# **SPORTS**

SECTION

Friday, March 14, 2025



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### OVAC comes back for victory over MAC in 'Clash of Champions'

McKEES ROCKS, Pa. — Trailing (121) and Cambridge's Baylon Rose 25-22. Parkersburg South's Brycen Ar-25-11 with four matches remaining, the (127) could win early bouts, with Eckthur tied the score at 25 with a 2-1 deciover the MAC Wednesday night in the 28th annual "Clash of Champions' All-28th annual "Clash of Champions' All- jump-started the OVAC rally with a pin the OVAC now holds a 19-9 advantage Star wrestling match inside Montour to make it 25-17. Wheeling Park state in the all-time series.

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OVAC relied on its heavier weights to les posting a technical fall and Rose a sion and University heavyweight Brock take control en route to a 31-25 victory pin.

With the come-from-behind victory,

Next year's event will be held at an

### Glover on the good side of Sawgrass to lead Players Championship

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) - Lucas Glover isn't sure what to make of his record at the TPC Sawgrass, 10 times missing the cut with only two top 10s. But there was no big secret Thursday at The Players

Championship.

He hit it where he was aiming and made putts, with birdies on his final four holes for a 6-under 66 that gave him an early two-shot lead at golf's richest tournament.

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LUCAS GLOVER listens to a question after completing the first round of The Players Championship golf tournament Thursday, March 13, 2025, in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

NEW YORK Jets quarterback Aaron Rodgers (8) reacts after a touchdown pass during an NFL football game against the Miami Dolphins Sunday, Jan. 5, 2025, in East Rutherford, N.J.

#### Former Super Bowl MVPs **Aaron Rodgers and Cooper** Kupp hit the open market

(AP) - The NFL league year kicked off Wednesday with two former Super Bowl MVPs hitting the open market.

The Los Angeles Rams cut receiver Cooper Kupp just days after signing Davante Adams to be his replacement and the New York Jets released quarterback Aaron Rodgers following a failed two-year

The Rams cut Kupp after being unable to find a trade partner for the 2021 AP NFL Offensive Player of the Year. Kupp announced last month that the Rams were trying to trade him despite his desire to remain with the team. But with him being owed \$20 million this upcoming season, no other team was willing to make a trade.

Kupp. won the receiving triple crown and Super Bowl MVP in the 2021 season when he caught 145 passes for 1.947 yards and 16 touchdowns. Kupp added 33 catches for 478 yards and six TDs in the postseason, including the game-winning touchdown in a Super Bowl win over Cincinnati on the Rams' home field.

But Kunn's production tailed off in the past three

### Fresh off a whirlwind week, Metcalf isn't worried about who will throw him the ball in Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH (AP) - DK Metcalf may never have a bigger week in his life.

And the two-time Pro Bowl wide

receiver knows it.

On Sunday, Metcalf agreed to a trade from Seattle to Pittsburgh that included a new five-year contract worth \$150 million.

On Wednesday, Metcalf went even bigger, proposing to his long-time girlfriend, pop/R&B singer Normani, in front of family and friends in Houston.

It's a lot. So forgive Metcalf if he's got more on his mind than who the next Steelers starting quarterback is going to be. Whatever happens - Aaron Rodgers, Russell Wilson, Mason Rudolph or someone else - he's good with it.

The vibe Metcalf felt when he talked to Pittsburgh president Art Rooney II, coach Mike Tomlin and general manager Omar Khan on Sunday put him at ease.

'They made me feel like they had the right decision with who was going to be throwing me the football," Metcalf said Thursday, shortly after his trade to Pittsburgh became official. "I'm not making the decision my abilities to, help whoever (they

Even if four days since the legal tampering period opened and more than 24 hours after the new NFL season officially began, it's still anyone's guess.

While the Steelers are set to reunite with Rudolph on a two-year deal, he'll almost certainly return to the came role he filled during



PITTSBURGH STEELERS newly signed free agent wide receiver D.J. Metcalf meets with reporters during an NFL football news conference in Pittsburgh, Thursday, March 13, 2025.

calf and then sign him to the large in it for the long haul, which is one est contract the franchise has ever of the reasons he's not concerned. handed out to someone not named Ben Roethlisberger seemed to hint week, but it was only so Wilson in the quarterback room. So I'm that another major move was in the could congratulate Metcalf on his

Maybe not.

The door is still open for Rodgers. Normani in 2020. though the four-time NFL MVP appears to be in no hurry on where he wants to play in 2025, or if he even wants to play at all. Russell Wil
Sixed if Wilson had ever shared any thoughts about his season in Pittsburgh. Metcalf said Wilson simply told him he would "love" son - who ended last season as it" if he ever found his way to the Pittsburgh's starter and played with Steelers. Metcalf for four seasons in Seattle

Metcalf did speak to Wilson this engagement. Wilson and his wife Ciara initially set up Metcalf and

Asked if Wilson had ever shared

Following a whirlwind week in - met with the Cleveland Browns which Metcalf requested a trade

### Semifinals Victory vs. Mavericks

By NICK HENTHORN Sports Editor CHARLESTON - The Wheeling Central Maroon Knights have reached the climax of the high school basketball season- and they did it without much drama.

Playing Thursday inside the Charleston Coliseum, the top-seeded Maroon Knights punched their ticket to the WVS-SAC Class AA girls baschampionship ketball with an 83-49 state semifinals victory over No. 5 James Monroe, receiving 71 of their points from the trio of Kaitlyn Blake, Seneca Heller and Addie Payton.

Blake led all scorers with 28 points along with seven rebounds. She scored 20 in the second

"They did a great job on her in the first half defensively." Wheeling Central head coach Roberta Olejasz said of James Monroe's efforts against Blake.

"I think she had eight points and she had to battle for every one of those buckets. When we started shooting outside, they had to cover us. Once we started hitting those shots [Heller] was hitting from outside, Bella [Fitzsimmons] was hitting from outside- they had to go one-on-one with [Blake], and you can't go one-on-one with

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Photo by Kristin Mazgaj

Wheeling Central's Addie Payton goes up for a layup Thursday during the Maroon Knights' W.Va. Class AA state semifinal game against James Monroe. Patyon finished with 18 points and tied the Class AA tourney record for 3-pointers in a game as the Knights advance to the Class AA championship game Saturday.

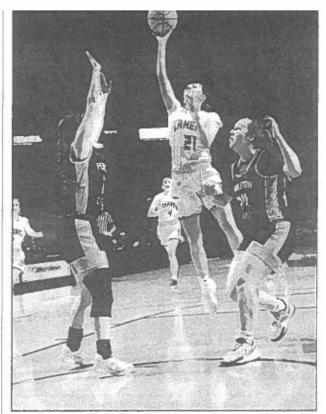


Photo by Bill Ferguson Photography Cameron's Maci Neely tries a layup in the second quarter of the Dragons' W.Va. Class A quarterfinal game against Pendleton County inside the Charles-

### Cameron Comes Back In Fourth Quarter To Advance Over Wildcats

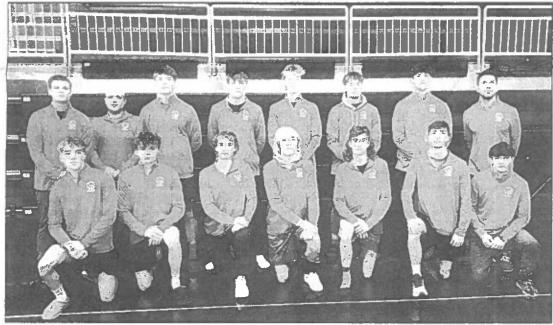
By NICK HENTHORN **Sports Editor** 

CHARLESTON - The No. 4 Cameron Dragons recorded their 10th straight win in Charleston on Thursday, defeating No. 5 Pendleton County 53-44 in a WVSSAC Class A state quarterfinal nightcap.

After the 9 p.m. tip, both teams struggled offensively as Pendleton County grabbed a 10-7 lead after the first quarter and a 18-14 lead at halftime. The Wildcats led all of the second, and all of the third quarter as well, ahead 31-26 going into the

The defending Class A champs had plenty of juice left though.

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### **OVAC Comes Back For Victory Over** MAC In "Clash Of Champions"

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Barnesville's cured the win with a pin.

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Next year's event will be held

### **Assistant Coach Blaine Stewart Headed Back To The NFL**

By DEREK REDD **Managing Editor** 

West Virginia University football coach Rich Rodriguez is once again looking for a new assistant after inside receiv- coach job at Texas right before ers coach Blaine Stewart an- spring practice began. nounced his departure Thurs-

In a social media post, assistant Larry Porter. Stewart - the son of former WVU head coach Bill Stewart and the tight ends coach his good-byes and his thanks look over some potential canto WVU and its fanbase. Fox-Sports.com reported that he Rodriguez once again men-Bay Buccaneers.

where I've grown as a coach, the same with Stewart's role. but where I've grown as a person. It's where my roots run ing coach," Rodriguez said. deepest, and where my fam- "We're in good shape." ily's legacy is forever intertwined with the fabric of this university."

Stewart spent five seasons on the Pittsburgh Steelers staff, first as an offensive quality WVU to North Carolina. control coach and then as an assistant receivers coach.

the best in his return to professional football.

I'm happy for him," Rodriguez ite rankings. said Thursday.

Stewart was one of two hold-

overs from Neal Brown's staff, former running backs coach Chad Scott being the other, and now both have moved on. Scott took the running backs

Rodriguez moved quickly to fill Scott's spot with veteran

It's back to the hiring pool to find a replacement for Stewart.

Probably over the next under Neal Brown - offered week or so, I'll interview or

will take an offensive quality tioned the benefit of having secontrol job with the Tampa nior offensive assistant Travis Trickett on the staff. Trickett "This place and this program filled in during the space beas meant the world to me," tween Scott's exit and Porter's Stewart wrote. "It's not just arrival, and he'll be able to do

> "He's kind of our float-

The Mountaineers also have a spot to fill in the 2025 Before coming to WVU, signing class, now that offensive lineman Eidan Buchanan flipped his commitment from

Buchanan announced his decision earlier this week. A Rodriguez wished Stewart 6-foot-8, 310-pound offensive tackle from Our Lady of Good Counsel in Olney, Maryland, "Blaine got the opportuni- he was rated a three-star pros-ty to go back to the NFL and pect in the 247Sports compos-

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### Fresh Off Whirlwind Week, Metcalf Isn't Worried About Who Will Throw Him The Ball In Pittsburgh

By WILL GRAVES **AP Sports Writer** PITTSBURGH - DK Metcalf else - he's good with it. may never have a bigger week in his

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### **OVAC Set To Take On MAC In** Wrestling "Clash Of Champions"

be contested Wednesday night on the state kingpin at 106. He will contin-mat inside Montour High School as ue his wrestling career at Pitt-Johnthe OVAC All Stars battle the MAC stown. All Stars. The OVAC leads the alltime series, 18-9, and snapped a two- is coming off a second-place finish year losing streak last winter with at 165 pounds Sunday in the Ohio a 40-18 victory inside the Brooke Division III finals. He dropped a High School Wellness Center.

on Maynard (189) of Wheeling Park Ironman. and University's Brock Kehler (285).

190-pound Class AAA state title last weekend, Maynard was a three-OVAC Ron Mauck Tournament titles as a sophomore and senior. He lost in the finals as a junior to Parkers-Academy.

reversal coming in the 2022 OVAC Ron Mauck Tournament finals at 195 pounds to Indian Creek's Austin Starr, 7-0. Kehler, who will at- Johnny McComas. tend West Virginia University, was a three-time OVAC champion and a mitted by Monday night. four-time West Virginia state cham-

mate Pepper Martin (114). A two-participants and their families.

MCKEES ROCK, Pa. - The 28th time OVAC Ron Mauck titlist, Marannual "Clash of Champions" will tin was also a two-time West Virginia

Barnesville's Ayden King (172) 5-4 nod to Kansas Lakota's Braxton The 2025 OVAC team is led by Quaintance. He finished with 200 West Virginia state champion James- career wins. He finished fifth at the

John Marshall teammates Car-In addition to winning the ter Adkins (133) and Zander Ward (139) hold down the middleweights. Both were four-time OVAC Ron time state placer and won a pair of Mauck Tournament placers and state placers in the Mountain State. Ward will wrestle at Wilmington College.

The roster is completed with East burg South's nationally ranked Gage Liverpool's Tristan Eckles (121); Wright. He will wrestle at the Naval Cambridge's Baylon Rose (127); Dacademy. vid DeFelice (145) of Weir; Barnes-Kehler had one of the finest high ville's Eli Messenger (152); Damon school careers of all time as he re- Stansbury (160) of East Liverpool corded an 181-1 mark - the lone and Parkersburg South's Brycen Arthur (215).

The coaches are Danny Doyle of Wheeling Park and Beaver Local's

The MAC roster had not been sub-

Action begins at 6 p.m. on. A banquet will be held Tuesday Kehler is joined by Hawks' team-night at Undo's in Weirton for all

### **Steelers Cut Veteran DT Larry** Ogunjobi, Tender Restricted FA Running Back Jaylen Warren

PITTSBURGH (AP) - The Pitts- million in cap space. burgh Steelers released veteran de-

Man of the Year nominee last season, in 2024 and had just 1 1/2 sacks, tied for the fewest since his rookie year with Cleveland in 2017.

year left on his current deal with the Steelers. He was scheduled to earn a sons, set to become a free agent. \$4.75 million roster bonus if he was on the team on Friday. The decision center Ryan McCollum to a one-year to cut Ogunjobi will create around \$7 deal.

The Steelers also tendered a confensive tackle Larry Ogunjobi on tract to running back Jaylen Warren. Monday, a move that will free up Warren is scheduled to become a resome salary cap space ahead of free stricted free agent. Warren has been a pleasant surprise since making the Ogunjobi, the team's Waler Payton team as an undrafted rookie in 2022. Warren has rushed for 1,674 yards spent three years in Pittsburgh. He and six touchdowns in three years. finished with a career-low 41 tackles He's also caught 127 passes for 894

Warren could take on a larger role in the Pittsburgh offense next season The 30-year-old Ogunjobi had one with Najee Harris, who has topped 1,000 yards in each of his four sea-

The Steelers also re-signed veteran

#### **OPENER**

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ing though, with Colorado's Thurlow Wilkins running in a 23-yard touchdown on the Spartans' first play.

The Miners' scored again on a Hargrove end-around, but their drive took over four minutes and with six minutes on the road against the Carolina Cobras to go in the game, Wheeling still trailed 49-38.

Colorado milked clock before setting up a 26-yard field goal, which barely 19 when they host the same Carolina missed. The Miners seized the opportu- Cobras.

The touchdown just kept com- nity as Russell found Robinson from four yards out on a shallow cross to trim the lead to five points, 49-44, before Colorado got their needed first down with a reception by lineman Jack Robinson.

The Miners return to action next week on March 15. It will be the start of a three-game road stretch for Wheeling. Their next home game is set for April

#### START-

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Along with Williams, the Patriots ond-round pick and having cut receivalso agreed to contracts with line- er Tyler Lockett. backer Robert Spillane, cornerback Carlton Davis and offensive tackle Jarrett Stidham, who agreed to a two-Morgan Moses.

made two big splashes, agreeing to Garoppolo, who is staying with the 141-pound match, ships. terms with defensive tackle Javon Rams to back up Matthew Stafford. Kinlaw (three years, \$45 million) and WELL-TRAVELED acquiring standout offensive tackle Laremy Tunsil in a trade with the Haason Reddick is on the move again, Houston Texans.

HIGHEST PAID

Allen's deal includes \$250 million million guaranteed. guaranteed. That's an NFL record Garrett is staying in Cleveland after highest-paid non-quarterback in NFL nine seasons.

Garrett's deal includes \$122.8 mil-Browns were adamant about keeping last season. the 29-year-old star in Cleveland.

QUARTERBACK CAROUSEL

before ending the season with backdecision by the Vikings to let Darnold fanga (three years, \$45 million). hit the open market and turn the team ed 10th overall last year.

most intriguing names on the market: attle, Kansas City and Green Bay. Russell Wilson and Aaron Rodgers.

agent, but the Jets said they're going Nate Hobbs away from the Las Vegas to release him this week following a Raiders. Hobbs agreed to terms on a disappointing two-year stint in the four-year, \$48 million contract that Meadowlands.

A torn Achilles tendon ended Rodcoming nowhere near the 9-7 mark

last season.

Among backup QBs staying put are year, \$12 million deal to serve as Bo class. Redshirt junior Jor- punched their tickets to conference champion-Washington Commanders Nix's No. 2 in Denver, and Jimmy

Two-time Pro Bowl edge rusher this time to Tampa Bay, where he'll make \$14 million in 2025 with \$12

Before a holdout ruined his 2024 regardless of position. Meanwhile, season with the Jets, Reddick had 27 sacks in two seasons in Philadelphia. the Browns gave him a record four- He also had double-digit sacks for Aryear contract extension that makes izona in 2020 and Carolina in 2021. the four-time All-Pro edge rusher the The Buccaneers are his fifth team in

OTHER DEALS

- The Bucs agreed to re-sign lion guaranteed, an average annual Chris Godwin, who is returning from salary of \$40 million with a total value a gruesome ankle injury, for \$66 milof \$204.8 million. Garrett, the 2023 lion (\$44 million guaranteed) over AP Defensive Player of the Year, had three years. The 29-year-old had 50 asked for a trade last month, but the catches for 576 yards in seven games

- The Denver Broncos bolstered their stellar defense, agreeing to keep Darnold went 14-3 in Minnesota run-stuffer D.J. Jones (three years, \$39 million) and to sign former to-back duds that contributed to the Francisco 49ers safety Talanoa Hu-

- The Seahawks kept one of their over to J.J. McCarthy, who was draft- own potential free agents, signing defensive tackle Jarran Reed to a multi-Aside from Darnold, who is head- year deal. The 32-year-old Reed ing to his fourth team in four seaplayed all 17 games last season, resons and his fifth franchise overall, cording 4 1/2 sacks. He has 38 1/2 two other veteran QBs are among the career sacks in nine seasons with Se-

The Green Bay Packers shored Rodgers isn't technically a free up their cornerback depth by signing includes \$16 million guaranteed.

 Jacksonville agreed to deals with gers' 2023 season after a handful of several players, including a starting snaps and he went 5-12 last year, center to replace retired veteran Mitch Morse. The Jaguars agreed to sign another former Packers great, Brett Tampa Bay center Robert Hainsey Favre, posted with the Jets in 2008 to a three-year, \$21 million contract before a rebound season with Minnethat includes \$13 million guaranteed. Another addition by Jacksonville was Rodgers hopes to land somewhere Washington receiver Dyami Brown, so he can have a similar bounce-back who agreed to a one-year, \$10 milat age 41, and so does Wilson, who lion deal. And the Jaguars agreed lost his last five starts for Pittsburgh with Dallas nickel cornerback Jourdan Lewis on a three-year deal worth

#### CHAMPION-

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Redshirt sophomore finished sixth at the con- 77.5 points. This is the marking the second con-

secutive season that he ginia placed sixth with conference expanded.

Ian Bush, a Cameron ference championships. second consecutive sea-graduate, placed fourth Bush, Hall, Stricken- son that West Virginia in the 197-pound weight berger and Titus each has placed sixth at the dan Titus placed sixth in the NCAA Champion- ships. It ties the program's best finish at the As a team, West Vir- championships since the

#### GEORGE-

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diligence for us to be focused, operate Merwe said. with a great attitude and be intention-

George played nine seasons in the 2006. NFL, including eight with the Tennessee Titans. He was the 1996 AP NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year and an with 10,441 yards rushing with 268 catches for 2,227 yards and had 78 total touchdowns. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in

George also interviewed with the Chicago Bears for their head coach opening in January.

Besides coaching, George has been State and Vanderbilt University.

very clear to me that Eddie checked ev- ferred to Virginia Tech. ery aspect of that profile that we credevelopment, defines himself by his it," George said.

"I think now the goal is how do we ability to adapt, adjust, and have sucget to September? It's going to take cess in every aspect of his life," van der

George spent the 2004 season with the Dallas Cowboys before retiring in

His wife Tamara "Taj" George is a member of the group Sisters with Voices (SWV) and they have two sons. Eriq All-Pro selection in 2000. He finished George has been a starting defensive end the past two seasons for Tennessee

Bowling Green has been a successful springboard for past coaches. Besides Meyer, Dave Clawson and Dino Babers had successful tenures that propelled them to jobs at Wake Forest and Syracuse.

However, this could be a rebuilding an actor who appeared on Broadway in year for the Falcons. All-America tight New York, along with other business end Harold Fannin Jr. is a top prospect interests. He also has taught as an ad- in the upcoming NFL draft while wide junct professor at his alma mater Ohio receiver Malcolm Johnson Jr. and quarterback Connor Bazelak are graduating. "After meeting with Eddie, it became Running back Terion Stewart trans-

"We don't stray away from what ated. He is someone who cares about made this program successful. I'm not people, values, personal growth and here to blow it up. I'm here to enhance

#### FOOTBALL-

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Last season, he was WVU's top kick and punt returner, averaging well-traveled yards.

but could see an increase er. in production with the and Traylon Ray.

got Rodriguez and

entire point.

case at Milan Puskar a Stadium.

Admission to 27.64 yards per kick well-respected veteran event is free, but fans return with a long of in hiring new running are required to claim a 43 yards and averaging backs coach Larry Por- ticket at fevo-enterprise. 8.08 yards per punt reter. Porter has been on com/event/Wvufootturn with a long of 29 the college sidelines ballspringgame25. All since 1998, has tutored tickets will be issued via He also caught 12 some top runners and is mobile delivery. Fans passes for 131 yards, considered a top recruit- are requested to donate to WVU Medicine Chil-Rodriguez said that dren's at the time of departures of Hudson hiring someone with checkout when claim-Clement, Kole Taylor such a resume was the ing their ticket. Gates to the stadium will open

#### Sports On TV

Tuesday, March 11 COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)

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

4:30 p.m. ACCN — Atlantic Coast Tournament: California vs. Virginia Tech, First Round, Winton Woods (27-0), Friday, Charlotte, N.C.

7 p.m. — Atlantic Coast ACCN Tournament: Syracuse vs. Florida St. , First Round, Char-

lotte, N.C. Colonial Tour-**CBSSN** nament: TBD, Championship,

Washington ESPN — ment: TBD, Horizon Tourna-Championship,

Indianapolis

ESPN2 — Northeast Tour-nament: St. Francis (NY) at

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

nament: TBD, Championship, p.m.

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

ESPNU - Big Sky Tournament: TBD, Semifinal, Boise,

11:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — Big Sky Tournament: TBD, Semifinal, Boise,

#### **COLLEGE BASKETBALL** (WOMEN'S) Noon

ESPN2 — Horizon Tourna-ent: 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 University vs. #3 Buckhan-Athletics vs. San Francisco, non-Upshur Scottsdale, Ariz.

#### **NBA BASKETBALL**

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

TRUTV — Milwaukee at In-

#### diana (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 P.m. Wells-WTA Doubles Quarter-finals; Indian Wells-ATP Doubles Early Rounds 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

West Chester Lakota West (21-5), Sunday, Wright State Uni-versity 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, Canton Field House, 6 p.m. Sandusky (19-7) vs. Cin-

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

State Championship: Friday, 9 p.m. 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,

#### OHIO GIRLS BASKETBALL

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

Pickerington Central (24-3) vs. Cincinnati Princeton (21-6), Saturday, 8:30 p.m.

Division II Whitehouse Anthony Wayne (24-2) vs. Cincinnati 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

emifinal, Lake Charles, La.

9 p.m.

ESPN — West Coast TourLoramie (25-3), Saturday, 5:15

#### W.Va. Boys **KEGIONALS**

**WVSSAC Basketball Super** Regionals CLASS A Region 1 Wednesday, March 12

#1 Clay Battelle vs. #5 Parkersburg Catholic #2 Magnolia vs. #3 Valley CLASS AA

Region 1 Wednesday, March 12 #1 Williamstown vs. #4 Tyler Consolidated #2 Wheeling Central vs. #3 Ravenswood

**CLASS AAA** Region 1 Thursday, March 13 #1 Fairmont Senior vs. #5 #2 Elkins vs. #3 North Marion

Region 1 Tuesday, March 11 #1 Morgantown vs. #4 Preston

**CLASS AAAA** 

#### .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) 6. 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 iame

vs. Game 2 winner - 11:15

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

ners, 10 a.m. **Class A State Tournament** seeds: Gilmer County (20-4)

2. Tug Valley (21-2) 3. Tucker County (16-6) 4. Cameron (17-3) 5. Pendleton County (16-6) 6. Greenbrier West (11-9) 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 Quarterfinai Schedule Saturday

(at West Liberty) No. 6 West Chester vs. No. 3 Virginia State – noon 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** 

North Division GPWLOLSOLPtGFGA T-R 56 38 12 4 2 Whg56 33 19 3 1 Nor 56 33 20 3 0 82 199138 70 179154 69 202 164 Rea 57 25 22 9 60 160 178 Wor 58 27 25 2 4 60 169 194 Mai 56 22 31 3 0 Adir 58 20 34 3 1 47 137 193 44 153204

South Division GPW L OLSOL Pt GF GA 57 38 11 7 1 56 37 14 3 2 84 190128 79 208133 SC Jack 57 35 16 5 76 191147 60 31 19 10 0 72 171169 Atl 58 26 25 5 2 Sav 55 24 26 5 0 59 154 189 53 177 196 Gre 56 22 27 5 51 149 193 **WESTERN CONFERENCE** 

**Central Division** GPW LOLSOLPt GF GA 59 37 14 7 1 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 Blom55 24 26 3 2 Cinci57 22 26 9 0 53 132 147 53 142 156 53 146 165

**Mountain Division** GPWLOLSOLPtGFGA 79 204150 73 214195 KC 57 37 15 4 Tah 59 34 20 4 57 32 17 5 72 181164 Tul Wich56 30 19 6 67 200 169 Ida 57 29 19 8 RC 57 24 24 6 67 200 195 57 176208 Utah57 19 31 5 2 Allen58 14 34 8 2 45 182 235 38 139240 NOTE: Two points are awarded for a win, one point for an overtime or shootout loss. Top four teams in each divi-

sion advance to playoffs.

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 poor vious ranking.

MEN

RecordPts Prv 28-3 1516 2 1. Duke (52) 27-4 1427 27-4 1407 2. Houston (5) Auburn (4) 27-4 1350 Florida Alabama 24-7 1211 St. John's 27-4 1201 Michigan St. 26-5 1191 8 25-6 1163 8. Tennessee 24-7 1012 9 Texas Tech 10. Clemson 26-5 949 11 Maryland 836 13 12. Iowa St. 23-8 792 10 13, Louisville 25-6 723 14 647 22 629 19 14. Texas A&M 22-9 21-10 15. Kentucky 602 16 16. Memphis 26-5 17. BYU 23-8 586 23 18. Wisconsin 19. Saint Mary's 575 12 477 21 23-8 27-4 20. Purdue 21-10 339 18 21. Missouri 21-10 203 15 22. Michigan 22-9 171 17 23-8 140 -23. Oregon 24. Illinois 20-11 137 25. Marquette 22-9 127 20

WOMEN		
RecordPts Prv		
1. UCLA (16)	30-2	774 4
2. S. Carolina (9)	30-3	762 5
3. UConn (7)	30-3	737 3
4. Southern Cal	28-3	715 2
5. Texas 6. TCU 7. Duke	31-3	690 1
6. TCU	31-3	626 8
7. Duke	26-7	608 11
8. Notre Dame		
9. NC State 10. LSU	26-6	563 7
10. LSU	28-5	505 9
11. Oklahoma	25-7	473 10
12. North Carolin	a27-7	422 14
13. Kentucky	22-7	389 12
14. Baylor	27-7	383 17
15. Ohio St.	25-6	371 13
16. West Virginia	24-7	340 16
17. Oklahoma St.	25-6	242 21
18. Maryland	23-7	211 15
19. Kansas St	26-7	204 20
20. Tennessee	22-9	148 18
21. Alabama	23-8	135 19

26-5 127 23

#### NBA STANDINGS

**EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division** WL 18 47 Boston .723 40 23 .635 22 42 22 42 .344 24½ .344 24½ Brook Phila 22 43 338 25 Toronto Southeast 250 W L Pct .477 — .455 1½ .453 1½ .250 14½ Orl 30 36 35 Miami 29 16 48 Char 13 50 .206 Central Division Pct 10 27 x--Cleve 54 .844 .571 171/2 Milw 36

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36 27 29 38 .554 18½ .415 27½ **WESTERN CONFERENCE** Southwest Division L Pct Mem .631 40 25 .615 Dallas 33 33 .500 26 37 .413 17 48 .262 **Northwest Division** Pct 12 .815 Okla. City 42 37 Den 23 .646 29 .561 161/2 Minne 28 .431

15 Utah 50 .231 38 **Pacific Division** Lakers 40 23 .635 Gold, St. 28 36 .563 29 .547 Clippers 33 30 30 35 .524 Pho .462

Monday's Games
Toronto 119, Washington 104
Boston 114, Utah 108
Atlanta 132, Philadelphia 123 Charlotte 105, Miami 102 Brooklyn 111, L.A. Lakers 108 Chicago 121, Indiana 103 Denver 140, Oklahoma City 127

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, 8 p.m.

#### **NHL S**TANDINGS

**EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division** GP W L OT Pts GF GA Florida 64 40 21 3 83213 172 3 79202 187 4 78224 169 5 71180 180 63 38 22 T. Bay 63 37 22 Ott. 63 33 25 Mont. 63 30 27 6 66186 208 Detroit 64 30 28 6 66 182 204

Boston65 29 28 8 66 176 204 Buffalo63 25 32 6 56 199 220 Metropolitan Division GP W L OT Pts GF GA Wash. 64 42 14 8 92232 167 4 Caro. 64 3822 Jersey 65 3425 80204 175 74193 165 63 3124 70214208 Rang. 64 3127 6 7 68195 197 65173 188 Island, 63 29 27 Phila. 65 27 30 8 62186 219

Vegas 63 38 19 4 78 207 189 9 75 177 168 Edm. 64 37 23 62 33 20 L.A. 10 70 164 182 Cal. 63 30 23 Vanc. 63 29 23 69 172 191 7 63 169 193 63 28 28 Ana. Seattle65 27 34 4 58 192 212 San J. 65 17 39 9 43 171 245 NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to play-

Monday's Games Buffalo 3, Edmonton 2 Ottawa 2, Detroit 1 Colorado 3, Chicago 0 Toronto at Utah, late Tuesday's Games Columbus at New Jersey, 7

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

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 Rudibaugh (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 Marshall), 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 (114). 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