OUTSIDE -

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tee at the top of the "First Four Out" taineers coffin.

list, which was little consolation to the WVU did not look like a tourna-Mountaineers

at a private off-campus site. Hopefully, final stretch of the season. it was a fortified bunker to protect the by the NCAA selection committee.

"I can't comprehend this team being points in only five of those games. left out," WVU athletic director Wren Still, the Mountaineers had bui esty that we weren't included.

As the top-ranked non-NCAA tour- day with a NET ranking of No. 51. nament team from the Big 12, the launched by Fox Sports.

WVU had accepted a bid to the Crown.

Most projections had the Mountainther a No. 9 or No. 10 seed.

Following a 72-65 victory against team selected for the field. UCF to close out the regular season, loss against Colorado - the last place today."

Rather than playing in the NCAAs, team in the Big 12 - in the second the Mountaineers (19-13) were in-round of the conference tournament that stead listed by the selection commit- may have put the final nail in the Moun-

ment-type team in that loss, and the The team watched the selection show Mountaineers also struggled over the

WVU went 6-9 over its final 15 team from the shrapnel thrown its way games, including the loss in the Big 12 tournament and scored 70, or more,

Still, the Mountaineers had built an BEACH, Fla. (AP) -Baker in a statement on social media. impressive resume earlier in the season "Our resume was better than several with wins against Gonzaga, Arizona, teams in the field and it's a terrible trav- Kansas and Iowa State – all four teams made the field of 68 - and entered the

The NET rankings is the evaluation Mountaineers earned an automatic bid tool used by the selection committee to to the College Basketball Crown, which determine at-large bids and seeding for is a new 16-team tournament this year the tournament. While the overall NET ranking would leave plenty of reason to The entire tournament is played in be left out of the field, WVU was 6-10 Las Vegas, but doesn't begin until in Quad 1 games, while a team like March 31. It was unclear at press time if North Carolina - NET ranking of 36 - was just 1-12 in Quad 1 games.

According to Bubba Cunningham, eers heading for the NCAA tournament the chair of the selection committee, as at the end of the regular season, as ei- well as North Carolina's athletic director, the Tar Heels were the final at-large

"I have so much appreciation for De Vries felt the Mountaineers' resume (De Vries), our coaching staff and playfor the NCAAs was good enough for in- ers." Baker said. "They deserved betclusion. But it was a devastating 67-60 ter than what the committee delivered committee.

W.Va. Wins OVAC All-Star Bowling Match

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Rory McIlroy, J.J. Spaun Tie At The Players Championship To Set Up A Monday Playoff

Rory McIlroy and J.J. even finished. Spaun are headed for a pen until Monday.

A four-hour rain delay pionship title. He played \$4.5 million prize.

McIlroy had a three- him. three-hole playoff to de- shot lead at one point on onship. But it won't hap- to be cruising toward deficit. Spaun had a 72. another Players Cham-

VEDRA in the final round made it the final six holes in 1 fortunate the final round over and Spaun hit some marvelous shots to catch

McIlroy shot a 68 to cide The Players Champi- the back nine and looked overcome a four-shot

At stake Monday is a

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North Carolina faces Oregon State in the Big Ten and lost to Michigan in the first round.

A year ago, there was disappoint- tournament. ment surrounding the WVU women's program after earning a No. 8 seed courts. Washington guards Elle Laand getting shipped out to Iowa City, dine and Sayvia Sellers combine for Iowa to face Caitlin Clark and the 32.3 points per game. Hawkeyes in the second round.

A year later, the Mountaineers appeared to be more content with their points per game. placement by the NCAA selection

a year ago," WVU head coach Mark Kellogg said. "I think I went in with let's wait and see what happens. Once essentially have a one-day prep to get you hear your name called, there's ex- ready for us," Kellogg said. "I would citement pa

Friday, March 21 At Fisery Forum,

Milwaukee

Mississippi (22-11) vs. San Diego St.-North Carolina win-

ner, TBA lowa St. (24-9) vs. Lip-scomb (25-9), TBA

At Rocket Arena, Cleveland

Marquette (23-10) vs. New Mexico (26-7), TBA Michigan St. (27-6) vs. Bry-ant (23-11), TBA MIDWEST REGIONAL

First Round

Thursday, March 20 At INTRUST Bank Arena,

Wichita, Kan.

Houston (30-4) vs. SIU-Ed-wardsville (22-11), TBA

Gonzaga (25-8) vs. Georgia (20-12), TBA

At Amica Mutual Pavilion, Providence, R.I.

At Rupp Arena,

Tennessee (27-7) vs. Wofford (19-15), TBA

Friday, March 21 At Fisery Forum.

Milwaukee

illinois (21-12) vs. Tex-as-Xavier winner, TBA Kentucky (22-11) vs. Troy (23-10), TBA WEST REGIONAL

First Round

Friday, March 21

At Lenovo Center,

Raleigh, N.C.

(24-10), TBA UConn (23-10) vs. Oklaho-

Thursday, March 20 At INTRUST Bank Arena,

Wichita, Kan.

Texas Tech (25-8)

Providence, R.I.

Missouri (22-11) vs. Drake

Canyon (26-7), TBA

(30-3), TBA

(22-12), TBA

Florida (30-4) vs. Norfolk St.

Lexington, Ky, UCLA (22-10) vs. Utah St.

Purdue (22-11) vs. Point (29-5), TBA

vs. Mc-

in the second round of that conference

Both teams have high-scoring back-

Columbia guards Riley Weiss and Cecelia Collins combine for 31.5

Kellogg said scouting reports would be drawn up on both teams and WVU 'We weren't expecting what we got would spend some practice time this week on both opponents.

"Once we know who we play, they'll

think that would be an advantage for Gulf Coast (30-3). The Sunday at Las Vegas At Harry A. Garage Sunday at Las Vegas At Harry A. Gampel Pavilion, Storrs, Conn. Oklahoma St. (25-6) vs. S. Dakota St. (29-3), TBA

UConn (31-3) vs. Arkansas St. (21-10), TBA Friday, March 21

At Memorial Coliseum, Lexington, Ky. Kansas St. (26-7) vs. Fair-field (28-4), TBA

Kentucky (22-7) vs. Liberty (26-6), TBA **BIRMINGHAM 2** First Round Friday, March 21

At Colonial Life Arena, Columbia, S.C.
South Carolina (30-3) vs.
Tennessee Tech (26-5), TBA Utah (22-8) vs. Indiana (19-

At Cameron Indoor Stadium, Durham, N.C. Vanderbilt (22-10) vs. Ore-

gon (19-11), TBA Duke (26-7) vs. Lehigh (27-

Saturday, March 22 At XFINITY Center, College Park, Md. Alabama (23-8) vs. Green Bay (29-5), TBA Maryland (23-7) vs. Norfolk St. (30-4), TBA At Carmichael Arena,

Chapel Hill, N.C. West Virginia (24-7) vs. Co-lumbia-Washington winner, TBA North Carolina (27-7) vs. Oregon St. (19-15), TBA BIRMINGHAM 3

First Round Saturday, March 22 Texas (31-3) vs. High Point-Wm. & Mary winner, TBA Illinois (21-9) vs. Creighton

(26-6), TBA Friday, March 21 At Value City Arena, Columbus, Ohio Tennessee (22-9) vs. South

Ohio St. (25-6) vs. Montana St. (30-3), TBA At Purcell Pavilion,

South Bend, Ind. Michigan (22-10) vs. Iowa St.-Princeton winner, TBA Notre Dame (26-5) vs. Ste-phen F. Austin (29-5), TBA At Ed and Rae Schollmaier Arena, Fort Worth, Texas Louisville (21-10) vs. Ne-

braska (21-11), TBA St. John's (30-4) vs. Omaha TCU (31-3) vs. I Dickinson (29-3), TBA Fairleigh Sunday at Las Vegas Motor Speedway

Lap length: 1.50 miles

(Start position in parentheses) 1. (7) Josh Berry, Ford, 267 laps, 46 points. 2. (23) Daniel Suarez, Chevrolet, 267, 39.

3. (12) Ryan Preece, Ford, 267, 34, 4. (8) William Byron, Chev-

rolet, 267, 42. 5. (19) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 267, 40. 6. (3) Austin Cindric, Ford,

7. (6) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 267, 39.

Spring Training

Saturday's Games L.A. Dodgers 5, Giants 1 Houston 6, Miami 4 St. Louis 9, Toronto 5 Atlanta (ss) 7, Boston 3 Pittsburgh 15, Baltimore 5 Detroit 2, Philadelphia 2 N.Y. Yankees 7, Tampa Bay 7 San Francisco 6, Seattle (ss) 2 Texas 4, Athletics (ss) 3 Chicago White Sox (ss) 2, Colorado 1 Kansas City (ss) 13, Cincinnati

Cleveland 7, Kansas City (ss) 5 Milwaukee (ss) 8, Athletics

San Diego 8, Seattle (ss) 3 Milwaukee (ss) 4, L.A. Angels

Arizona 9, Chicago White Sox Minnesota 4, Atlanta (ss) 0

Washington 4, N.Y. Mets 1 Hanshin 3, L.A. Dodgers 0 Sunday's Games Chicago Cubs 4, Giants 2 Baltimore (ss) 7, Detroit 1

Pittsburgh 4, N.Y. Yankees Boston 6, Minnesota 5

Philadelphia 12, Baltimore (ss)

N.Y. Yankees (ss) 7, Tampa Tampa Bay (ss) 11, Washington 5 Toronto 6, Atlanta 2

Houston 5, N.Y. Mets 0 Miami 11, St. Louis 5 San Francisco 7, Athletics 3 Seattle 8, Cincinnati 3 Chicago White Sox 7, Texas 6 San Diego (ss) 4, L.A. Angels 2 Milwaukee 8, Cleveland 2 Kansas City 10, Colorado 2 Arizona 5, San Diego (ss) 4

NAILERS -

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goar, noperarry man a good boost for him and grabs him some momentum heading back home and feeling good about his game going into our home games this week."

Ovechkin deflected a shot from Martin Femanov with 9:06 remaining in the third period.

The goal led to loud cheers from the sellout chants of "Ovi! Ovi!" fill- stand next week.

ing." Romanov in his 20-year career.

Ovechkin didn't match find him in the slot there. his longest goal drought You could just see the off?' They're going to of the season, having also crowd. Not much left to have to keep waiting. gone without one in the say at this point. Hopefulfirst three games and then ly he can get a couple on sian star has 34 goals on again in early January.

the next 22 games follow- We're all excited obvi- 19 of his 20 seasons. ma (20-13), TBA of 894 that long seemed a few minutes after Trev
Or van Piemeduk had giv
Ovechkin's goal came COVID-shortened 2020
a few minutes after Trev
24 goals in a 56-game

Seattle

Memphis (29-5) vs. Colora
do St. (25-9), TBA

Maryland (25-8) vs. Grand

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Columbus, Ol

Tennessee (22-9)

Florida (23-10), TBA

Ohio St. (25-6) vs. ing that stretch to move ously. It's pretty cool." He only fell short in the the end of this season.



hervary past Georgi Ro- WASHINGTON CAPITALS left wing Alex Ovechkin celebrates after scoring a goal against the San Jose Sharks on Saturday in San Jose, Calif.

see Ovechkin score with with a three-game home- years to March 9, 2023. ing the building. Ovechkin did have how hard it is to score. "It's great," Ovechkin three assists in the open- To see O keep doing this

said. "Lots of people are er of the trip at Anaheim every night it seems like. Neese St. (27-6), TBA now watching and lots of and assisted on Dalay in the opennow watching and lots of and assisted on Dylan he's right there," van attention. It's a great feel- Strome's goal to open the Riemsdyk said. scoring in the win over the the Sharks.

goaltenders he has faced the puck more. He's doing hard it is to score in this The goal made sure Nice for (Fehervary) to ple start doubting him. evechkin didn't match find him in the slot there. Is this the year he'll fall

He now has 15 games when he scored to end a crowd that featured many remaining to break the re- 145-game goal drought fans who came hoping to cord this season, starting dating more than two

"I definitely understand

"It's pretty cool. I think everyone understands NHL-record 182nd goalie that Ovechkin has me too much," Strome tenders nowadays, how all the little things right. league. Every year peo-

The 39-year-old Rusthis homestand here and the season, giving him He scored 14 goals in inch closer and closer, at least 30 in a record

en Washington a 4-1 lead season.

OVAC All-Star bowling match held in Morgantown

- The OVAC All-Star 3,411 for Ohio. bowling match was held ginia boys winning with a games.

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never lost their lead af- line, not attempting a group of young women close at times, the Irish run off of the 3-point "They are a tremendous the Knights cut it awfully Wheeling Central was coach," Olejasz said. advantage and, though made two from deep, was an absolute joy to olic got out to an early er and Ali Wilcox each 41, in their 10 a.m. title from 3-point range in the first state championship match. Charleston Cath- first half. Molly Mess- appearance since 2018.

lic Maroon Knights, 55- hind the arc, going 5-11 onship, regional title, and





Cleveland Cavaliers' Donovan Mitchell looks to shoot past Milwaukee Bucks' AJ Green during the second half of an NBA basketball game Sunday, March 9, 2025, in Milwaukee.

Cavs' Atkinson Makes His **Case For Mitchell While Praising His Team's Depth**

coach Kenny Atkinson scoring 110-plus points never having made a takes issue with the no- in each of them was the deep postseason run betion that his team doesn't Boston Celtics during fore. have a legitimate MVP their 1985-86 champi-

But he also realizes "We're not really foten to the mountaintop that it's the NBA-lead-cused on that," All-Star yet," Atkinson said. "We ing Cavs' depth that has forward/center Evan Mocan't be on cruise control. played the chief role bley said. "We're just We've got to keep imin helping them pro- trying to keep stacking proving, keep our playoff duce three extended win wins. focus. We can't wait till streaks during this magi-

"It's the reason we extraordinary have the best record in Mitchell shot just 4 of the league, because we're 15, yet the Cavs still won Sunday after the Cavs Eight different play-(54-10) beat the Milwau- ers scored at least nine kee Bucks 112-100 for points. their 14th straight victory. "I keep saying we go ways to win," said Max 13 deep. I think you wear Strus, who led the Cavs people down that way."

one of those 13 should the most dangerous thing get more MVP consider- about this team; is any

question Sunday about win a game. but how the Cavs (53-10) have put together this re- what the Cavs have acmarkable season without complished so far this anyone who's likely to season. They own an finish in the top three or eight-game lead over deperhaps even in the top fending champion Bosfive in the MVP voting, ton in the Eastern Con-The presumed favorites ference and a one-game are Oklahoma City's advantage over Oklaho-Shai Gilgeous-Alexander ma City in the race for and Denver's Nikola Jo- the NBA's best overall jon kic.

That's when Atkinson made his case for whether Cleveland can six-time All-Star guard carry this success over Donovan Mitchell, who to the playoffs. The Cavs entered Sunday's action earned their first playoff scoring 24.4 points per series victory since their game and shooting a ca- run to the 2018 NBA Fireer-best 38.8% from nals last year before los-

3-point range. ing 4-1 to Bo "If you look at Shai, second round. and Shai's having a there, just for argument's sparkling regular-season sake." Atkinson said records masked shorton best team.

Mitchell's season has helped the Cleveland team is a legit-Cavaliers produce three imate title contender. winning streaks lasting at least a dozen games, all year and in my mind.

MILWAUKEE (AP) only other team to win - Cleveland Cavaliers 14 straight games while hunger that comes from onship season.

They also have the

"We still have the edge

because we haven't got-

This latest victory the end to do that." showcased Cleveland's Atkinson said decisively on the road.

"We just keep finding with 17 points, matching Yet he also believes his season high. "That's given night, anybody Atkinson fielded a could step up and help us

> There's no doubting record.

challenge The ing 4-1 to Boston in the

Bucks coach Doc Rivgreat year, but Dono- ers says he can think of van, we think he's right teams in the past whose "Best team, best player comings that made them vulnerable in the playbanner offs. But he believes this

"I've seen teams win

OVAC All-Star Bowling Set For Sunday

p.m. at Suburban Lanes. Bake (Harrison Central), Juliana Elerick (Linsly).

Rudibaugh (East Liver- Central). pool), Mylie Gallagh-(Monroe Central), Al- (East Liverpool). lison Fletcher (Monroe (Barnesville), (Buckeye Local). The (Wheeling Park), Shelby (Brooke) and Ed Gorby Ohio boys include Ty- Crow (John Marshall), (John Marshall).

er (Conotton Valley), Walt Russell (Bealls- Kaden Miller (Wheel-Jesse Baker (St. Clairs- ville/Monroe Central) ing Park), Seth Schroedville), Addason Tomlin and Brian Rudibaugh fer (Brooke). Connor

The West Central), Haley Hoffer ia girls are Corissa ty) and Dawson Paugh Tylynn Snider (Parkersburg (Brooke). Smith (Harrison Cen- South), Hailie Anderson tral) and Melissa Smith (Weir), Sarah Seivertson coaches are Joe Pepe

MORGANTOWN - ler Landess (Wellsville), Emma Wear (Wheeling The 2025 OVAC All- Kobie Hennis (Harrison Park), Ash Barlip (John Star Bowling Showcase Central), Mason Por- Marshall), Reagan Gorwill be held Sunday at 1 ter (Union Local), Kyle by (John Marshall) and

It will be an Ohio against Jacob Gibas (East Liver-West Virginia format. pool), Owen Weckbau-Virginia boys will be The Ohio girls are er (Monroe Central and Rynder McLeod (Wheel-represented by Addison Ethan Gillespie (Monroe Rynder McLeod Allman Control) (Parkersburg The Ohio coaches are Darion Hilton (Brooke), Vira (University), Noah Virgin- Hagedorn (Universi-

The West Virginia

Yankees' Gerrit Cole To Have Tommy John Surgery

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Yankees ace LeMahieu is out with a calf strain. Gerrit Cole will have season-ending Tommy John surgery on his right elbow on Tuesday.

The Yankees said the 34-year-old right-hander was examined Monday by Dr. Neal ElAttrache at the Cedars-Sinai Kerlan-Jobe Institute in Los Angeles. ElAttrache, the Dodgers' head team physician, will operate.

"This isn't the news any athlete wants to hear, but it's the necessary next step for my career," Cole said in a statement. "I have a lot left to give, and I'm fully committed to the work ahead. I'll attack my rehab every day and support the 2025 than ever."

Cole experienced discomfort following his second spring training outing Thursday.

New York also is missing another starting pitcher, AL Rookie of the Year Luis pain in both elbows, and infielder DJ a 2.17 ERA in five postseason starts.

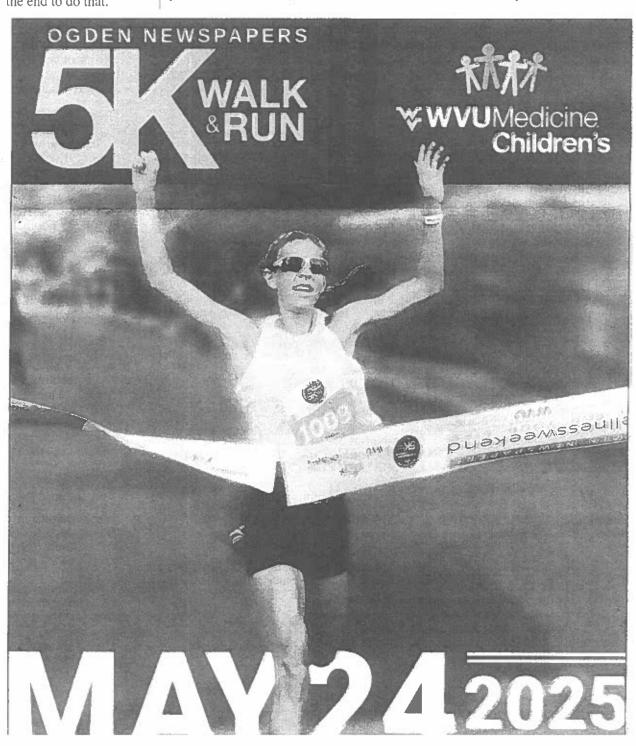
"You've got to be able to handle it

and deal with it and maneuver," manager Aaron Boone told the YES Network before the team announced Cole's surgery. "It's not a death sentence for us by any means, so it's an opportunity for someone else. ... The reality is Gerrit still has a lot of pitching in front of him in his career and pitching with the Yankees and we want that to be as successful as it's been already.'

A six-time All-Star, Cole threw a perfect first inning Thursday and reached 97.6 mph in the second, when he allowed Matt Wallner's three-run homer on a Yankees each step of the way. ... I can't fastball in the middle of the strike zone. wait to be back on the mound - stronger He also surrendered Brooks Lee's solo homer in the third on a 94 mph fastball with a 3-0 count.

Cole signed a \$324 million, nine-year contract before the 2020 season.

After winning the 2023 AL Cy Young Award, the six-time All-Star didn't make Gil, who will be sidelined for at least three his first start last year until June 19 bemonths because of a strained lat muscle. cause of nerve irritation and edema in Designated hitter Giancarlo Stanton is his right elbow. He went 8-5 with a 3.41 sidelined indefinitely because of tendon ERA in 17 starts, and then was 1-0 with



Sports On TV

Tuesday, March 11 COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S) 2 p.m.

ACCN Atlantic Coast Tournament: Pittsburgh vs. Notre Dame, First Round, Charlotte, N.C 4:30 p.m.

ACCN — Atlantic Coast Tournament: California vs. Virginia Tech, First Round, Charlotte, N.C. 7 p.m.

ACCN Tournament: Syracuse vs. Florida St., First Round, Charlotte, N.C. - Atlantic Coast

CBSSN Colonial Tournament: TBD, Championship, Washington

ESPN — I ment: TBD, Horizon Tourna-Championship, Indianapolis

ESPN2 — Northeast Tour-

CCSU, Championship Ro ESPNU — Southland Tournament: TBD vs. McNeese St., Semifinal, Lake Charles, La.

nament: TBD, Championship, p.m.

ESPN2 — America East Tournament: Albany (NY) at Bryant, Semifinal

ESPNU — Big Sky Tournament: TBD, Semifinal, Boise, 11:30 p.m.

ESPN2 — Big Sky Tourna-ment: TBD, Semifinal, Boise, **COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

(WOMEN'S) Noon

ESPN2 — Horizon Tourna-TBD, Championship, ment: Indianapolis

4 p.m. ESPN2 — West Coast Tournament: TBD, Championship, Las Vegas

MLB BASEBALL

1 p.m. MLBN — Spring Training: N.Y. Mets vs. Houston, West Palm Beach, Fla.

4 p.m. MLBN — Spring Training: Milwaukee vs. Chicago Cubs, Mesa, Ariz.

9 p.m. MLBN — Spring Training: #2 Universit Athletics vs. San Francisco, non-Upshur

Scottsdale, Ariz. **NBA BASKETBALL**

7:30 p.m. TNT - Milwaukee at Indi-

ana TRUTV — Milwaukee at Indiana (DataCast) SOCCER (MEN'S)

4 p.m.
CBSSN — UEFA Champions League; Feyenoord at Inter Milan, Round of 16 - Leg 2

8:30 p.m.
— CONCACAF Champions Cup: LAFC at Columbus, Round of 16 - Leg 2

10:30 p.m.
FS1 — CONCACAF Champions Cup: FC Cincinnati at Tigres UANL, Round of 16

TENNIS

2 p.m.
TENNIS — Indian Wells-ATP/WTA Round of 16; Indian Wells-WTA Doubles Quarter-finals; Indian Wells-ATP Dou-

Ohio Boys Basketball

Ohio Boys Basketball State Semifinal Pairings Division I

Cleveland St. Ignatius (22-4) vs. Lewis Center Olentangy Orange (24-2), Sunday, Canton Field House, noon Reynoldsburg (25-1)

West Chester Lakota West (21-5), Sunday, Wright State University Nutter Center, noon State Championship: Satur-

day, March 22, at University of Dayton Arena, 8:30 p.m. Division II

Massillon Perry (13-13) vs. North Royalton (25-1), Sunday, Canton Field House, 3 p.m. Westerville North (23-2) vs

Toledo St. Francis de Sales (16-9), Sunday, Wright State University Nutter Center, 6 p.m. State Championship: Friday,

March 21, at University of Dayton Arena, 7:30 p.m. Division III

Garfield Heights (24-2) vs. Louisville (22-5), Sunday, Can-ton Field House, 6 p.m. Sandusky (19-7) vs. Cin-

cinnati Aiken (25-1), Sunday, Wright State University Nutter

State Championship: Friday, March 21, at University of Dayton Arena, 1 p.m.

Division IV Cleveland Glenville (18-8) vs. Gates Mills Hawken (20-7) Saturday, Canton Field House, 1 p.m.

Ohio Girls Basketball

2025 OHSAA Girls Basketball State Championships All games at University of Dayton Arena Division I

Pickerington Central (24-3) 3 Virginia State – noon vs. Cincinnati Princeton (21-6), No. 7 East Stroudsbu Saturday, 8:30 p.m. Division II

Whitehouse Anthony Wayne (24-2) vs. Cincinnati Winton Woods (27-0), Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Division III Avon Lake (23-5) vs. Cincinnati Purcell Marian (22-6), Friday, 1 p.m.

Division IV Bellevue (27-1) vs. Kettering Archbishop Alter (19-8), Fri-

day, 4:15 p.m. Division V Creston Norwayne (25-3) vs. Portsmouth (26-1), Saturday,

10:45 a.m. **Division VI** Rootstown (28-1) vs. Columbus Grove (26-2), Saturday, 2

Division VII 9 p.m. Waterford (26-1) vs. Fort ESPN — West Coast Tour- Loramie (25-3), Saturday, 5:15

W.VA. Boys **HEGIONALS**

WVSSAC Basketball Super Regionals CLASS A Region 1

Wednesday, March 12 #1 Clay Battelle vs. #5 Parkers-burg Catholic #2 Magnolia vs. #3 Valley

CLASS AA Region 1 Wednesday, March 12 #1 Williamstown vs. #4 Tyler Consolidated #2 Wheeling Central vs. #3 Ra-

venswood **CLASS AAA** Region 1 Thursday, March 13 #1 Fairmont Senior vs. #5

#2 Elkins vs. #3 North Marion CLASS AAAA Region 1 Tuesday, March 11 #1 Morgantown vs. #4 Preston #2 University vs. #3 Buckhan-

.VA. GIRLS **I OURNAMENT**

Class AA State Tournament seeds:

1. Wheeling Central (21-2) 2. St. Marys (19-4) 3. Charleston Catholic (17-

4. Wyoming East (14-4) 5. James Monroe (19-3) Logan (17-6) 7. Ritchie County (16-7) 8. Philip Barbour (14-8) Class AA Quarterfinals:

Tuesday, March 11 Game 1 – No. 3 Charleston Catholic vs. No. 6 Logan - 9:30

Game 2 - No. 2 St. Marys vs. No. 7 Ritchie County - 1 Game 3 - No. 1 Wheeling

Central Catholic vs. No. 8 Philip Barbour – 5:30 p.m.
Game 4 – No. 4 Wyoming East vs. No. 5 James Monroe

Class AA Semifinals: Thursday, March 13 Game 1 vs. Game 2 winner - 11:15

a.m. Game 6 - Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner - 7:15 p.m. Class AA Championship: Saturday, March 15

Game 7 - Semifinal winners, 10 a.m. **Class A State Tournament** seeds:

1. Gilmer County (20-4) 2. Tug Valley (21-2) 3. Tucker County (16-6) Cameron (17-3) 5. Pendleton County (16-6) Greenbrier West (11-9) 7. Webster County (13-11) 8. Notre Dame (12-6) Class A Quarterfinals:

Thursday, March 13 Game 1 - No. 3 Tucker County vs. No. 6 Greenbrier West - 9:30 a.m. Game 2 - No. 2 Tug Valley vs. No. 7 Webster County - 1

Game 3 - No. 1 Gilmer County vs. No. 8 Notre Dame

5:30 p.m. Game 4 - No. 4 Cameron vs. No. 5 Pendleton County -

Class A Semifinals: Friday, March 14 Game 5 - Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner - 5:30 p.m. Game 6 - Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner - 9 p.m.

Class A Championship:

MBB REGIONALS

Atlantic Regional Quarterfinal Schedule Saturday (at West Liberty)

No. 6 West Chester vs. No. No. 7 East Stroudsburg vs. No. 2 Gannon – 2:30 p.m. No. 8 Bluefield State vs. No. 1 West Liberty – 6 p.m. No. 5 Fairmont State vs. No. 4 Fayetteville State - 8:30

ECHL Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

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WESTERN CONFERENCE **Central Division GP W L OLSOL Pt GF GA** 59 37 14 7 1 82 196156 82 196156 57 34 18 5 0 73 187 158 lowa56 29 18 5 4 Kala 56 25 27 3 1 67 164 162 54 147 169 Indy 54 23 24 3 4 53 132 147 Blom55 24 26 3 2 53 142 156 53 146 165 Cinci57 22 26 9 0

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Monday's Games No games scheduled Tuesday's Games Norfolk at Maine, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday's Games Trois-Rivieres at Wheeling, Greenville at South Carolina,

7:05 p.m. Savannah at Florida, 7:30 p.m. Utah at Wichita, 8:05 p.m.

MBB REGIONALS

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' mens and womens college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, and total points based on 25 points for a firstplace vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and prefor a zour provious ranking.

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Houston 97, Orlando 84 Memphis 120, Phoenix 118 Dallas 133, San Antonio 129 Portland at Golden State, late New York at Sacramento, late

Tuesday's Games Brooklyn at Cleveland, 7 p.m. Washington at Detroit, 7 p.m. Milwaukee at Indiana, 7:30 ..A. Clippers at New Orleans,

NHL STANDINGS

8 p.m.

EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division

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p.m. Florida at Boston, 7 p.m. Ottawa at Philadelphia, 7 p.m. Vegas at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m. Tampa Bay at Carolina, 7:30 p.m. Colorado at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

N.Y. Rangers at Winnipeg, 8 p.m. Montreal at Vancouver, 10 p.m. Washington at Anaheim, 10 p.m. N.Y. Islanders at Los Angeles,

10:30 p.m.

OVAC bowling showcase is set for Sunday

MORGANTOWN - The 2025 OVAC All-Star Bowling Showcase will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. at Suburban Lanes. It will be an Ohio against West Vir-

The Ohio girls are represented by Addison Rudi-baugh (East Liverpool), Mylie Gallagher (Conotton Valley), Jesse Baker (St. Clairsville), Addason Tomlin (Monroe Central), Allison Fletcher (Monroe Central), Haley Hoffer (Barnesville), Tylynn Smith (Harrison Central) and Melissa Smith (Buckeye Local). The Ohio boys include Tyler Landess (Wellsville), Kobie Hennis (Harrison Central), Mason Porter (Union Local), Kyle Bake (Harrison Central), Jacob Gibas (East Liverpool), Owen Weckbauer (Monroe Central and Ethan Gillespie (Monroe Central).

The Ohio coaches are Walt Russell (Beallsville/ Monroe Central) and Brian Rudibaugh (East Liver-

The West Virginia girls are Corissa Snider (Parkersburg South), Hailie Anderson (Weir), Sarah Seivertson (Wheeling Park), Shelby Crow (John Marshall), Emma Wear (Wheeling Park), Ash Barlip (John Mar-

shall), Reagan Gorby (John Marshall) and Juliana Elerick (Linsly). Rolling for the West Virginia boys will be Rynder McLeod (Wheeling Park), Brody Allman (Parkersburg South), Darion Hilton (Brooke), Kaden Miller (Wheeling Park), Seth Schroedfer (Brooke), Connor Vira (University), Noah Hagedorn (University) and

Dawson Paugh (Brooke). The West Virginia coaches are Joe Pepe (Brooke)

and Ed Gorby (John Marshall).

Annual 'Clash of Champions' will be held Wednesday

MCKEES ROCK, Pa. - The 28th annual "Clash of Champions" will be contested Wednesday night on the mat inside Montour High School as the OVAC All Stars battle the MAC All Stars. The OVAC leads the alltime series, 18-9, and snapped a two-year losing streak last winter with a 40-18 victory inside the Brooke High School Wellness Center.

The 2025 OVAC team is led by West Virginia state champion Jameson Maynard (189) of Wheeling Park and University's Brock Kehler (285).

In addition to winning the 190-pound Class AAA state title last weekend, Maynard was a three-time state placer and won a pair of OVAC Ron Mauck Tournament titles as a sophomore and senior. He lost in the finals as a junior to Parkersburg South's nationally ranked Gage Wright. He will wrestle at the Naval Academy.

Kehler had one of the finest high school careers of all time as he recorded an 181-1 mark — the lone reversal coming in the 2022 OVAC Ron Mauck Tournament finals at 195 pounds to Indian Creek's Austin Starr, 7-0. Kehler, who will attend West Virginia University, was a three-time OVAC champion and a four-time West Virginia state champion.

Kehler is joined by Hawks' teammate Pepper Martin 14). A two-time OVAC Ron Mauck titlist, Martin was also a two-time West Virginia state kingpin at 106. He will continue his wrestling career at Pitt-Johnstown.

Barnesville's Ayden King (172) is coming off a second-place finish at 165 pounds Sunday in the Ohio Division III finals. He dropped a 5-4 nod to Kansas Lakota's Braxton Quaintance. He finished with 200 career wins. He finished fifth at the Ironman.

John Marshall teammates Carter Adkins (133) and Zander Ward (139) hold down the middleweights. Both were four-time OVAC Ron Mauck Tournament placers and state placers in the Mountain State. Ward will wrestle at Wilmington College.

The roster is completed with East Liverpool's Tristan Eckles (121); Cambridge's Baylon Rose (127); David DeFelice (145) of Weir; Barnesville's Eli Messenger (152); Damon Stansbury (160) of East Liverpool and Parkersburg South's Brycen Arthur (215).

The coaches are Danny Doyle of Wheeling Park and Beaver Local's Johnny McComas. The MAC roster had not been submitted by Monday

night. Action begins at 6 p.m. A banquet will be held Tuesday night at Undo's in Weirton for all participants and their families.

Women's

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UConn remained third going into Monday night's