georgia	8-2	1113	11
9. Miss.	8-2	1083	10
10. Tennessee	8-2	953	6
11. Miami	9-1	945	12
12. Boise St.	9-1	880	13
13. SMU	9-1	810	14
14. BYU	9-1	785	7
15. Texas A&M	8-2	687	15
16. Colorado	8-2	583	18
17. Clemson	8-2	559	17
18. Army	9-0	555	16
19. S. Carolina	7-3	444	23
20. Tulane	9-2	323	25
21. Arizona St.	8-2	322	-
22. Iowa St.	8-2	256	-
23. UNLV	8-2	125	-
24. Illinois	7-3	74	-
25. Wash. St.	8-2	61	19

Others receiving votes: Missouri 56, Memphis 38, Kansas St. 36, Syracuse 21, Louisville 15, Pittsburgh 6, LSU 6, Louisiana-Lafayette 5, Vanderbilt 4, Colorado St. 2, Duke 2, James Madison 2, Georgia Tech 1.

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCORES**

**MOUNTAIN EAST**  
 Wheeling 40, West Liberty 16  
 Charleston (WV) 52, W. Virginia St. 17  
 Fairmont St. 31, Frostburg St. 28  
 Glenville St. 42, WV Wesleyan 23  
 UNC-Pembroke 63, Concord 7

**PRESIDENTS ATHLETIC CONFERENCE**  
 Thiel 30, Bethany (WV) 23  
 Carnegie Mellon 37, Case Western 30  
 Geneva 33, Waynesburg 6  
 Grove City 36, Westminster (Pa.) 9  
 Washington & Jefferson 45, Allegheny 34

Delaware 41, Campbell 22  
 Duquesne 42, Wagner 21  
 East Stroudsburg 22, Clarion 19  
 Fordham 31, Georgetown 3  
 Harvard 31, Penn 28  
 Hobart 37, Rochester 7  
 Holy Cross 40, Bucknell 38  
 Indiana (Pa.) 38, Shippensburg 7  
 Johns Hopkins 35, McDaniel 0  
 Kutztown 21, California (Pa.) 14  
 Liberty 35, UMass 34, OT  
 Marshall 31, Coastal Carolina 19  
 New Hampshire 31, Stony Brook 30

Shenandoah 28, Washington & Lee 21  
 South Alabama 24, Louisiana-Lafayette 22  
 South Florida 59, Charlotte 24  
 The Citadel 30, Wofford 17  
 Troy 28, Georgia Southern 20  
 W. Carolina 58, VMI 28  
 West Alabama 63, Erskine 0  
 William & Mary 22, Bryant 12  
 Wingate 28, Carson-Newman 13

**MIDWEST**  
 Baldwin Wallace 14, Heidelberg 10  
 Capital 50, Wilmington (Ohio) 31  
 Dayton 26, Valparaiso 14

**TRANSACTIONS**

**HOCKEY**  
**National Hockey League**  
 NHL — Suspended RW Ryan Reaves five games for an illegal check to the head in a Nov. 16 game against Edmonton.  
**ANAHEIM DUCKS** — Recalled RW Sam Colangelo

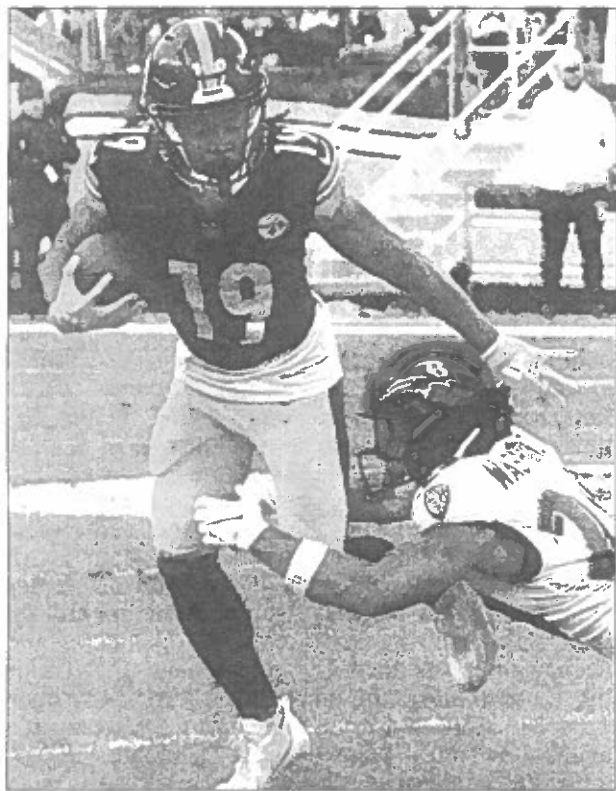


Photo by Joe Lovell

Pittsburgh Steelers receiver Calvin Austin Jr. attempts to evade the grasp of Baltimore Ravens defensive back Ar'Darius Washington during Sunday's game in Pittsburgh.

## Steelers Stymie Lamar Jackson, Defeat Ravens

18-16 Win Puts Pittsburgh In The AFC North Driver's Seat

By **WILL GRAVES**  
 AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Steelers insist they have no secret formula when it comes to stopping Lamar Jackson. That there is nothing mystical about their approach to the otherworldly Baltimore Ravens quarterback. They study film. Just like everybody else. They read their cues. Just like everybody else. They fight. Just like everybody else.

And they win. Like just about no one else.

"Forget the minutiae of what it is you do," Steelers coach Mike Tomlin said. "You better play hard, fast and together or

you have no shot."

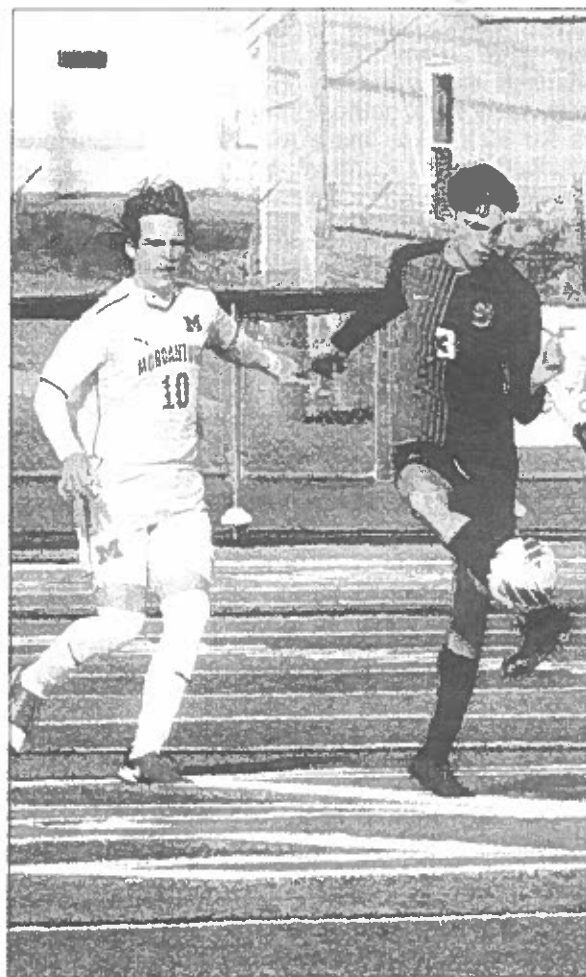
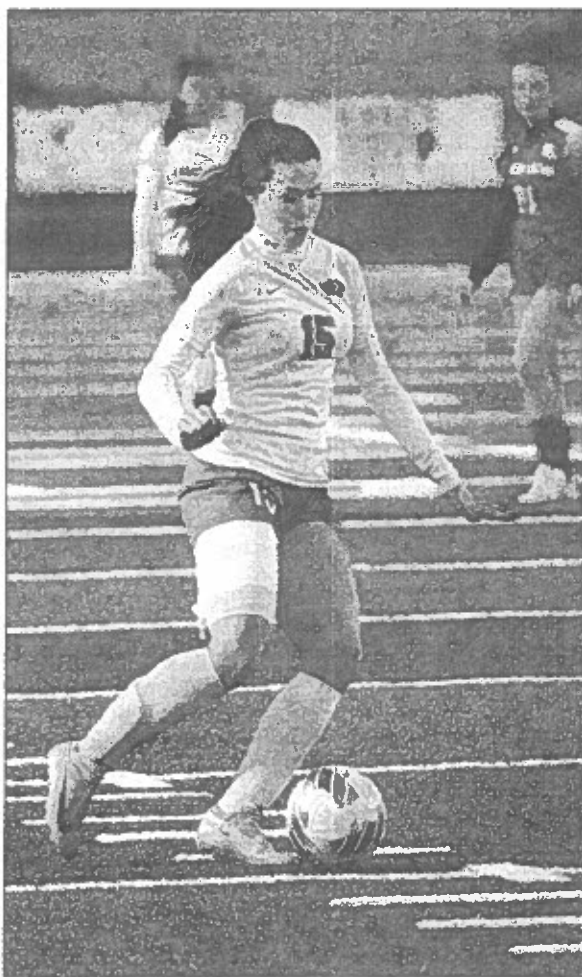
They almost always do when Jackson is on the other side of the line of scrimmage.

The latest proof came in an 18-16 victory over the Ravens on Sunday that included another 60-minute clinic on slowing down perhaps the most dynamic player in the league.

Pittsburgh (8-2) held Jackson and the rest of the NFL's top-ranked offense to season lows in points and yards (329) and season highs in mistakes, some self-inflicted, some not.

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# OVAC Seniors Get An All-Star Sendoff



Photos by Nick Henthorn

LEFT: Wheeling Park's Katelyn Smith moves in toward the goal Sunday during Sunday during the OVAC All-Star girls soccer game at St. Clairsville High School. RIGHT: Steubenville's Brady Dinovo controls a pass while Morgantown's Aidan Stire moves in to defend during the boys' game.

## W.Va. Boys, Girls Both Shut Out Ohio Counterparts

By **NICK HENTHORN**  
 Sports Editor

ST. CLAIRSVILLE — The best of the Ohio Valley came together for an exhibition of their skills Sunday at St. Clairsville High School in the 2024 OVAC Soccer Senior All-Star games.

In the annual state-vs.-state outing, West Virginia took both games in decisive fashion, the boys winning 11-0 and the girls winning 8-0 over their Ohio counterparts. But more important than the final scores was the opportunity for standout seniors across the OVAC to get the spot-

light one more time.

"It's an opportunity for seniors to get together, from different schools, and play with guys that they know from around the OVAC and just have a lot of fun," Wheeling Park head coach Mario George, coach of the W.Va. Boys on Sunday, said. "That was the emphasis - score lots of goals and have lots of fun. That's what they tried to do out there."

"We wanted to have an enjoyable experience for the seniors," Steubenville head coach Annie Cutri, coach of the Ohio Girls on Sunday, said. "This is the last

time they'll play in their high school jersey. West Virginia is always a solid side, so we were just trying to make it fun and uplifting and empowering for the girls."

In-between games, conference Players and Coaches of the Year were presented with their plaques. Awardees included, on the girls side, Rylee Wright, Wheeling Central (1A-3A); Gabriella Spickard, Weir (4A); and Adrienne Altizer, Parkersburg South (5A). Cutri was Coach of the Year.

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## JM Girls, Park Boys Take Northern Panhandle First Splash At Bethany

BETHANY — The John Marshall High School girls and Wheeling Park High School boys captured their respective divisions at Saturday's Northern Panhandle First Splash at Bethany College.

The meet showcased a handful of West Virginia's top returning swimmers from the 2023-24 season, and they didn't disappoint.

Brooke High School, Wheeling Central Catholic High School and Oak Glen High School also participated.

### GIRLS

Led by senior Maitlyn Miller, who captured individual events

Saturday in the 50 freestyle and the 100 freestyle, John Marshall's girls posted 429 points, topping Wheeling Park's girls at 395 and Brooke at 266.

Wheeling Central finished fourth with 188 points and Oak Glen had 47.

Miller, a returning state finalist in both events, touched the wall at 26.22 in the 50 and 58.08 in the 100. She also anchored JM's 200 freestyle relay (Ella Finley, Sarah Hess, Adah Aubrey) that finished first in 1:55.2, and the 400 freestyle relay that finished second to Brooke. John Marshall also got an

individual event win in the 100 breaststroke from Hess (1:28.11).

Returning state finalist Molly George from Wheeling Park High School also had a strong meet. She finished first in the 100 backstroke (1:08.3) and second in the 100 fly (1:12.42). Brooke High's Kiersten Harvath out-touched George in the 100 fly (1:12.15) while Lyla Horvath won the 500 free in 6:39.97. Wheeling Central freshman Gracee Humpe also finished first in the 200 freestyle at 2:29.19.

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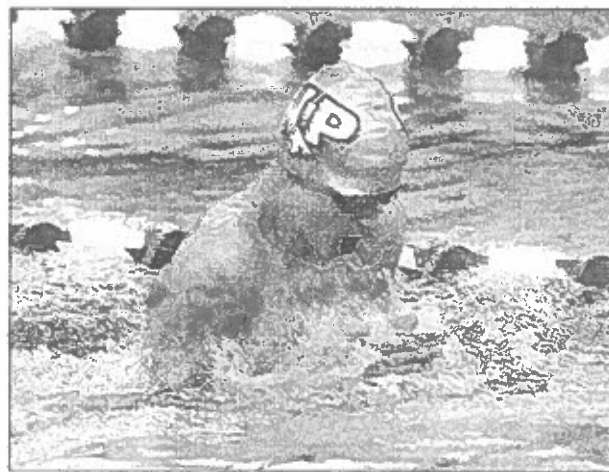


Photo by John McCabe

Wheeling Park High School sophomore Brady Beihl competes in the 100 breaststroke during Saturday's Northern Panhandle First Splash at Bethany College. Beihl finished second in the event to help propel the Wheeling Park boys to a commanding victory in the event.

## Ohio All-Stars Get Rv W Va



## Baylor Blasts WVU, Dimming





## 40-16 Senior Day Win Over WLU

WHEELING — "The Battle for Wheeling" came to Bishop Schmidt Field on Saturday, as the Wheeling University Football team (6-5, 5-4) welcomed West Liberty University on Saturday night. It was a special senior day matchup for the Cardinals under the lights as their offense continued to soar in a 40-16 win.

The win helped the Cardinals finish 6-5 on the season, marking the fifth year in a row that they have finished at .500 or better.

The seniors shined throughout the day with Dasyn Hores and Steven Mitchell leading the way. Hores set a new career high, pulling in five catches for 121 yards and a touchdown. Mitchell let the Cardinal run game, finishing with 23 carries for 106 yards and a touchdown.

Landon Lutz would round out a strong season, finishing 14-25 throwing for 265 yards and four touchdowns on the day. His touchdowns went to three different receivers with Tre Holloway pulling in two touchdowns and Chris Charles pulling in the other. Jack Parry once again led the Cardinal defense, finishing with eight tackles and breaking the single-season tackle record with 92.

The Hilltoppers' scores came on a Tyler Waddell 32-yard field goal and a Levi Gullion to Ben Turner 75-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter.

In the third quarter, Gullion hit Hunter Patterson on a screen pass that turned into a 41-yard touchdown.

With the loss the Hilltoppers finish their season at 2-9, and 2-7 in Mountain East Conference play.

## ALL-STAR

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On the boys side, Dominic Gianangeli, Wheeling Central (1A-3A); Ethan Wood, Beaver Local (4A); and Tresz McLeod, Wheeling Park (5A) were awarded. Wheeling Central's Brian Komorowski was Coach of the Year.

The W.Va. boys took an 8-0 lead into halftime and cruised to the finish line. It was a victory for the Mountain State after Ohio won in PK's last year.

"We have a lot of good players — Tresz [McLeod], Riley Brabson, Aidan Stire got the defensive player of the game," Julian said. "Some great players, and they wanted to go out there and show the skill that they have, that West Virginia has. They were excited to play in this one."

"We have a great group of seniors on the Ohio side, and we wanted them to enjoy the game," Greg Bowers, Steubenville head coach and the coach of the Ohio boys Sunday, said. "We knew what we were up against, that's one of the more talented West Virginia squads that has been assembled. We did a good job competing, we had fun. I think the kids enjoyed the experience."

Morgantown's Aidan Stire took home W.Va. Defensive MVP, and Wheeling Park's Tresz McLeod was awarded Offensive MVP. For Ohio, Beaver Local's Hunter Warrick was Defensive MVP and Beaver Local's

Kaleb Mays was Offensive MVP.

The West Virginia girls led 6-0 at halftime, and tacked on a couple more in the second half. Wheeling Park's Katelyn Smith was Offensive MVP for West Virginia, and Morgantown's Josie Johnson was Defensive MVP. Harrison Central's Vanessa Dowdle was Ohio's Defensive MVP, with Amelia Collopy receiving Offensive MVP.

"We wanted them to go out and have some fun, and play with kids they don't get to play with any other time of the year because they're competing against each other all season," Parkersburg South head coach Ron Bucholtz, coach of the W.Va. girls Sunday, said. "We wanted them to come together and play some good soccer, which they did, the West Virginia girls played really well together."

"The main thing was to just have some fun and let the fans enjoy a Sunday postseason game where there's really nothing at stake. There didn't have to be any heat, any tension to it, nobody's going to yell or bark at officials or anything like that. It was a good, fun, clean game. It's always enjoyable, we had a good group of girls, and I didn't have to do much coaching. Set a lineup, go out and have fun."

West Virginia won 4-0 in last year's game.

Baltimore (7-4) turned it over three times — each leading to one of Chris Boswell's six field goals — and committed 12 penalties while never really establishing the kind of rhythm that comes so easily when they play someone other than the Steelers.

"I can't call it," Jackson said after falling to 1-4 against Pittsburgh. "I feel like we (were) making strides in the right direction and then something would happen."

The two-time MVP completed just 16 of 33 for 207 yards with a touchdown and an interception. He hit Zay Flowers for a 16-yard score with 1:06 left to get the Ravens within two but the 2-point conversion attempt was a mess. Jackson rolled to his left, tried to run then pulled up and threw a prayer to no one in particular that fell incomplete.

The Steelers — with backup quarterback Justin Fields subbing in for Russell Wilson on a couple of snaps — picked up a first down on the ensuing drive as Pittsburgh ran out the clock to give the Steelers a 1 1/2-game lead over Baltimore.

"To come away with a win, it took everybody, not one guy," Pittsburgh defensive tackle Cam Heyward said. "And we understand how critical

these AFC North games are. We understand we got a bit of a gauntlet (coming)."

One the Steelers appear to be well-equipped to handle.

The list of contributors to Pittsburgh's eighth win in its last nine meetings against the Ravens included rookie linebacker Payton Wilson — who literally stole the ball from Baltimore running back Justice Hill for a crucial fourth-quarter pick — and newcomers Patrick Queen and DeShon Elliott, former Ravens who have quickly found their footing on the other side of the rivalry.

Elliott pounced on a Derrick Henry fumble on Baltimore's first possession and Queen — who left Baltimore in free agency after the Ravens opted not to make him an offer — stripped former teammate Isaiah Likely at the end of the first half and scooped up the loose ball that led to a Boswell field goal and a 9-7 halftime lead the Steelers never relinquished.

"One man's trash is another man's treasure," Tomlin said of Queen. "I'm glad he is on our team."

Pittsburgh needed every one of Boswell's kicks on a day the offense sputtered while largely avoiding the miscues that

cost Baltimore so dearly. Wilson threw for 205 yards and an ill-advised pick in the end zone midway through the fourth quarter. Najee Harris ran for 63 yards — including a 2-yard churn for the clinching first down — and George Pickens caught eight passes for 89 yards.

Even Fields got in on the act. A month after ceding the starting job back to Wilson after Wilson recovered from a calf injury that forced him to miss six games, Fields was behind center for two of the most important snaps of the game, a 9-yard quarterback run on Pittsburgh's final drive and a handoff to Harris that moved the chains and let the Steelers kill the clock.

"I believe that Justin Fields is a franchise quarterback, a great player, a great teammate, a hard worker," Wilson said. "We just love doing this thing together."

The game marked the second time this season Pittsburgh won without reaching the end zone. Boswell also booted six field goals in the opener in Atlanta. He's the second player in NFL history to make six field goals in a game twice in the same season, joining John Carney, who did it for the San Diego Chargers in 1993.

## WVU

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The Bears (6-4, 4-3 Big 12) were led by four touchdowns from redshirt freshman Bryson Washington, three rushing and one receiving, as he finished with his third game over 100 rushing yards in his last four, finishing with 123 on 18 carries.

The loss also spoiled the comeback of WVU quarterback Garrett Greene, making his first appearance since leaving the Kansas State game after halftime with a head injury. Greene finished with 237 yards on 19-of-39 passing, two touchdowns and an interception and 129 yards rushing and two touchdowns, but it wasn't enough to keep the Mountaineers within striking distance.

Leading 35-28 in the fourth quarter, Baylor gave itself the necessary breathing room with a 10-play, 65-yard drive capped by Washington's third rushing score. WVU attempted to respond on the next drive, but Greene threw his ninth interception of the season, this one to Baylor's Corey Gordon.

Baylor was able to capitalize on that mistake with a Dawson Pendergrass 15-yard touchdown run on the ensuing drive.

One week after WVU's defense could be credited with the Mountaineers' win at Cincinnati, the unit was the culprit in the loss to Baylor. Familiar problems cropped up again — big plays, confusion among defenders and an inability to stop foes on third down.

WVU allowed 7.3 yards per play against Baylor, let the Bears convert eight of 13 third downs and, after forcing three turnovers and scoring on two against the Bearcats, forced no turnovers against Baylor.

The first half of Saturday's game was a scoring smorgasbord, with both offenses moving nearly at will. When the smoke cleared at halftime, Baylor was leading WVU 35-28 and the two teams had combined for 35 first downs and 673 yards. The Bears had accumulated 335 total yards and 15 first downs and the Mountaineers had gathered 338 yards and 20 first downs.

A familiar problem once again cropped up for WVU's defense — and inability to stop the pass. In the first half, Baylor quarterback Sawyer Robertson had completed 16 of 18 passes for 240 yards and three touchdowns. None of those touchdown passes were shorter than 22 yards.

Robertson connected first with Bryson Washington for a 22-yard

yard score and adding an eight-yarder with 47 seconds left in the half.

West Virginia wasn't about to be left in the dust in the first half, thanks mostly to the returning Greene. He kept the Mountaineers in the game with both his arm and feet.

Greene opened the game's scoring with a three-yard touchdown that capped a 12-play, 79-yard drive on WVU's initial possession. He hit Traylon Ray for a nine-yard touchdown at the start of the second quarter which pulled WVU even with Baylor at 14-14. After C.J. Donaldson scored with 1:47 left in the half, Greene finished the first-half scoring with a one-yard touchdown run that pulled the Mountaineers back to within one touchdown.

On that final WVU drive, the Mountaineers were able to streak 75 yards down the field in just 47 seconds. It was sparked by Greene runs of 17 and 20 yards and a 44-yard throw by Greene to Hudson Clement on third and 17 from WVU's 35.

Greene finished the first half with 117 yards passing and 116 yards rushing along with his three scores.

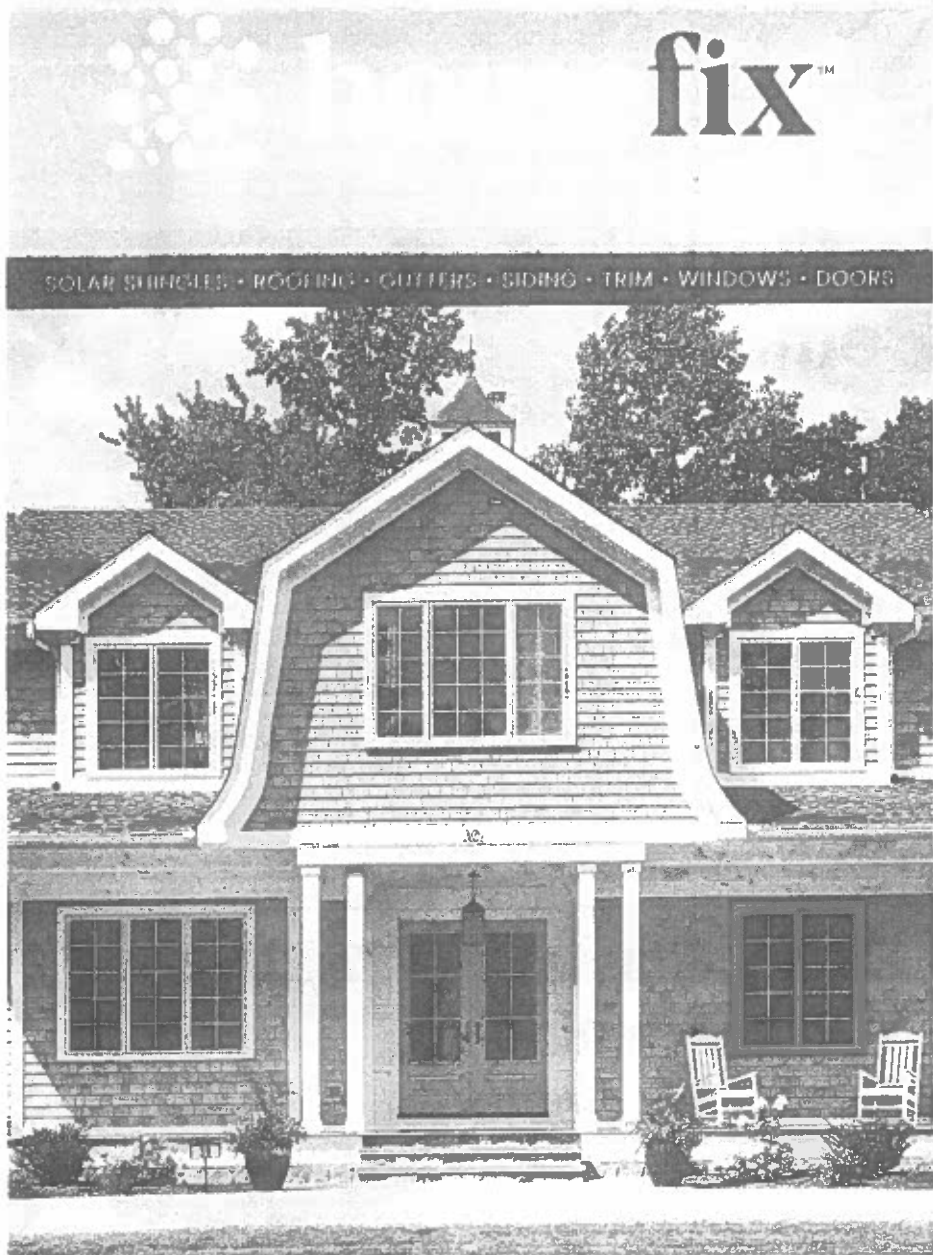
In a stark reversal of offensive fortunes, the third quarter stayed scoreless, though both teams had their opportunities to put points on the board. On their opening second-half drive, the Bears were able to drive down to WVU's 33, but a holding call pushed Baylor back to the Mountaineer 43 and forced the Bears to try a 55-yard field goal. Isaiah Hankins' attempt fluttered short of the goal post.

WVU was unable to take advantage of prime field position later in the third, after a Baylor punt put the Mountaineers on the Bear 48. West Virginia was able to drive to Baylor's 9, but Greene's throw to tight end Kole Taylor on fourth and 2 went for no gain.

"What we haven't been able to do consistently this year is have all three groups play together at one time," Brown said. "The first half, offensively, we functioned at a really high level. Defense, we didn't play very well. Special teams, we didn't play very well. And then the second half comes around, there was much improvement in our special teams. We got three or four stops, then offensively, we don't play well."

"We didn't get it done in winning time," he added.

Robinson finished with 329 yards and three touchdowns on 26 of 36 passing



SPORTS ON TV

Monday, Nov. 18
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)
6 p.m.
BTN - Miami (Ohio) at Michigan
7 p.m.
ACCN - Colgate at NC State
8 p.m.
BTN - Texas-Rio Grande Valley at Wisconsin
9 p.m.
SECN - North Alabarga at Auburn
10 p.m.
CBSSN - Gonzaga at San Diego St.
NBA BASKETBALL
8 p.m.
NBATV - Houston at Milwaukee
10:30 p.m.
NBATV - Golden State at L.A. Clippers
NFL FOOTBALL
8:15 p.m.
ABC - Houston at Dallas
ESPN - Houston at Dallas
ESPN2 - Houston at Dallas (MNF with Peyton and Eli)
NHL HOCKEY
7 p.m.
NHLN - Colorado at Philadelphia
SOCCER (MEN'S)
2:30 p.m.
FS2 - UEFA Nations League Group Stage: Croatia vs. Portugal, Group A, Split, Croatia
8 p.m.
TNT - CONCACAF Nations League: U.S. vs. Jamaica, Quarterfinal - Leg 2, St. Louis
TRUTV - CONCACAF Nations League: U.S. vs. Jamaica, Quarterfinal - Leg 2, St. Louis (DataCast)
TENNIS
11 a.m.
TENNIS - BJK Cup Semi-final

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE
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Buffalo 9 2 0 .818 320 214
Miami 4 6 0 .400 181 221
NYJ 3 8 0 .273 204 242
N. Eng. 3 8 0 .273 182 248
South
Houston 6 4 0 .600 224 226
Indian. 5 6 0 .455 236 250
Tenn. 2 8 0 .200 170 263
J-ville 2 9 0 .182 208 316
North
Pitts. 8 2 0 .800 233 162
Balt. 7 4 0 .636 334 271
Cincy 4 7 0 .364 297 296
Cleve. 2 8 0 .200 162 248
West
K. City 9 1 0 .900 240 191
LA Ch. 7 3 0 .700 220 145
Denver 6 5 0 .545 235 183
Vegas 2 8 0 .200 187 285
NATIONAL CONFERENCE
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Phila. 8 2 0 .800 259 179
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S. Fran. 5 5 0 .500 250 222
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Thursday's Games
Philadelphia 26, Washington 18
Sunday's Games
Detroit 52, Jacksonville 6
Green Bay 20, Chicago 19
Indianapolis 28, N.Y. Jets 27
L.A. Rams 28, New England 22
Miami 34, Las Vegas 19
Minnesota 23, Tennessee 13
New Orleans 35, Cleveland 14
Pittsburgh 18, Baltimore 16
Denver 38, Atlanta 6
Seattle 20, San Francisco 17
Buffalo 30, Kansas City 21
L.A. Chargers 34, Cincinnati 27
Open: Arizona, Carolina, N.Y. Giants, Tampa Bay
Monday's Games
Houston at Dallas, 8:15 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 21
Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 8:15 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 24
Dallas at Washington, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 1 p.m.
New England at Miami, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Houston, 1 p.m.
Denver at Las Vegas, 4:05 p.m.
Arizona at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.
San Francisco at Green Bay, 4:25 p.m.
Philadelphia at L.A. Rams, 8:20 p.m.
Open: Buffalo, Cincinnati, Jacksonville, N.Y. Jets, Atlanta, New Orleans
Monday, Nov. 25
Baltimore at L.A. Chargers, 8:15 p.m.

NHL

Saturday's Games
St. Louis 3, Boston 2, OT
Seattle 3, N.Y. Islanders 2
Florida 5, Winnipeg 0
Toronto 4, Edmonton 3, OT
Montreal 5, Columbus 1
Carolina 4, Ottawa 0
Philadelphia 5, Buffalo 2
Tampa Bay 4, New Jersey 0
Pittsburgh 4, San Jose 3, SO
Dallas 2, Minnesota 1
Los Angeles 4, Detroit 1
Vancouver 4, Chicago 1
Sunday's Games
Carolina 4, St. Louis 1
Washington 5, Vegas 2
N.Y. Rangers at Seattle, late.
Nashville at Vancouver, late.
Monday's Games
Colorado at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Boston, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Washington at Utah, 9 p.m.
Detroit at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
Edmonton at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Florida at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Anaheim at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Calgary, 9 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

OVAC ALL-STAR SOCCER ROSTERS

BOYS
West Virginia
Kenzo Iriando, Linsly; Gavin Border, Wheeling Park; Charles Duty, Oak Glen; Dominic Gianangeli, Wheeling Central; Shawn Cross, Parkersburg South; Chase Hile, Brooke; Nate Lindsay, University; Alex Gonzalez-Tanon, Morgantown; Alex Guio, Weir; Tresz McLeod, Wheeling Park; Aidan Stire, Morgantown; Mason Rodeheaver, Trinity Christian; Brady Grubb, University; Riley Brabson, Morgantown; Mason Schmitt, Wheeling Central; Evan Urso, Brooke; Owen Anderson-Magers, John Marshall; Josh Albrecht, Wheeling Park; Ben Howard, Weir; Ryan Blair, Wheeling Central; Alvaro Abitbol, Linsly; Braeyn Joseph, Wood County Christian
Head Coach: Mario Julian, Wheeling Park; Assistant Coaches: Brian Komoroski, Wheeling Central and Dallas Brewer, Oak Glen
Ohio
Hunter Warrick, Beaver Local; Zach Moore, Union Local; Ethan Wood, Beaver Local; Hayden Hicks, Steubenville; Brady Dinovo, Steubenville; Garrett Stottsberry, Shenandoah; Brady Elliott, Harrison Central; Andrew Neff, Shenandoah; Carson Hendershot, St. Clairsville; Kaleb Mays, Beaver Local; Luke Swan, St. Clairsville; Josh Eisenhart, Beaver Local; Luke Dinovo, Steubenville; Jonas Copley, Caldwell; Kamdin Miller, East Liverpool; Austin Fulton, Harrison Central; Ethan Saffell, St. Clairsville; Kayden Dunkle, Harrison Central; Garrett Brown, Caldwell; Ethan Llewellyn, Steubenville; Jack Leonard, Steubenville Catholic; Gus Zaleski, Steubenville Catholic
Head Coach: Greg Bowers, Steubenville; Assistant Coaches: Joseph Zirillo, Beaver Local and Steve Kopcha, Steubenville Catholic
GIRLS
West Virginia
Regan Shockey, Parkersburg South; Arabella Andy, Linsly; Brooke Porter, Wheeling Central; Isabella Washer, Magnolia, Olivia Metzner, University; Cora Friend, Trinity Christian; Kensington McConnachie, Oak Glen; Kallie McCutcheon, Parkersburg South; Gabriella Spickard, Weir; Katelyn Smith, Wheeling Park; Montana Johannsen, University; Isabella Brown, Wheeling Central; Josie Johnson, Morgantown; Lilly Staples, Morgantown; Ariana Borneo, Morgantown; Addy White, Parkersburg South; Rayna Hoover, Weir; Megan Schwing, John Marshall; Jaidyn Kelly, Weir; Angelina Robrecht, Wheeling Central; Hailey Buterbaugh, Brooke; Caroline L'Ecuyer, Wheeling Park
Head Coach: Ron Bucholtz, Parkersburg South; Assistant Coaches: Jeremy Angelo, Weir and Ashley Winters, Wheeling Central
Ohio
Destiny Ratkovec, Indian Creek; Lily Gibbons, Harrison Central; Ava Paterra, Indian Creek; Jennifer Oyster, Beaver Local; Jojo Loot, Steubenville Catholic; Sadie Watson, Caldwell; Sofia Walsh, Steubenville Catholic; Ella Ludwig, East Liverpool; Therese Bailargeon, Steubenville Catholic; Annabel Fitch, East Liverpool; Kendal Hercules, Harrison Central; Kat Roush, Indian Creek; Mazzy Speedy, Edison; Isabella Yeager, St. Clairsville; Lora Reeder, Beaver Local; Vanessa Dowdle, Harrison Central; Julissa Green, Steubenville; Avah Reed, Edison; Rylee Thomas, Beaver Local; Madilyn Thacker, Steubenville; Yente De Keersmaecker, St. Clairsville; Ameilia Collopy, Steubenville
Head Coach: Annie Cutri, Steubenville Assistant Coaches: Wes Stoner, St. Clairsville and Jonathan Hoover, Steubenville Catholic

Saints Top Jameis Winston And The Struggling Browns

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - Taysom Hill capped a 138-yard, three-touchdown performance on the ground with a 75-yard scoring run, and New Orleans improved to 2-0 under interim coach Darren Rizzi with a 35-14 victory over Cleveland.

Hill's two other touchdowns went for 10 and 33 yards - the second on fourth and short - to more than balance out his two turnovers on an interception and fumble. The 34-year-old Hill also moved into ninth place in franchise history with 44 total TDs, four behind receiver Eric Martin.

Hill also completed an 18-yard pass and returned a kickoff 42 yards.

Derek Carr passed for 248 yards and two touchdowns for New Orleans (4-7), highlighted by Marquez Valdes-Scantling's 71-yard catch and run on a short crossing route.

Jameis Winston passed for 395 yards and two TDs for the Browns (2-8) in his return to the city he called home for the previous four NFL seasons.

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GIRLS
West Virginia
Regan Shockey, Parkersburg South; Arabella Andy, Linsly; Brooke Porter, Wheeling Central; Isabella Washer, Magnolia, Olivia Metzner, University; Cora Friend, Trinity Christian; Kensington McConnachie, Oak Glen; Kallie McCutcheon, Parkersburg South; Gabriella Spickard, Weir; Katelyn Smith, Wheeling Park; Montana Johannsen, University; Isabella Brown, Wheeling Central; Josie Johnson, Morgantown; Lilly Staples, Morgantown; Ariana Borneo, Morgantown; Addy White, Parkersburg South; Rayna Hoover, Weir; Megan Schwing, John Marshall; Jaidyn Kelly, Weir; Angelina Robrecht, Wheeling Central; Hailey Buterbaugh, Brooke; Caroline L'Ecuyer, Wheeling Park
Head Coach: Ron Bucholtz, Parkersburg South; Assistant Coaches: Jeremy Angelo, Weir and Ashley Winters, Wheeling Central
Ohio
Destiny Ratkovec, Indian Creek; Lily Gibbons, Harrison Central; Ava Paterra, Indian Creek; Jennifer Oyster, Beaver Local; Jojo Loot, Steubenville Catholic; Sadie Watson, Caldwell; Sofia Walsh, Steubenville Catholic; Ella Ludwig, East Liverpool; Therese Bailargeon, Steubenville Catholic; Annabel Fitch, East Liverpool; Kendal Hercules, Harrison Central; Kat Roush, Indian Creek; Mazzy Speedy, Edison; Isabella Yeager, St. Clairsville; Lora Reeder, Beaver Local; Vanessa Dowdle, Harrison Central; Julissa Green, Steubenville; Avah Reed, Edison; Rylee Thomas, Beaver Local; Madilyn Thacker, Steubenville; Yente De Keersmaecker, St. Clairsville; Ameilia Collopy, Steubenville
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downs, as Detroit routed Jacksonville.

RAMS 28, PATRIOTS 22
FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) - Matthew Stafford threw for 295 yards and four touchdowns, including a 69-yard score to Cooper Kupp on the second play of the second half to help Los Angeles pull away and beat New England.

DOLPHINS 34, RAIDERS 19
MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. (AP) - Tua Tagovailoa threw three touchdown passes, De'Von Achane ran for a score, and Miami beat Las Vegas to win their second straight game.

COLTS 28, JETS 27
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) - Anthony Richardson ran for a 4-yard touchdown, his second of the game, with 46 seconds left in his return to the starting role to lift Indianapolis to a victory over Aaron Rodgers and New York.

VIKINGS 23, TITANS 13
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Sam Darnold overcame an early fumble by throwing for 246 yards and two touchdowns and running for a score and Minnesota beat Tennessee.

BRONCOS 38, FALCONS
DENVER (AP) - Bo Nix threw for 307 yards and a season-best four touchdowns, Javonte Williams got a push across the goal line from a half-dozen of his teammates, and Denver rolled past Atlanta.

SEAHAWKS 20, 49ERS 17
SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) - Geno Smith scored on a 13-yard scramble with 12 seconds remaining and Seattle snapped a six-game losing streak against San Francisco with a victory.

CHARGERS 34, BENGALS 27
INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) - J.K. Dobbins rushed for a 29-yard touchdown with 18 seconds remaining, and Los Angeles beat Cincinnati after squandering a 21-point third-quarter lead.

OHIO PLAYOFFS

Division III Region 11 Final
No. 1 Columbus Bishop Watterson (13-0) vs. No. 2 Steubenville (12-0) at Woody Hayes Quaker Stadium, New Philadelphia, 7 p.m. Friday.
Division IV, Region 15 Final
No. 1 St. Clairsville (13-0) vs. No. 2 Indian Valley (13-0) at John D. Sulzberger Stadium, Zanesville, 7 p.m. Friday.

AP Top 25 Poll

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 16, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

Table with 4 columns: Rank, Team, Record, Points. Includes Oregon (62), Ohio St., Texas, Penn St., Indiana, Notre Dame, Alabama, Georgia, Miss., Tennessee, Miami, Boise St., SMU, BYU, Texas A&M, Colorado, Clemson, Army, S. Carolina, Tulane, Arizona St., Iowa St., UNLV, Illinois, Wash. St.

ECHL

Saturday's Games
Florida 8, Greenville 0
South Carolina 6, Maine 1
Adirondack 4, Reading 2
Fort Wayne 5, Kalamazoo 3
Iowa 3, Wichita 2
Jacksonville 4, Savannah 1
Worcester 5, Trois-Rivieres 4
Toledo 6, Norfolk 2
Wheeling 5, Indy 2
Bloomington 5, Cincinnati 2
Utah 5, Allen 4
Rapid City 1, Idaho 0
Tulsa 4, Tahoe 3
Atlanta at Orlando, ppd
Sunday's Games
Reading 7, Adirondack 1
Savannah 3, Orlando 2
South Carolina 5, Maine 1
Trois-Rivieres 3, Worcester 1
Greenville 3, Florida 2
Bloomington 3, Iowa 2
Fort Wayne 6, Cincinnati 1
Kansas City 2, Wichita 0

NBA

Saturday's Games
Charlotte 115, Milwaukee 114
L.A. Lakers 104, New Orleans 99
Boston 126, Toronto 123, OT
Dallas 110, San Antonio 93
Sacramento 121, Utah 117
Sunday's Games
Minnesota 120, Phoenix 117
Indiana 119, Miami 110
Detroit 124, Washington 104
Memphis 105, Denver 90
Cleveland 128, Charlotte 114
Houston 143, Chicago 107
New York 114, Brooklyn 104
Dallas 121, Oklahoma City 119
Portland 114, Atlanta 110
L.A. Clippers 116, Utah 105
Monday's Games
Chicago at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Atlanta at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Golden State at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

GOLF SCORES

DP World Tour Championship Par Score
Sunday at Earth Course, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Purse: \$10 million Yardage: 7,706; Par: 72
Final Round
Rory McIlroy (2000), \$2,842,443
Rasmus Hojgaard (1335), \$1,203,301
Shane Lowry (620), \$525,220
Antoine Rozner (620), \$525,220
Adam Scott (620), \$525,220
Tyrrell Hatton (420), \$299,404
Robert Macintyre (291), \$198,616
Keita Nakajima, (291), \$198,616
67-69-68-69-273 -15
71-67-66-71-275 -13
71-67-71-68-277 -11
70-65-69-73-277 -11
69-71-69-68-277 -11
67-69-71-71-278 -10
72-68-69-70-279 -9
69-69-70-71-279 -9

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCORES

Table with 3 columns: Team, Score, Opponent. Includes Mountain East (Wheeling 40, West Liberty 16, Charleston 52, W. Virginia St. 17, Fairmont St. 31, Frostburg St. 28, Glenville St. 42, WV Wesleyan 23, UNC-Pembroke 63, Concord 7), Presidents Athletic Conference (Thiel 30, Bethany (WV) 23, Carnegie Mellon 37, Case Western 30, Geneva 33, Waynesburg 6, Grove City 36, Westminster (Pa.) 9, Washington & Jefferson 45, Allegheny 0), Delaware 41, Campbell 22, Duquesne 42, Wagner 21, East Stroudsburg 22, Clarion 19, Fordham 31, Georgetown 3, Harvard 31, Penn 28, Hobart 37, Rochester 7, Holy Cross 40, Bucknell 38, Indiana (Pa.) 38, Shippensburg 7, Johns Hopkins 35, McDaniel 0, Kutztown 21, California (Pa.) 14, Liberty 35, Umass 34, OT, Marshall 31, Coastal Carolina 19, New Hampshire 31, Stony Brook 30, New Haven 41, Pace 14, Shenandoah 28, Washington & Lee 21, South Alabama 24, Louisiana-Lafayette 22, South Florida 59, Charlotte 24, The Citadel 30, Wofford 17, Troy 28, Georgia Southern 20, W. Carolina 58, VMI 28, West Alabama 63, Erskine 0, William & Mary 22, Bryant 12, Wingate 28, Carson-Newman 13, Baldwin Wallace 14, Heidelberg 10, Capital 50, Wilmington (Ohio) 31, Dayton 26, Valparaiso 14, DePauw 42, Wabash 21

No. 12 Ohio State Women Escape Belmont With Win

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Cotie McMahon scored 21 points, and Jalon Cambridge made a jumper and two free throws in the final 12 seconds to help No. 12 Ohio State pull out a 67-63 victory over upset-minded Belmont on Sunday.

The Buckeyes (3-0) trailed 59-50 with 5:21 left to play after Carmyn Harrison had back-to-back baskets and Kendall Holmes hit a 3-pointer in a 9-3 snurt to give the

the Buckeyes moved in front by a point at the 3-minute mark.

Kennedy Cambridge buried a 3-pointer - her only points in the game - after Tuti Jones missed one for Belmont to push the Buckeyes' lead to four. Holmes and Emily La Chapell both hit two free throws to tie the game at 63 with 33 seconds left, setting the stage for Jalon Cambridge.

McMahon made 8 of 19 shots with two

TRANSACTIONS

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NHL - Suspended RW Ryan Reaves five games for an illegal check to the head in a Nov. 16 game against Edmonton.
ANAHEIM DUCKS - Recalled RW Sam Colangelo and D Tyson Hinds from San



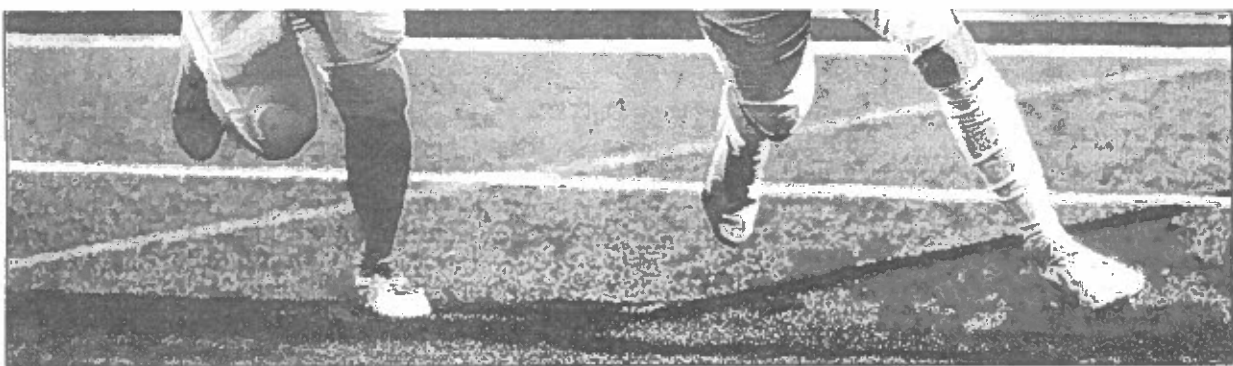


Photo by Robert Ovies Sports Photography  
John Marshall's Kayden Knapp races to escape pressure from Wheeling Park's Cameron Bryan on Friday at Wheeling Island Stadium during the two teams' regular season finale.

## Wack Resets Record, Wheeling Park Prevails Over Spirited Monarchs

By NICK HENTHORN  
Sports Editor

WHEELING - Senior Night celebrations, record-setting performances, fourth-quarter dramatics - Friday's rivalry dogfight between the Wheeling Park Patriots (7-3) and visiting John Marshall Monarchs (2-8) had it all inside Wheeling Island Stadium in an eventual 35-30 Patriots victory.

Wheeling Park paid homage to their senior class of Noah Short, Trey Koher, Xander Ackley, AJ Seals, Coldin Burkhart, Jameson Maynard, Jack Klein, Cameron Bryan, Hunter Means, Kieran Moses, Jayden Woods-Davis, and Luke Miller in their final regular season home game before a post-season berth.

John Marshall's last game of the year had them say farewell to a senior class of Isaac Swauger, Carter Adkins, Maverick Lemasters, Hayden Gaiser, Brooks Harrison, Luke Beaton, Kaden Bungard, Eugene Henry III, Landon Frazier, Gage Hercules, Tim Jackson, Hudson Markwas, Silas Summers, Allick Summers and Clay Howard.

"The coaches told them yesterday - our seniors we had this year were unbelievable," John Marshall head coach Mark Cisar said. "I

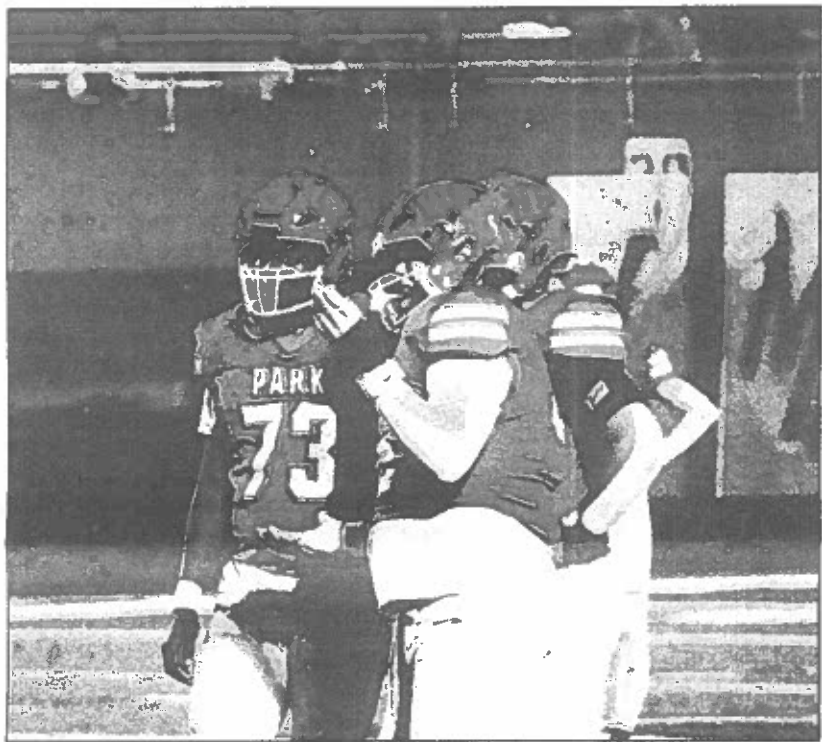


Photo by Nick Henthorn  
Wheeling Park's Hunter Means (56), Jayden Woods-Davis (73) and Cameron Bryan (55) strategize in-between plays Friday at Wheeling Island Stadium against John Marshall during the two teams' regular season finale.

knew we'd come up here and play our butts off. Everybody expected us to come up here, they were going to blow us out - we left everything out on the field.

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Photo by Ron Rittenhouse  
WVU guard Sencire Harris (10) drives to the basket against UMass on Friday.

BY JUSTIN JACKSON  
For The Sunday  
News-Register  
MORGANTOWN --  
West Virginia walked out of the Coliseum with more than just a 75-69 victory against UMass on Friday night.

The Mountaineers just may have changed the perception of what this team can be along the way.

"I don't necessarily think it's going to be our season whether we're making or missing threes," said Tucker DeVries, who scored 17 points. "Obviously on nights when you're not shooting it well, we talk about that a lot.

"The nights you shoot it well, you should win by 30. The nights you don't, you just have to find a way."

That's exactly what the Mountaineers (2-0) did against the Minutemen, a team that threw a number of different defensive looks throughout.

Still, WVU found a way to hold on. That statement comes knowing the Mountaineers held a lead for nearly 36 minutes, but yet an 18-point cushion early in the second half had dwindled down to seven with 2:45 remaining.

"We let up a little too much," WVU guard Sencire Harris said. "We can't let up like that."

It also comes with the fact WVU was held to just six baskets the entire second half, while shooting just 25% from the floor over the final 20 minutes.

Those kinds of stats would have generally meant disaster for the Mountaineers in the past.

For a team - in Darian DeVries' first season at the school - that was believed to live and die by the 3-point shot, well, the Mountaineers proved the can also get a little dirty and gritty.

"There are some positives to this," Darian DeVries said. "You go 6 of 24 in the second half and shoot 25%, you don't win many of those games typically."

"Finding a way to win ugly is a quality, too. It's not going to be an 18-point lead every night and you sail off into the sunset. Some nights you have to figure out a way when it's not going well."

Amani Hansberry added 16 points and six rebounds for the Mountaineers, including a huge bucket with 2:16 remaining that saw the 6-foot-8 big man take the ball from the top of the key and work his way down close to the rim.

From there, he spun around a defender, threw up about three or four pump fakes before getting a short one-hander to fall that gave WVU a 68-59 lead.

"That's credit to our coaching staff," Hansberry said. "We knew coming into the game they jumped at a lot of pump fakes. They were ball hungry."

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Photo by Kim North  
Union Local's Peyton Cauby (22) brings down Wheelersburg's Elijah Brown (26) during action Friday night in an Ohio Division V, Region 19 quarter final playoff encounter at Jets Stadium in Morristown.

## St. C. On To District Semis After Thriller vs. Bishop Ready

By BUBBA KAPRAL  
For The Sunday  
News-Register

ST. CLAIRSVILLE -- Two post-season games, two OHSAA playoff triumphs.

Such is the case with St. Clairsville football.

The second one, however, was an instant classic.

The high-octane and undefeated Red Devils advanced to the Division IV Region 15 semifinals via a hard-earned and heart-stopping 29-22 win Friday night over a quality Columbus Bishop Ready outfit.

As a result, Coach Brett McLean's well-drilled and potent charges will now face West Holmes, a 24-13 victor over East Liverpool. The OHSAA will determine the neutral

game site Sunday.

Eighth-seeded Bishop Ready bows out with a 7-5 record as it saw a six-game winning streak halted. The Silver Knights pocketed an 18-17 nod over Jonathan Alder a week prior.

West Holmes, meanwhile, will bring a 7-5 mark into its Week 13 clash with St. C.

Top-seeded St. C. opened its playoff campaign with a 40-6 pasting of Marion-Franklin.

The 12-0 Red Devils' found themselves in unfamiliar territory against Ready, that being behind. The hosts owned a 7-0 halftime advantage but found themselves trailing 15-12 midway through the third quarter.

While St. C. was able to regain a seven-point lead in the fourth peri-



Photo by Lauren Florence  
St. Clairsville's Gavin Schoolcraft rushes to the outside Friday against Bishop Ready at Red Devil Stadium in a OHSAA Division IV, Region 15 semifinal match.

od, the game's outcome was still hanging in the balance in the final minute. Ready moved the ball to the Red Devils' eight-yard line. St. C.'s defense, however, was equal to the task as it forced four straight incomplete passes to seal the prized win.

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## Jets Fall To Wheelersburg

By KIM NORTH  
Staff Writer  
MORRISTOWN

Football can be a game of inches. Those inches can seem like miles at times.

Union Local, unfortunately, found that out the hard way Friday night as the No. 11 Jets (9-3) dropped a 28-23 decision to No. 14 Wheelersburg in an Ohio Division V, Region 19 contest on the natural grass surface at chilly Jets Stadium.

The hosts had a long

touchdown pass nullified by an illegal forward pass on their second play of the game and then watched as a 'Hail Mary' pass was picked off in the end zone with 43 seconds remaining.

"I'm so proud of everyone in our program from our players to our coaches to our fans," a dejected Union Local head coach Bernie Thompson said.

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## OVAC All-Star Soccer Rosters Announced For Ohio, W.Va.

The 2024 OVAC Soccer Senior All-Star games will be played on Sunday, Nov. 17 at St. Clairsville Red Devil Stadium. These games showcase some of the top senior soccer players from the conference with the Ohio players going against the West Virginia players. The boys game will start at 1 p.m. and the girls game will start at 3:30. Players should arrive 45 minutes before their game starts.

The gates will open at noon. Tickets for adults are \$6 if they are purchased online (using the OVAC.org website) and \$8 at the gate. Student tickets are \$1 at the gate. Players get

in free. OVAC passes will be accepted at the gate.

The boys Players of the Year are Dominic Gianangeli, Wheeling Central (1A-3A); Ethan Wood, Beaver Local (4A); and Tresz McLeod, Wheeling Park (5A)2024.

The girls Players of the Year are Rylee Wright, Wheeling Central (1A-3A); Gabriella Spickard, Weir (4A); and Adrienne Altizer Parkersburg South (5A).

The boys Coach of the Year is Brian Komoroski, Wheeling Central.

The girls Coach of the Year is Annie Cutri, Steubenville. Rosters are as follows:

BOYS  
W.VA.

BROOKE - Chase Hile; Evan Urso

JOHN MARSHALL - Owen Anderson-Magers

LINSLEY - Alvaro Abitbol; Kenzo Iriondo

Morgantown - Riley Brabson; Alex Gonzalez-Tanon; Aidan Stire

OAK GLEN - Charles Duty

PARKERSBURG SOUTH - Shawn Cross

TRINITY CHRISTIAN - Mason Rodeheaver

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to the air to take the lead back. Kusic, who threw

Erasing a 12-point deficit in the second half, the

and the pass on fourth down fell incomplete.

## SEMIS

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"We trailed against Norwayne but that is about it," said an elated and relieved McLean. "I am so proud of the kids. They showed a lot of character and resiliency."

"We knew what Ready was all about. They are an excellent team with some super playmakers," he added. "Ready made an impressive drive at the end of the game but our defense stepped up when it had to."

McLean, who has built a D-IV juggernaut in his 23 years at the Hilltop helm including a state runner-up finish in 2012, received impressive offensive performances from a host of red-clad performers. Seniors Brady Schafer, Dino Burk and Gavin Schoolcraft as well as junior Olile Muhly all delivered key efforts needed to turn back the formidable Silver Knights.

Schafer passed for 133 yards and two TDs. Burk did yeoman's work totalling the ball, gaining 183 yards and a TD on 26 carries. Schoolcraft delivered a 23-yard TD run while Muhly hauled in a perfectly thrown 52-yard TD bomb from Schafer.

Not to be lost in the shuffle was the timely and oft-times stifling defensive show put on by a host of Red Devils. Max Fogle, Micky Balgo, Colten Florence, Kyle Rankin and Drew Gasber were a collective thorn in the Silver Knights' side.

"The game started out like we thought it would. That being a low-scoring defense battle," McLean said. "But once the scoring started it really became an offensive show."

"Ready has some talented skilled people. They have nice offensive balance," he continued. "But I was happy with how we responded. We made the plays when we had to."

St. C.'s 7-0 halftime lead came courtesy of a 22-yard TD strike from Schafer to Gage Wolfe with 10:45 left in the opening half. Tyler Harris added the PAT.

The Red Devils saw one golden scoring opportunity come up empty. The Red Devils took the game's opening kickoff and marched to the Ready one, only to turn the ball over on downs.

Ready got on the board on its first possession of the second half.

Jacob Cheatham teamed with Kayden Schaffer on a 23-yard scoring strike. The PAT, however, was blocked by Balgo, leaving the hosts on top, 7-6.

After a St. C. punt, Ready needed just two plays to strike again. Bullish Anthony Campbell rolled in from 30 yards out to make it a 12-7. Ready led with 7:30 left in the third quarter. The run for two failed.

St. C. wasted no time in responding.

The Red Devils took the ensuing kickoff and put together an eight-play drive, capped by Schoolcraft's scoring burst. The hosts opted to go for two and it paid dividends as Tyson Pastor tossed to Schafer for a 15-12 lighting.

Ready drew even at 15-15 with 57 seconds left in the third period via a 26-yard field goal by Aaron Amaya.

St. C. took possession of the ensuing kick at its 42. Burk took matters into his own hands and legs as he carried six successive plays, the last being a three-yard TD burst with 10:20 remaining. Harris made it a 22-15 issue.

Ready would not go quietly. The Silver Knights knotted the affair on the strength of a nine-play drive with Campbell racing in from 20 yards out. Amaya added the PAT.

St. C. responded in championship fashion.

Two plays after taking the kickoff, Schaffer tossed a deep sideline pass to Muhly who sprinted untouched for what proved to be the game-winning TD. The PAT made it 29-22.

Ready made things very interesting despite taking possession at its 18 with only 2:15 to play.

Four pass completions and a personal foul against the Red Devils, placed the ball at the St. C. eight. The Silver Knights would get no closer as four passes failed to find their mark.

"We haven't been to the the third round for a while. So it's nice," McLean said. "I am very happy for our kids, staff and community. It is a good time right now."

"However, I don't rest on these wins a long time," he added. "I am already thinking about next week and West Holmes. We want to keep this going."

Cheatham had a big night passing for Ready, tossing for 273 yards, completing 19 of 33 throws. Campbell rushed for 156 yards on 29 attempts.

## HOLD

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"I just saw an opportunity with an open lane. They were pressed up on me. I got downhill, threw in a couple of pump fakes. I was just keeping it simple."

Javon Small had 12 points, four assists and four steals, while freshman Jonathan Powell had a hot hand in the first half to finish with 10 points.

WVU's defense also played a key role. UMass guard Rahsool Diggins - he came into the game averaging 26 points - finished with 19, but

eight of those 19 came in the final 16 seconds with a couple of desperation 3-pointers - one of them banked in - and an uncontested lay-up.

"He was coming off making eight threes in his last game," said Harris, who was charged with defending Diggins most of the evening. "My job was to take those away. He did hit some late in the second half on me, but they were heavily contested."

The Mountaineers held their own on the glass

with a 36-34 rebounding edge, and WVU's bench provided a 23-8 spark.

Not exactly the type of qualities you'd expect from a 3-point shooting team.

Darian DeVries, "is always telling us we have to be resilient and being able to take that first punch," Hansberry said. "We have to fight back. Games aren't always going to be clean. They're not always easy. You have to be able to dig down and get some stops."

## FALL

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"We hang our hats on blue-collar work ... blue-collar mentality ... and that's going to carry over to life. That embodies this team. For our team to go toe-to-toe with that team, I'm beyond proud."

Wheelerburg had dominated No. 3 Barnesville in a first-round encounter last week. A week earlier, the Shamrocks had their way with the Jets, so nobody gave the hosts a chance, with the exception of those wearing the Red.

"Football is a game of inches. Unfortunately, we were a couple of inches away," Thompson noted.

On the second play from scrimmage, quarterback Isaiah Tomolonis handed off to running back Brody Perzanowski on a sweep right. However, Perzanowski pulled up and threw back across the field to Tomolonis who in turn fired a strike to a wide-open Dre Saunders for what appeared to be a 74-yard scoring play, but the officials ruled Perzanowski's pass was a lateral, thus negating the TD.

The Jets did take a 3-0 lead as Jeff Bolon nailed a 30-yard field goal on their next possession.

The Pirates (8-4) took the lead for good when quarterback Braylon Rucker found running back Ison Emmett along the right sidelines for a short gain. However, the 220-pounder broke loose, made a pair of cutbacks that made Jets miss tackles before lunging into the end zone to complete

a 39-yard scoring play. Cooper Heimbach's PAT made it 7-3.

Elijah Brown capped a 12-play, 78-yard drive with a 3-yard run over the left side of his line. Heimbach made it 14-3 with 3:24 left in the first half.

Wheelerburg grabbed a 21-3 margin after going 74 yards on just four plays on the first series of the third quarter. Kenyon Evans took a reverse 47 yards and Rucker kept around his left end for a 19-yard TD run. Heimbach was true again.

Saunders returned the ensuing kickoff 83 yards to the Pirates' 12 and Perzanowski took an option pitch from Tomolonis 12 yards to paydirt on the very next play. Bolon's PAT made it 21-10.

Union Local's defense held and forced a punt. The Jets took over at their own 13. Perzanowski ripped off 27 on first down and a 15-yard personal foul penalty against the Pirates moved the ball onto their side of the 50 at the 38. Three carries by Perzanowski and a 5-yard facemask call against the visitors placed the ball at the 10. Tomolonis faked an option pitch right and kept for a 10-yard scoring run. The PAT failed, leaving the Jets on the short end of a 21-16 count with just under three minutes left in the third quarter.

Wheelerburg needed just four plays to find the end zone again. This time Rucker swept around his left end from 19 yards out and Heimbach made it 28-16.

Union Local scored

again midway through the fourth quarter as Tomolonis and Saunders hooked up for a 61-yard pitch-and-catch. Bolon's placement made it 28-23.

A missed 39-yard field goal by Heimbach with 63 ticks left gave the Jets one last gasp.

Saunders made a leaping grab between two defenders at the Pirates' 38 and Tomolonis spiked the ball to stop the clock with 50 seconds remaining. His next pass was headed to a wide-open Sean Alkire the right side of the end zone, but Wheelerburg's Xander Mowery made a leaping interception to seal the victory.

"It wasn't long ago that we were 0-10," Thompson recalled. "Now we're in the second round of the playoffs and gave a very good Wheelerburg team all it wanted. This was a great week for our communities. It was a great week for our program. I'm already excited for next year."

Perzanowski ran for 121 yards on 18 carries, while Tomolonis added 34 on 11 trips. He also completed 6 of 11 passes for 146 yards. Saunders had four receptions for 127 yards.

Wheelerburg piled up 300 yards on the ground on 45 attempts. Brown led the way with 131 on 25 carries. Rucker had 60 and Emmett 48.

The Pirates advanced to play No. 7 West Muskingum, a 33-7 upset winner of No. 2 Proctorville Fairland last night. That site will be determined by OHSAA officials on Sunday.

## ROSTERS

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UNIVERSITY - Ethan Llewellyn  
Brady Grubb; Nate Lindsay

WEIR - Alex Guio; Ben Howard

WHEELING CENTRAL - Ryan Blair; Dominic Gianangeli; Mason Schmitt

WHEELING PARK - Josh Albrecht; Gavin Border; Tresz McLeod

WOOD COUNTY CHRISTIAN - Bracyn Joseph

OHIO  
BEAVER LOCAL - Josh Eisenhart; Kaleb Mays; Hunter Warrick; Ethan Wood

CALDWELL - Garrett Brown; Jonas Copley

EAST LIVERPOOL - Kamdin Miller

HARRISON CENTRAL - Kayden Dunkle; Brady Elliott; Austin Fulton

SHENANDOAH - Andrew Neff; Garrett Stottsberry

ST. CLAIRSVILLE - Carson Hendershot; Ethan Saffell; Luke Swan

ST. CLAIRSVILLE - Brady Dinovo; Luke Dinovo; Hayden Hicks;

STEUBENVILLE CATHOLIC - Jack Leonard; Gus Zaleski

UNION LOCAL - Zach Moore

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GIRLS  
W.V.A.

BROOKE - Hailey Buterbaugh

JOHN MARSHALL - Megan Schwing

LINSLEY - Arabella Andy

MAGNOLIA - Isabella Washer

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**UNION LOCAL** quarterback Isaiah Tomolonis (7) breaks free during Friday night's action against Wheelersburg at Jets Stadium in Morristown. Looking on is Jets offensive lineman Mason Porter (78).

## Wheelersburg dashes Union Local's hopes

By **KIM NORTH**  
Staff Writer

MORRISTOWN — Football can be a game of inches. Those inches can seem like miles at times.

Union Local, unfortunately, found that out the hard way Friday night as the No. 11 Jets (9-3) dropped a 28-23 decision to No. 14 Wheelersburg in an Ohio Division V, Region 19 contest on the natural grass surface at chilly Jets Stadium.

The hosts had a long touchdown pass nullified by an illegal forward pass on their second play of the game and then watched as a "Hail Mary" pass was picked

off in the end zone with 43 seconds remaining.

"I'm so proud of everyone in our program from our players to our coaches to our fans," a dejected Union Local head coach Bernie Thompson said. "We hang our hats on blue-collar work ... blue-collar mentality ... and that's going to carry over to life. That embodies this team. For our team to go toe-to-toe with that team, I'm beyond proud."

Wheelersburg had dominated No. 3 Barnesville in a first-round encounter last week. A week earlier, the Shamrocks had their way with the Jets, so nobody gave the hosts a chance, with the exception of those

wearing the Red.

"Football is a game of inches. Unfortunately, we were a couple of inches away," Thompson noted.

On the second play from scrimmage, quarterback Isaiah Tomolonis handed off to running back Brody Perzanowski on a sweep right. However, Perzanowski pulled up and threw back across the field to Tomolonis who in turn fired a strike to a wide-open Dre Saunders for what appeared to be a 74-yard scoring play, but the officials ruled Perzanowski's pass was a forward pass and not a lateral, thus negating the TD.

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## St. Clairsville on to district semis

By **BUBBA KAPRAL**  
For The Times Leader

**ST. CLAIRSVILLE** — Two post-season games, two OHSAA playoff triumphs.

Such is the case with St. Clairsville football.

The second one, however, was an instant classic.

The high-octane and undefeated Red Devils advanced to the Division IV Region 15 semifinals via a hard-earned and heart-stopping 29-22 win Friday night over a quality Columbus Bishop Ready outfit.

As a result, Coach Brett McLean's well-drilled and potent charges will now face West Holmes, a 24-13 victor over East Liverpool. The OHSAA will determine the neutral game site Sunday.

Eighth-seeded Bishop Ready bows out with a 7-5 record as it saw a six-game winning streak halted. The Silver Knights pocketed an 18-17 nod over Jonathan Alder a week prior.

West Holmes, meanwhile,

will bring a 7-5 mark into its Week 13 clash with St. C.

Top-seeded St. C. opened its playoff campaign with a 40-6 pasting of Marion-Franklin.

The 12-0 Red Devils' found themselves in unfamiliar territory against Ready, that being behind. The hosts owned a 7-0 halftime advantage but found themselves trailing 15-12 midway through the third quarter.

While St. C. was able to regain a seven-point lead in the fourth period, the game's outcome was still hanging in the balance in the final minute. Ready moved the ball to the Red Devils' eight-yard line. St. C.'s defense, however, was equal to the task as it forced four straight incomplete passes to seal the prized win.

"We trailed against Norway but that is about it," said an elated and relieved McLean. "I am so proud of the kids. They showed a lot of character and resiliency."

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## OVAC Soccer Senior All-Star games set for Nov. 17

The 2024 OVAC Soccer Senior All-Star games will be played on Sunday, Nov. 17 at St. Clairsville Red Devil Stadium.

These games showcase some of the top senior soccer players from the conference with the Ohio players going against the West Virginia players.

The boys game will start at 1 p.m. and the girls game will start at 3:30.

Players should arrive 45 min-

utes before their game starts.

The gates will open at noon. Tickets for adults are \$6 if they are purchased online (using the OVAC.org website) and \$8 at the gate.

Student tickets are \$1 at the gate. Players get in free. OVAC passes will be accepted at the gate.

The boys Players of the Year are Dominic Gianangeli, Wheeling Central (1A-3A); Ethan Wood, Beaver Lo-

cal (4A); and Tresz McLeod, Wheeling Park (5A)2024.

The girls Players of the Year are Rylee Wright, Wheeling Central (1A-3A); Gabriella Spickard, Weir (4A); and Adrienne Altizer, Parkersburg South (5A).

The boys Coach of the Year is Brian Komoroski, Wheeling Central.

The girls Coach of the Year is Annie Cutri, Steubenville.

Rosters are as follows:

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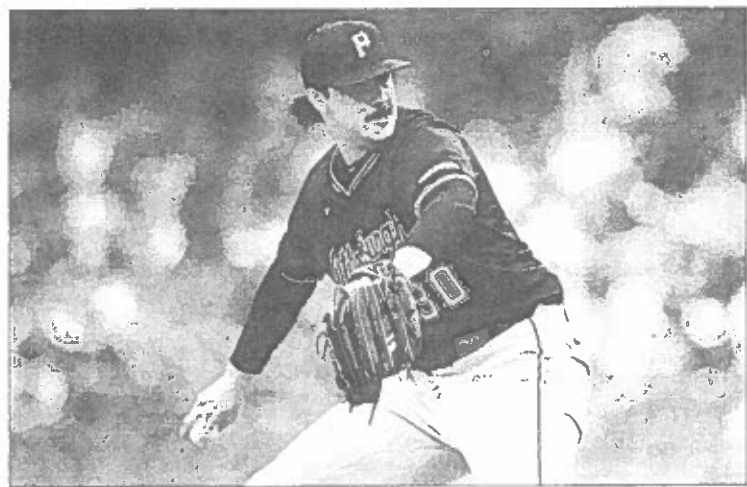
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**PITTSBURGH PIRATES** pitcher Paul Skenes pitches against the New York Yankees on Sept. 28 in New York.

## Paul Skenes and Luis Gil named Baseball Digest rookies of the year

NEW YORK (AP) — Paul Skenes of the Pittsburgh Pirates and fellow pitcher Luis Gil from the New York Yankees were chosen rookies of the year by Baseball Digest.

The top pick in the 2023 amateur draft, Skenes dazzled during his first major league

first-place votes for the NL award from a panel of baseball writers and broadcasters. Results were announced by the publication Thursday.

San Diego Padres outfielder Jackson Merrill got the other two first-place votes and came in second.

Gil went 15-7 with a 2.50

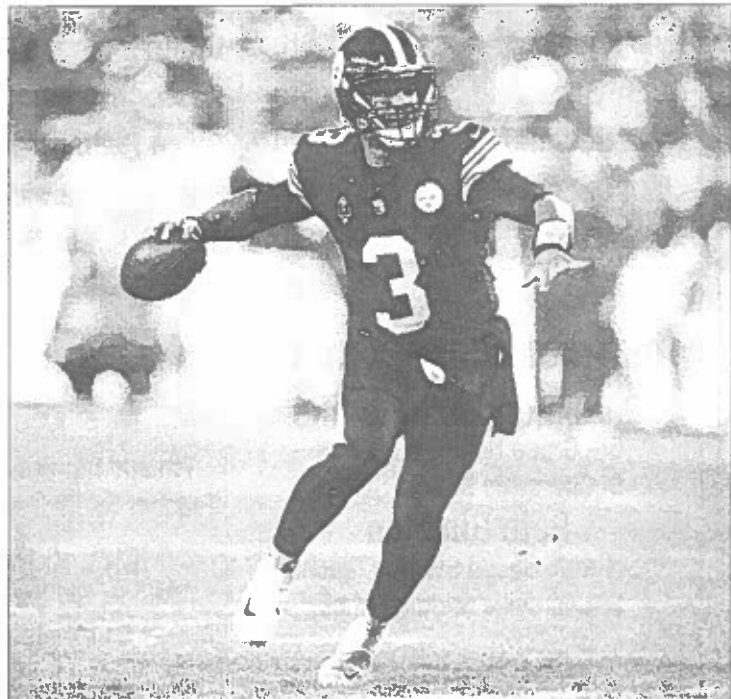
## Pittsburgh and Washington to meet in clash of playoff hopefuls

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — The odds were against the Pittsburgh Steelers and Washington Commanders making the playoffs before the season started, for various reasons on either side.

They meet up just past the midway point in a showdown of first-place teams that have exceeded expectations and even added at the trade deadline to improve their odds. The Steelers (6-2) acquired receiver Mike Williams and edge rusher Preston Smith to fill areas of need, the Commanders (7-2) got cornerback Marshon Lattimore, and their game Sunday at Washington is a chance to see how the teams stack up against each other.

"It's a tough matchup and another good test for us," Commanders receiver Noah Brown said. "We're excited about it."

Lattimore is out because of a hamstring injury. Williams



AP Photo

**PITTSBURGH STEELERS** quarterback Russell Wilson throws against the New York Giants on Oct. 28 in Pittsburgh.

help us win, obviously it's cool. This looked like a rebuilding

ble Silver Knights.

Schafer passed for 133 yards and two TDs. Burk did yeoman's work totting the ball, gaining 183 yards and a TD on 26 carries. Schoolcraft delivered a 23-yard TD run while Muhly hauled in a perfectly thrown 52-yard TD bomb from Schafer.

Not to be lost in the shuffle was the timely and oft-times stifling defensive show put on

Schafer to Gage Wolte with 10:45 left in the opening half. Tyler Harris added the PAT.

The Red Devils saw one golden scoring opportunity come up empty. The Red Devils took the game's opening kickoff and marched to the Ready one, only to turn the ball over on downs.

Ready got on the board on its first possession of the second half.

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Six-time All-Pro linebacker Bobby Wagner, one of a bevy of new additions in free agency, isn't sure if playing the Steelers is a measuring stick but can't wait to get on the field and find out.

"I think it's more fun," said Wagner, who played with Pittsburgh QB Russell Wilson for a decade with Seattle. "The Steelers is a really respected organization, and so being able to play against somebody like that and being able to play against a coach like Mike Tomlin and things of that nature, it's more so like, 'OK, this game's going to be fun.'"

The Commanders are 3-point favorites on Bet-

MGM Sportsbook.

**No ordinary rookie**  
The Steelers have dominated rookie quarterbacks through the years, including a 25-6 mark under Tomlin. That list includes an easy victory over Robert Griffin III and Washington in 2012, as well as a win against Bo Nix and the Denver Broncos in Week 2.

Enter the electric Daniels, who has Tomlin's full attention. The NFL's longest-tenured coach doesn't think Daniels is a typical first-year player, pointing to Daniels' ability to extend plays and make productive decisions at the end of them.

"He's been able to extract the good from those moments while minimiz-

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The Jets did take a 3-0 lead as Jeff Bolon nailed a 30-yard field goal on their next possession.

The Pirates (8-4) took the lead for good when quarterback Braylon Rucker found running back Ison Emmett along the right sidelines for a short gain.

However, the 220-pounder broke loose, made a pair of cutbacks that made Jets miss tackles before lunging into the end zone to complete a 39-yard scoring play. Cooper Heimbach's PAT made it 7-3.

Elijah Brown capped a 12-play, 78-yard drive with a 3-yard run over the left side of his line. Heimbach made it 14-3 with 3:24 left in the first half.

Wheelerburg grabbed a 21-3 margin after going 74 yards on just four plays on the first series of the third quarter. Kenyon Evans took a reverse

47 yards and Rucker kept around his left end for a 19-yard TD run. Heimbach was true again.

Saunders returned the ensuing kickoff 83 yards to the Pirates' 12 and Perzanowski took an option pitch from Tomolonis 12 yards to paydirt on the very next play. Bolon's PAT made it 21-10.

Union Local's defense held and forced a punt. The Jets took over at their own 13. Perzanowski ripped off 27 on first down and a 15-yard personal foul penalty against the Pirates moved the ball onto their side of the 50 at the 38.

Three carries by Perzanowski and a 5-yard facemask call against the visitors placed the ball at the 10. Tomolonis faked an option pitch right and kept for a 10-yard scoring run. The PAT failed, leaving the Jets on the short end of a 21-16 count with just under three minutes

ing the bad," Tomlin said. "I just think that speaks to his savvy and experience. ... This guy has been a franchise quarterback at two different universities."

**Respect for Russ**  
Daniels is several games into his pro career — nine, officially, but he missed the vast majority of one with a rib injury. Wilson is in his 13th season, now with his third team, and Daniels admires the almost-36-year-old vet's playmaking abilities.

"I've been seeing Russ pretty much his whole career," said Daniels, who continues practicing and playing through sore ribs but hasn't slowed down. "He throws a really good deep ball, very accurate.

Overall, just his leadership and how he treats his people on and off the field, that's something that stands out."

**Running on empty**  
Pittsburgh's vaunted run defense took a hit against the New York Giants during a 28-16 victory on Oct. 28, allowing a season-high 157 yards on the ground in a performance that left veteran defensive tackle Cam Heyward fuming.

The Steelers, coming off their bye, need to make sure the shaky play at the line of scrimmage was an anomaly with their second-half schedule filled with teams that like to run the ball, including Washington, Baltimore (twice) and Philadelphia.

Wheelerburg needed just four plays to find the end zone again. This time Rucker swept around his left end from 19 yards out and Heimbach made it 28-16.

Union Local scored again midway through the fourth quarter as Tomolonis and Saunders hooked up for a 61-yard pitch-and-catch. Bolon's placement made it 28-23.

A missed 39-yard field goal by Heimbach with 63 ticks left gave the Jets one last gasp.

Saunders made a leaping grab between two defenders at the Pirates' 38 and Tomolonis spiked the ball to stop the clock with 50 seconds remaining. His next pass was headed to a wide-open Sean Alkire the right side of the end zone, but Wheelerburg's Xander Mowery made a leaping interception to seal the victory.

"It wasn't long ago that

we were 0-10," Thompson recalled. "Now we're in the second round of the playoffs and gave a very good Wheelerburg team all it wanted. This was a great week for our communities. It was a great week for our program. I'm already excited for next year."

Perzanowski ran for 121 yards on 18 carries, while Tomolonis added 34 on 11 trips. He also completed 6 of 11 passes for 146 yards. Saunders had four receptions for 127 yards.

Wheelerburg piled up 300 yards on the ground on 45 attempts. Brown led the way with 131 on 25 carries. Rucker had 60 and Emmett 48.

The Pirates advanced to play No. 7 West Muskingum, a 33-7 upset winner of No. 2 Proctorville Fairland last night.

That site will be determined by OHSAA officials on Sunday.

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