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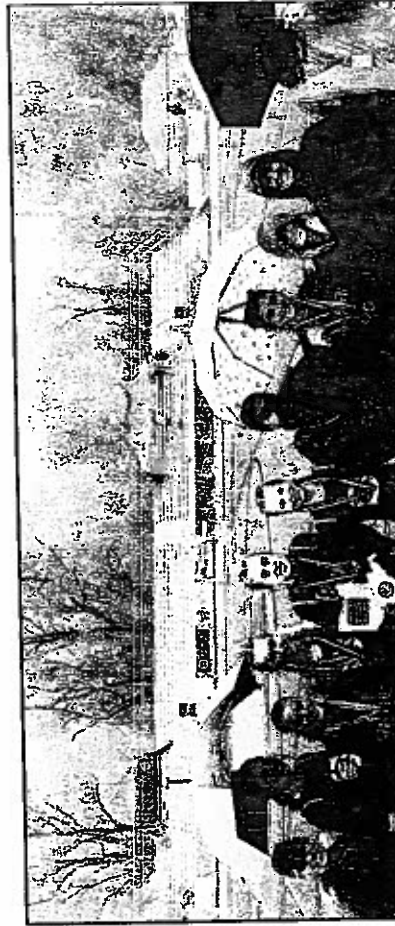
PICTURED, CLOCKWISE from top, are the Barnesville Shamrocks boys track and field team, the Shadyside Tigers girls track and field team, the St. Clairsville Red Devils girls track and field team, and the St. Clairsville Red Devils boys track and field team. Each team were champions of their respective classes in Saturday's waterlogged OVAC Track Meet, held at St. Clairsville High School's Red Devil Stadium. The Red Devils were the boys and girls champions in class 4A, the Barnesville boys were champions in 3A, and the Shadyside girls were champions in 1A/2A.

OVAC's best compete in waterlogged conference championship meet

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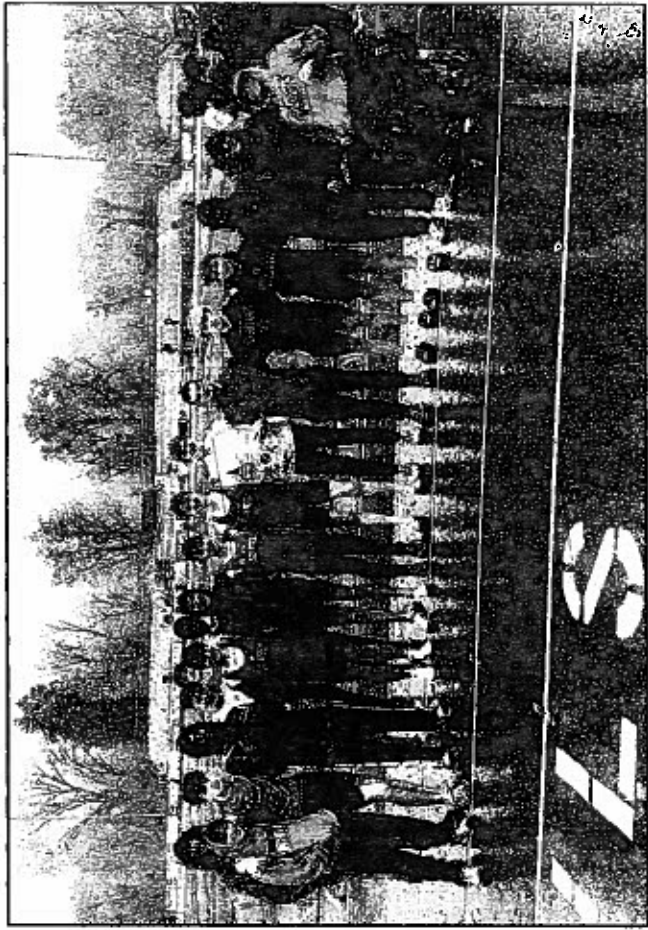
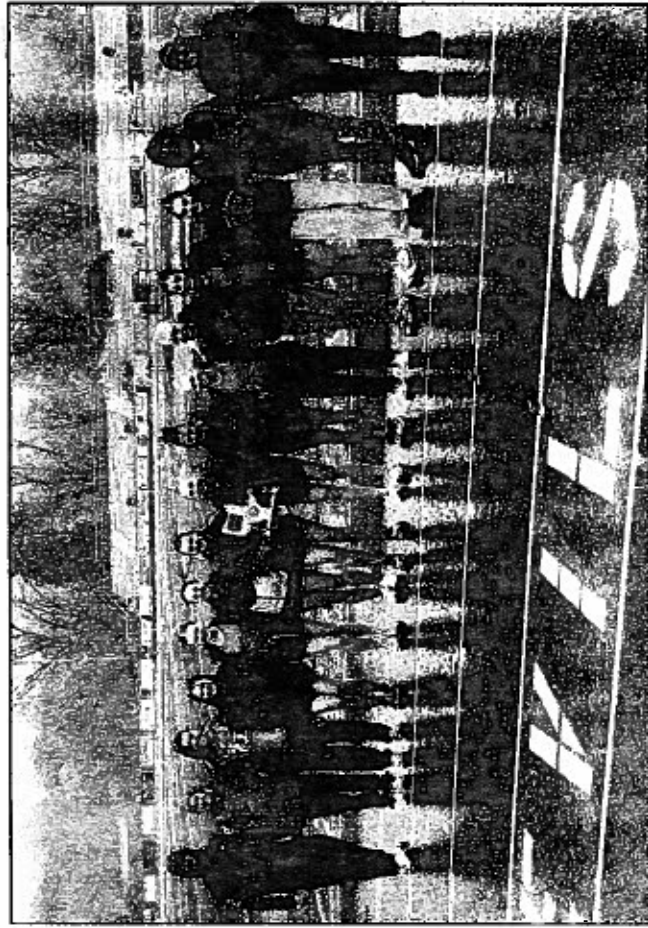
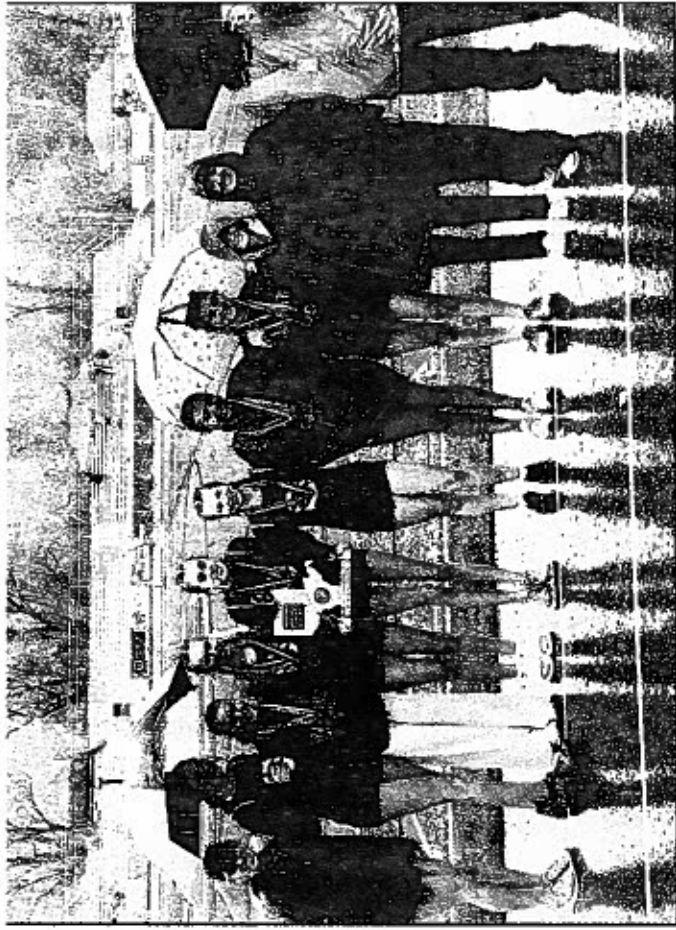
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Williams signs with Capital University

Stephen Kolek pitches into the 6th in first MLB start as Padres blank



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...for 5th straight win

• Meet

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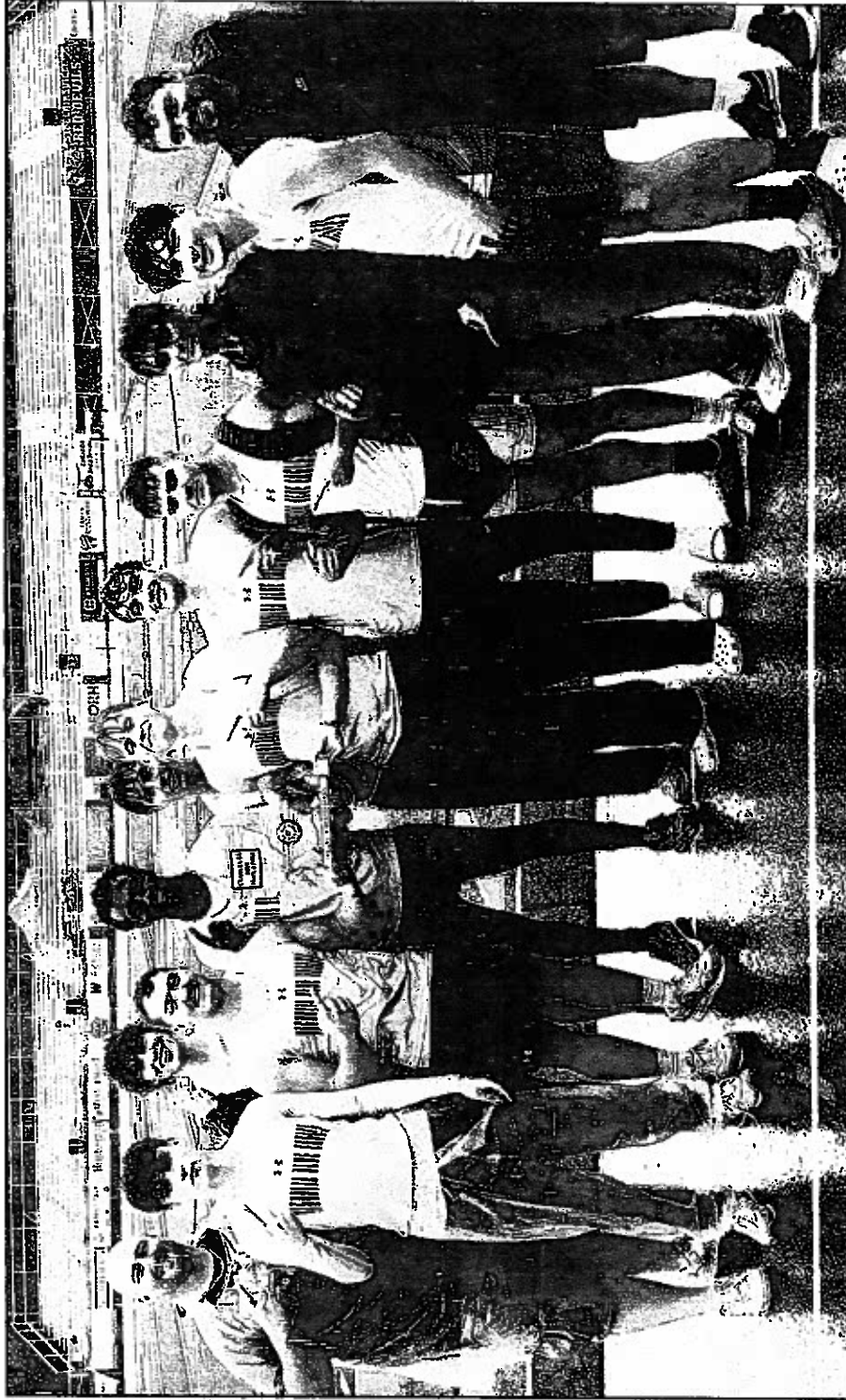
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Juniors Ava Crum and Ava Borkoski tied for first place in 4A in the pole vault, each finishing at 8-6.

"On the girls side it starts with Ava Borkoski," Wilson said. "She placed in all three field events — high jump, long jump and pole vault. Her and Ava Crum were co-champions in the pole vault so that was a big 18 points for the girls. Even before she got her day started at the field events she was part of our school record shuttle team."

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MAGNOLIA HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TRACK

Dane Kinney was the 4A champion in the discus throw, with a toss 155-09.

"The field events is where we got it started and we built from there," Wilson said.

Brady Blacker was the class champion in the 800-meter dash, second overall. He ran a 1:57.40.

"He's a senior and he's been waiting for that race for a long time," Wilson said. "It was good to see him take the track and do his thing."

For the 'Rocks, Eli Messenger was a pivotal player, claiming first place in 3A in the pole vault (10-06), second place in the 110 hurdles (17.18) and in the 300 hurdles (43.73) as well as being part of Barnesville's 3A championship on 4x400 relay team along with Evan Wells Brady Powell and Mason Starr. They ran a 3:39.30.

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1A/2A boys title for the first time since 2018 on Saturday, bringing an experienced crop of athletes to St. Clairsville and finishing with 96 team points.

"We are proud of the way the guys competed yesterday," Magnolia head coach Kasey Sapp said. "Obviously the weather was not perfect for a track meet, but on those kind of days we just tell the boys 'Hey, your job is to go out and compete, everybody else

atop their conference class.

"It was a super exciting experience for the entire team," Visnic said. "It was the first time in many years that our girls team had won a 1A/2A title, so it was super exciting. The team has worked really hard during our practices so it was super rewarding for them to earn that title."

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St. Clairsville's 4x100 meter girls relay team were 4A champions, with Olivia McKeever, Emma Gasper, Lauren Powell and Meila King finishing in 52.98 seconds.

"The 4x100 and 4x200 ran really well, the 4x100 ended up being class champions," Wilson said. "We were able to use our depth and spread some girls out over those two relays and keep some fresh bodies going. That helped, and the girls really bought in, didn't pout about not being on the relays. Then one relay finished second, one finished first, so it was a good day there."

St. C. junior Taylor Tucker placed third in both the 3200-meter run and 1600-meter run.

"Scored points in both, that's not an easy double to do," Wilson said.

On the boy's side, the Red Devils tied atop 4A with East Liverpool, either team at 118 team points.

"The boys had an uphill battle this week with East Liverpool," Wilson said. "They beat us at Buckeye 8's, they have a really good group of boys and we were super impressed the way that ended up turning out. The fact that we got it to a tie, we were very happy."

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Aden Zumock finished second in the 100-meter dash in 3A, and was the outright champ in the 200-meter dash with a 22.73. He was also on Barnesville's 4x100 relay team which finished second in their class.

"The past couple years he's been battling leg injuries," Rogers said of Zumock. "He really hasn't competed much in the last couple years, we've been doing our best to keep him safe and healthy and getting him prepared for our bigger meets. His training has been very limited, and he came out and he was second in the 100 and he was the overall 200 meter champion which was incredible."

"He's definitely one that, we knew what he was capable of doing, and we'd done our best to keep him as healthy as possible this year and to get him ready for OVACs."

This was the Barnesville boys' first OVAC championship since 2000 and third overall, winning in 1995 as well.

MAGNOLIA

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time since 2016 on Saturday, bringing an experienced crop of athletes to St. Clairsville and finishing with 96 team points.

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Seven of the 10 competitors that Magnolia took to the championship meet were seniors.

Dubale Greathouse made it a perfect 4-for-4 on Saturday, winning 1A/2A gold in the high jump for the fourth year in a row. The senior cleared six feet. He also finished in third in the long jump.

Landen Davis qualified in four events, finishing first in the 800 meter with a new 1A/2A record of 2:03.49, and finishing second in the 1600-meter and 3200-meter.

Matthew Anderson and Darin Shimp finished second and third in both the 1A/2A discus throw and shot put, respectively.

"That was a big reason we were able to put up the points that we did," Sapp said.

SHADYSIDE

The Tigers claimed a 1A/2A girls title with 86 team points, marking the first championship victory for the team in quite awhile.

Tigers head coach Ashley Visnic said she had heard from others that it had been more than 20 years since Shadyside's girls had been

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"The kids handled the weather really well. It definitely added an additional challenge to the day but the kids handled themselves really well and pushed through all the wind and rain and everything that came along with that."

Sophomore Chloe Mehovich was a major player for the Tigers, placing second in the 1600, fourth in the 800 and first in the 3200 with a time of 12:13.11.

"She was a huge part of our team's success, she ran every distance event and had a big day," Visnic said.

Also instrumental for Shadyside was freshman pole vaulter Aleena Barr who won gold in by clearing 8 feet.

Shadyside's shuttle hurdles team and 4x200 relay team each came in second place.

ELSEWHERE across the local teams competing:

Steubenville's Bri Hudson set a new 5A record in the discus throw with a 139-09.

Buckeye Local's Jenna DelVecchio set a new 4A and stadium record in the 100-meter hurdles with a 14.60.

Steubenville Catholic Central's Andrew Rohde set a new 1A/2A record in the 1600-meter with a 4:24.54.

Steubenville's Ziare Scurry set a new OVAC Championship record in the 400-meter with a 49.29.

Ruud beats Draper in Madrid Open

— Ruud to win his first Masters 1000 title

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Pittsburgh Pirates



• Pirates

(all events begin at 5 p.m. unless noted)

Monday, May 5

BASEBALL

Wheeling Central at Brooke
St. Clairsville at Dover
Tyler Consol. at Magnolia
Fairmont Senior at Wheeling Park
Weir at Buckeye Local
Monroe Central at Union Local

Bellaire at Oak Glen
Indian Creek at Martins Ferry

SOFTBALL

OVAC Class 3A
Championship
(at 1-470 J.B. Chambers Complex)
Martins Ferry vs. Wheeling Central, 4:30 p.m.

OVAC Class 2A
Championship
(at 1-470 J.B. Chambers Complex)
Caldwell vs. Bridgeport, 6:30 p.m.

SPORTS ON TV

Monday, May 5

BEACH SOCCER (MEN'S)

6:50 a.m.

FS2 — 2025 FIFA World Cup Group Stage: Belarus vs. Guatemala, Group A, Victoria, Mahe

8:20 a.m.

FS2 — 2025 FIFA World Cup Group Stage: Paraguay vs. Mauritania, Group B, Victoria, Mahe

10:50 a.m.

FS2 — 2025 FIFA World Cup Group Stage: Japan vs. Seychelles, Group A, Victoria, Mahe

12:20 p.m.

FS2 — 2025 FIFA World Cup Group Stage: Iran vs. Portugal, Group B, Victoria, Mahe

COLLEGE GOLF

4 p.m.

GOLF — The 2025 PGA WORKS Collegiate Championship: First Round, Whistling Straits, Kohler, Wis.

MLB BASEBALL

7 p.m.

MLBN — Regional Coverage: San Diego at N.Y. Yankees (7:05 p.m.) OR Cincinnati at Atlanta (7:15 p.m.)

11 p.m.

MLBN — Regional Coverage: Seattle at Athletics (10:05 p.m.) OR N.Y. Mets at Arizona (9:40 p.m.)

NBA BASKETBALL

7 p.m.

TNT — Eastern Conference Semifinal: New York at Boston, Game 1

TRUTV — Eastern Conference Semifinal: New York at Boston, Game 1

9:30 p.m.

TNT — Western Conference Semifinal: Denver at Oklahoma City, Game 1

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NHL HOCKEY

8 p.m.

ESPN — Eastern Conference Semifinal: Florida at Toronto, Game 1

SOCCER (MEN'S)

3 p.m.

USA — English Premier League: Nottingham Forest at Crystal Palace

BOYS TEAM SCORES

1) East Liverpool (4A)	118
1) St. Clairsville (4A)	118
3) Warren (5A)	116
4) Barnesville (3A)	106
5) Magnolia (1/2A)	96
6) University (5A)	90
7) Steubenville (5A)	86
8) Morgantown (5A)	84
9) Shadyside (1/2A)	74
9) Linsly (3A)	74
11) Trinity Christian (1/2A)	62
12) Shenandoah (3A)	58
13) Steubenville CC (1/2A)	52
14) United (3A)	50
14) Edison (4A)	50
14) Weir (4A)	50
17) Caldwell (1/2A)	48
17) Wheeling CC (3A)	48
19) Buckeye Trail (3A)	44
20) Harrison Central (4A)	42
21) Bellaire (3A)	40
21) Dover (5A)	40
23) Wheeling Park (5A)	38
23) Valley (1/2A)	38
23) Cambridge (4A)	38
23) Beaver Local (4A)	38
27) Columbiana (3A)	32
28) Union Local (3A)	26
29) Oak Glen (4A)	24
30) Southern (1/2A)	22
30) Wellsville (1/2A)	22
30) Toronto (1/2A)	22
33) Parkersburg So. (5A)	16
34) River (1/2A)	14
35) Brooke (5A)	12
36) Buckeye Local (4A)	10
37) Fort Frye (3A)	8
37) Indian Creek (4A)	8
37) Clay-Battelle (1/2A)	8
37) Monroe Central (3A)	8
42) Cameron (1/2A)	8
42) John Marshall (5A)	6
42) Bridgeport (1/2A)	6
42) Martins Ferry (3A)	6
42) Heart. Christian (1/2A)	6
46) Madonna (1/2A)	4
46) Frontier (1/2A)	4

GIRLS TEAM SCORES

1) Morgantown (5A)	104
2) University (5A)	94
3) St. Clairsville (4A)	86
3) Dover (5A)	86
3) Shadyside (1/2A)	86
6) Cambridge (4A)	82
7) Shenandoah (3A)	80
8) Steubenville (5A)	70
9) Weir (4A)	66
10) Union Local (3A)	64
11) Wheeling CC (3A)	62
11) Southern (1/2A)	62
13) Indian Creek (4A)	60
14) River (1/2A)	58
14) John Marshall (5A)	58
16) Martins Ferry (3A)	56
17) Steubenville CC (1/2A)	54
18) Barnesville (3A)	52
18) Edison (4A)	52
20) Oak Glen (4A)	50
21) Magnolia (1/2A)	42
21) Warren (5A)	42
23) United (3A)	38
23) Caldwell (1/2A)	38
25) Bellaire (3A)	36
25) Clay-Battelle (1/2A)	36
27) Linsly (3A)	28
27) Fort Frye (3A)	28
27) Beaver Local (4A)	28
27) Columbiana (3A)	28
31) Valley (1/2A)	26
32) Buckeye Local (4A)	24
32) Trinity Christian (1/2A)	24
34) Wheeling Park (5A)	22
34) Madonna (1/2A)	22
36) East Liverpool (4A)	18
37) Harrison Central (4A)	10
37) Toronto (1/2A)	10
39) Frontier (1/2A)	6

NHL PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND (Best-of-7)
WESTERN CONFERENCE
St. Louis 4, Winnipeg 3

Saturday, April 10, 10:00 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10 Str	Home	Away	RS	RA
New York	19	15	.559	—	—	5-5 L-2	11-7	8-8	187	135
Boston	18	18	.500	2	1½	4-6 L-2	9-8	9-10	179	162
Tampa	16	18	.471	3	2½	6-4 W-2	9-13	7-5	131	128
Toronto	16	18	.471	3	2½	4-6 L-2	11-8	5-10	120	153
Baltimore	13	20	.394	5½	5	4-6 L-2	8-9	5-11	129	184

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10 Str	Home	Away	RS	RA
Detroit	22	13	.629	—	—	7-3 W-1	13-3	9-10	179	116
Cleveland	20	14	.588	1½	+1½	6-4 W-2	11-5	9-9	131	154
Kan. City	19	16	.543	3	—	8-2 W-2	11-5	8-11	120	119
Minn.	15	20	.429	7	4	6-4 W-2	9-6	6-14	133	132
Chicago	10	24	.294	11½	8½	5-5 W-1	7-11	3-13	124	148

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10 Str	Home	Away	RS	RA
Seattle	20	13	.606	—	—	8-2 L-1	12-6	8-7	168	139
Athletics	19	16	.543	2	—	7-3 W-1	6-9	13-7	150	172
Houston	17	16	.515	3	1	5-5 L-1	11-7	6-9	132	119
Texas	17	18	.486	4	2	3-7 W-1	12-8	5-10	113	131
Los Ang.	13	20	.394	7	5	2-8 L-1	6-7	7-13	117	181

NATIONAL LEAGUE

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New York	22	13	.629	—	—	4-6 L-2	13-3	9-10	168	112
Philadel.	19	15	.559	2½	—	6-4 L-1	13-6	6-9	159	151
Wash.	16	19	.457	6	3½	5-5 W-2	9-7	7-12	151	179
Atlanta	15	18	.455	6	3½	6-4 W-1	9-5	6-13	135	141
Miami	13	20	.394	8	5½	2-8 L-1	9-10	4-10	147	201

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10 Str	Home	Away	RS	RA
Chicago	21	14	.600	—	—	6-4 L-1	9-7	12-7	208	146
Cincinnati	18	17	.514	3	1½	6-4 L-2	9-10	9-7	176	142
Milwaukee	17	18	.486	4	2½	4-6 W-1	10-6	7-12	165	159
St. Louis	16	19	.457	5	3½	6-4 W-2	12-6	4-13	161	163
Pittsburgh	12	23	.343	9	7½	2-8 L-4	7-12	5-11	114	162

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10 Str	Home	Away	RS	RA
Los Ang.	23	11	.676	—	—	7-3 L-1	15-3	8-8	182	140
San Diego	22	11	.667	½	+3½	6-4 W-1	14-4	8-7	133	95
San Fran.	22	13	.629	1½	+2½	6-4 W-3	12-5	10-8	164	129
Arizona	18	16	.529	5	1	4-6 W-1	18-8	10-8	176	170
Colorado	6	28	.176	17	13	2-8 L-3	4-11	2-17	106	195

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Saturday's Games

Tampa Bay 3, N.Y. Yankees 2
Houston 8, Chicago White Sox 3
Cleveland 5, Toronto 3
Miami 9, Athletics 6
Minnesota 4, Boston 3
Kansas City 4, Baltimore 0
Seattle 2, Texas 1
L.A. Angels 5, Detroit 2

Sunday's Games

Minnesota 5, Boston 4
Athletics 3, Miami 2
Kansas City 11, Baltimore 6
Tampa Bay 7, N.Y. Yankees 5
Chicago White Sox 5, Houston 4, 7 innings
Cleveland 5, Toronto 4
Texas 8, Seattle 1
Detroit 13, L.A. Angels 1

Monday's Games

Cleveland (Ortiz 2-3) at Washington (Irvin 2-1), 6:45 p.m.
San Diego (Pivetta 5-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Rodon 4-3), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Smith 1-1) at Kansas City (Ragans 1-1), 7:40 p.m.
Houston (Blanco 2-2) at Milwaukee (Myers 0-0), 7:40 p.m.
Seattle (Miller 2-3) at Athletics (Severino 1-3), 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Saturday's Games

San Diego 2, Pittsburgh 1
San Francisco 6, Colorado 3
Miami 9, Athletics 6
Philadelphia 7, Arizona 2
Chicago Cubs 6, Milwaukee 2
Washington 11, Cincinnati 6
L.A. Dodgers 10, Atlanta 3
N.Y. Mets at St. Louis, ppd.

Sunday's Games

Athletics 3, Miami 2
San Diego 4, Pittsburgh 0
St. Louis 6, N.Y. Mets 5, 1st game
Milwaukee 4, Chicago Cubs 0
Arizona 11, Philadelphia 9, 10 innings
San Francisco 9, Colorado 3
Washington 4, Cincinnati 1
St. Louis 5, N.Y. Mets 4, 2nd game
Atlanta 4, L.A. Dodgers 3

Monday's Games

L.A. Dodgers (Casparius 3-0) at Miami (Alcantara 2-3), 6:40 p.m.
Cleveland (Ortiz 2-3) at Washington (Irvin 2-1), 6:45 p.m.
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Cincinnati (Singer 4-1) at Atlanta (Smith-Shawver 1-2), 7:15 p.m.
Houston (Blanco 2-2) at Milwaukee (Myers 0-0), 7:40 p.m.
San Francisco (Roupp 2-2) at Chicago Cubs (Boyd 2-2), 7:40 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Mlodzinski 1-3) at St. Louis (Mikolas 1-2), 7:45 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Canning 4-1) at Arizona (Nelson 1-0), 9:40 p.m.

An 'ultra' 2nd round playoffs is

(AP) — The second begins Monday night, rries going the distance. Dallas emerged from

Colorado, and Edmore eliminate Los Angeles that is the Western Conference final since an easy time coming ther league-best Winnipeg Connor McDavid and which has home-ice advantage.

In the East, defense Florida faces Toronto conference final since kin and Washington won't get the attention but has the potential to

It just all might be fast-and-furious, rough

"I think it just set everybody is so amped for playoffs," Capitals coach "It's going to be ultra be physical and it's pl be teams that are sett on what they need to against their opponen

After dispatching in five games, the Pa at odds of just over 4 followed by the Oilers monton is favored to final rematch in June, be played first.

West semifina

This one is expect in Manitoba after the Blues 4-3 in double first round series. It's Division bracket pro given the depth of leg

The Stars got a sto from former Avalanche to defeat the Avalanche player in league his trick in a Game 7.

"When you go thr just numb," coach Pe process what really h

Now they're poise an, Miro Heiskanen, son Robertson, back round after not havi Heiskanen has been his left knee in earl got injured in the fin and was immediately

Dallas also has g mid-playoff form. H Game 7 and believe have already survive

"I have a hard tim team that's much bet Oettinger said. "May West semifina

GOLF SCORES

THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson Par Scores
Sunday at TPC Craig Ranch, McKinney, Texas
Purse: \$9.9 million; Yardage: 7,569; Par: 71
Final Round



AP Photo

right, rounds the bases off Pittsburgh Pirates during the second inning

Shut Out 0 For Night Win

and Jason Adam followed Kolek. The eight pitchers are the most in majors.

Xander Bogaerts had two RBIs for the Padres, who scored all their runs the first two innings off Andrew Heaney (2-3), who was pulled with two outs in the fourth.

Manny Machado doubled and scored on Bogaerts' single in the first inning. In the second, as Diaz led off with the third home run of the season and Bogaerts hit a go-run double to make it 3-0.

Heaney allowed eight hits and four walks while striking out three. The Pirates have lost four games in a row and seven of their last eight.

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OVAC's Best Battle Elements, Each Other



Buckeye Local's Jenna DelVecchio, left, competes in the girls 100-meter hurdles on Saturday at the OVAC track and field championship. DelVecchio set a new 4A and stadium record in the 100-meter hurdles with a 14.60.

Photo by Nick Henthorn

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"On the girls side it starts with Ava Borkowski," Wilson said. "She placed in all three field events - high jump, long jump and pole vault. Her and Ava Crum were co-champions in the pole vault so that was a big 18 points for the girls. Even before she got her day started at the field events she was part of our school record shuttle team."

The Red Devils' second-place shuttle hurdle team finished with a time of 1:09.63, second in 4A behind Weir. Members of the unit included Crum, Borkowski, Olivia Perzanowski and Elizabeth Morgan.

St. Clairsville's 4x100 meter girls relay team were 4A champions, with Olivia McKeever, Emma Gasber, Lauren Powell and Meila King finishing in 52.98 seconds.

"The 4x100 and 4x200 ran really well, the 4x100 ended up being class champions," Wilson said. "We were able to use our depth and spread some girls out over those two relays and keep some fresh bodies going. That helped, and the girls really bought in, didn't pout about not being on the relays. Then one relay finished second, one finished first, so it was a good day there."

St. C. junior Taylor Tucker placed third in both the 3200-meter run and 1600-meter run. "Scored points in both, every year we prepare where we got it started and we built from there," Wilson said.

Brady Blacker was the class champion in the 800-meter dash, second overall. He ran a 1:57.40. "He's a senior and he's been waiting for that race for a long time," Wilson said. "It was good to see him take the track and do his thing."

Tyler Harris placed in both the mile and the 800, while Camden Judge placed in both the mile and the two-mile.

BARNESVILLE
The Shamrock boys climbed to the top of the podium on Saturday with 106 team points, a decisive showing that had them more than 30 points ahead of the second-place 3A team.

"Every year we prepare for the season for the last two or three years so we, especially these seniors, were ready for it. It didn't take a lot from us for our senior leaders to step up and really take control of our team this week."

"We had our prom Saturday night, first time in years that it landed on OVAC Saturday, and not a single one of them mentioned anything about leaving or having to get ready for prom. They were locked-in, focused, they were determined as soon as they stopped off the bus and I knew some good things were going to happen."

For the 'Rocks, Eli Messenger was a pivotal player, claiming first place in 3A in the pole vault (10-06), second place in the 110 hurdles (17.18) and in the 300 hurdles (43.73) as well as being part of Barnesville's 3A champion 4x400 relay team along with Evan Wells, Brady Powell and Mason Starr. They ran a 3:39.30.

The Shamrocks shuttle hurdles team of Phoenix Graham, Joel Detling, Colt Detling and Cole Francis were also 3A champs, clocking a 1:04.27. Rogers said, "Obviously

ers noted that all four are sophomores.

Aden Zumock finished second in the 100-meter dash in 3A, and was the outright champ in the 200-meter dash with a 22.73. He was also on Barnesville's 4x100 relay team which finished second in their class.

"The past couple years he's been battling leg injuries," Rogers said of Zumock. "He really hasn't competed much in the last couple years, we've been doing our best to keep him safe and healthy and getting him prepared for our bigger meets. His training has been very limited, and he came out 100 and he was the overall 200 meter champion which was incredible."

"He's definitely one that, we knew what he was capable of doing, and we'd done our best to keep him as healthy as possible this year and to get him ready for OVACs."

This was the Barnesville boys' first OVAC championship since 2000 and third overall, winning in 1995 as well.

MAGNOLIA

The Blue Eagles earned a 1A/2A boys title for the first time since 2018 on Saturday, bringing an experienced crop of athletes to St. Clairsville and finishing with 96 team points.

"We are proud of the way the guys competed yesterday," Magnolia head coach Kasey Sapp said. "Obviously

just tell the boys 'Hey, your job is to go out and compete, everybody else is dealing with the same conditions.' I think we did a good job of that."

Seven of the 10 competitors that Magnolia took to the championship meet were seniors.

Dubale Greathouse made it a perfect 4-for-4 on Saturday, winning 1A/2A gold in the high jump for the fourth year in a row. The senior cleared six feet. He also finished in third in the long jump.

Landen Davis qualified in four events, finishing first in the 800 meter with a new 1A/2A record of 2:03.49, and finishing second in the 1600-meter and 3200-meter.

Matthew Anderson and Darin Shimp finished second and third in both the 1A/2A discus throw and shot put, respectively.

"That was a big reason we were able to put up the points that we did," Sapp said.

SHADYSIDE

The Tigers claimed a 1A/2A girls title with 86 team points, marking the first championship victory for the team in quite awhile.

Tigers head coach Ashley Visnic said she had heard from others that it had been more than 20 years since Shadyside's girls had been atop their conference class.

"It was a super exciting experience for the entire team," Visnic said. "It was the first time in many years that our girls team

hard during our practices so it was super rewarding for them to earn that title."

"The kids handled the weather really well. It definitely added an additional challenge to the day but the kids handled themselves really well and pushed through all the wind and rain and everything that came along with that."

Sophomore Chloe Mehlovitch was a major player for the Tigers, placing second in the 1600, fourth in the 800 and first in the 3200 with a time of 12:13.11.

"She was a huge part of our team's success, she ran every distance event and had a big day," Visnic said.

Also instrumental for Shadyside was freshman pole vaulter Aleena Barr who won gold in by clearing 8 feet.

Shadyside's shuttle hurdles team and 4x200 relay team each came in second place.

Elsewhere across the local teams competing:

Steubenville's Bri Hudson set a new 5A record in the discus throw with a 139-09.

Buckeye Local's Jenna DelVecchio set a new 4A and stadium record in the 100-meter hurdles with a 14.60.

Steubenville Catholic Central's Andrew Rohde set a new 1A/2A record in the 1600-meter with a 4:24.54.

Steubenville's Ziare Scurry set a new OVAC