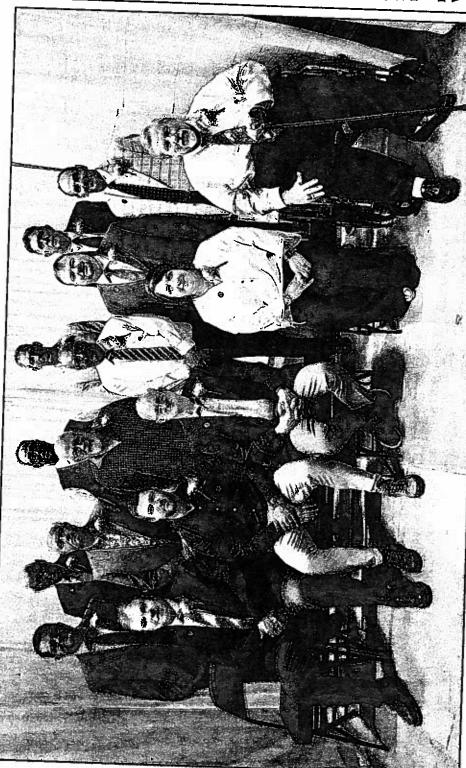
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New OVAC Hall-of-Famers inducted



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Scheffler rallies to win BMW for 5th PGA Tour victory of year

- With Rahm hitting halls on driving OWINGS MILLS, Md. (AP) -



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son win over Pittsburgh on self into the competition with first-quarter touchdowns in Fampa Bay's 17-14 presea-Saturday night, thrusting him-Kyle Trask to be Baker Mav-While Buccaneers coach The well-traveled Bridgeield's backup in the process. water threw for a

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plenty left in the 32-year-old's ing provided pretty compelless than two weeks after signing evidence that there's still

right arm.

for self-reporting that he provided financial benefits to his the Buccaneers last week after being suspended from his high players, was sharp in his three Bridgewater, who joined school coaching job in Miami series of work.

He completed 6 of 11 passes for 85 yards, hitting Bucky

Egbuka pulled in with a slidrookie first-round pick Emeka ing grab from his knees. While Mayfield is firmly encorner of the end zone that

water looked capable against a Pittsburgh defense that sat most of its key contributors, though he brushed aside the notion that he's looking to rise trenched as the starter, Bridgeto No. 2 on the depth chart.

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Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Brandon Johnson catches a pass from quarterback Mason Rudolph for a touchdown with Tampa Bay Buccaneers cornerback Jacob Parrish defending during the first half of a preseason game Saturday in Pittsburgh

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FILE SOURCE FIRE CS Dryan Reynolds follows through on a triple on Cincinnati Heas pitcher Tony Santillan, driving in two runs during the eighth inning Friday in Pittsburgh.

Reynolds' triple boosts **Pirates over Reds 3-2**

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Wheeling Central's Eli Sancomb lifts off for a shot attempt during a road game against Tyler Consolidated. Sancomb was named the Evans Award winner Saturday after averaging 26 points, 10.5 rebounds and five assists per game this season. absolutely couldn't do it without my coaches they have a lot of trust ing, scoring, whatever it is. I can really just trust I mean, they don't get as much credit, but they do work very, very hard. To win a state championship, they were obviously and teammates. I mean, in me, rebounding, passmy teammates because I know my team. All my teammatés work hard and a really big part of that."

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concludes aging 25.8 points, 10.5 rebounds, 5.3 assists and his junior season aver-

ing and getting the ball to other guys in positions where they can score. Really, as important as Even though he's only a junior, the guys look up to him and just try to follow his example. And he definitely made us a ably his leadership ability that's most important. for us, as far as reboundall that stuff is, it's probhe's very good to begin with, but just a couple works his tail off," Stedays after we got back back in a gym working on his game to get better. It's from Charleston, he was "He fills the stat sheet up for sure- and a lot of A lot of people see how phens said. "You know, that stuff goes unnoticed. quite an honor for him." 2.6 steals per game, and led the Class AA state tournament in each of those categories, plus blocks, while on his way Though a gaudy stat line, Wheeling Central head coach Mel Stephens He finished with shooting was, much like Sancomb to a title and Class AA tournament MVP nod. splits of 54.4/36.0/84.8.

does so many other things Please see Evans, Page C3 that's all he does. But he "Well deserved, the kid

defensive team in the the Big 12 recently, they've been the best

want to play like Housthe story behind his defensive mentality is one follow along those same lines - "I don't know anyone wouldn't Hodge's strategy will ton, they're in the Final with many motivations. Four," he said.

File Photo

That story begins with his mother Linda, a woman who supported her family by working three jobs.

"My mom, she's the toughest person I know," Hodge said.

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sistant at that school for is signed at WVU for seven seasons before becoming the head coach,

five years.

conference for Hodge to be asked about his but it didn't take long during Thursday's press commitment level to the have yet to be released His contract Mountaineers.

I'll be perfectly hon-est," Hodge said. "We Denton (Texas). That's something that was very important to us. There were probably only a situations hat we would have even ingful relationships in "This move was not talked a lot as a family. We shed a lot of tears. We had deep and meanan easy move for handful of considered

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senior quarterback for a Five To Be Honored As OVAC Legends In Upcoming Hall Of Fame Class

By DOUG HUFF

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Previously announced Hall of Fame honorees

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Here's the Legends of VAC Schools' selec-OVAC Andria from 1970's; and and Wintersville's Ernie

1969) -- The 5-foot-11, basketball and baseball collected 11 varsity letters and allstar honors in football, FRYFOGLE, Shenandoah (Class of 175-pounder for the Zeps.

In football, the 3-year -0W1 time team captain was an All-Pioneer Valley League defensive back and letterman

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Ironmen's Offseason Ramping Up

RV KIM NORTH



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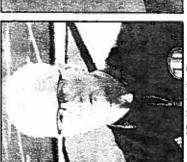
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JIM FRYFOGLE

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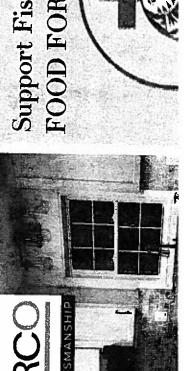
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For The Times Leader By DOUG HUFF

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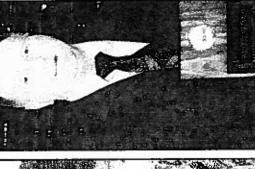
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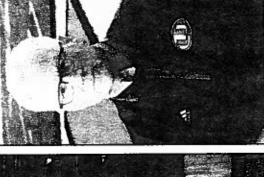
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In 2015, he received the "Lifetime Service to Wrestling Award" from the W.Va. Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and also was inducted into the Mid-Ohio Valley Sports Hall of Fame. His alma mater, South, awarded him the school Lifetime Achievement Award in 2022.

JOHN KELLEY, Oak Glen (Class of 1968) -- He retired in 2024 as the winningest football coach in Monongalia County history.

The former Oak Glen High athlete spent 49 years as a prep football coach including the last 41 years at University High School--the final 37 years as head coach (1987-2023). His first team was in the state Class AA playoffs and, overall, he guided 23 teams to postseason playoffs with every team from 1998-2005 earning playoff berths.

Six teams advanced to state semifinals and the 1994 team was state Class AAA runner-up to South Charleston. Three Hawk teams posted 10-0 unbeaten regular seasons. Overall, he won 254 games and had 28 winning seasons. Two of his teams won largest class OVAC titles.

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Other schools represented include Penn (2), Wyoming (1), University of St. Mary (1), Western Illinois (1) and Kutztown State (1).

"Even some of the small college guys that we've got are great athletes," he continued.

One he was referring to is running back Jeremiah Nelson from Kutztown State.

"He's a big boy," Matsakis said of the "He's 240-pounder. very talented and he's working really hard."

Matsakis said Nelson got caught up in the COVID period and kind of "fell through the cracks like a lot of these other guys."

Still Time to Try Out

For those prospective players, the Ironmen will hold two tryouts prior to training camp, one locally and one not.

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Exhibition Opponent

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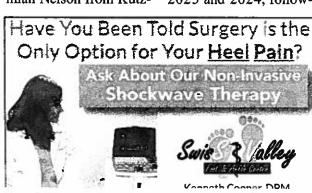
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Scheffler spent Christ-mas Day making ravioli.

Scheffler was coming off a nine win season inpain-free.

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Photo by Kim North

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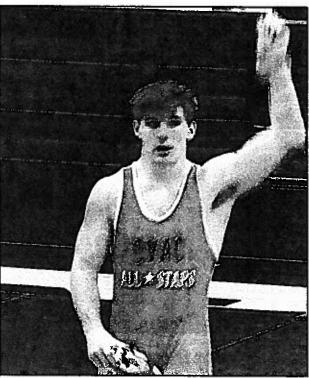


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in 1985. The popular theory is All 16 regional semifinalists are from power conferences for the first time since the bracket expanded to 64 teams that the transfer portal has led Not this year.



FLORIDA GULF Coast's Sherwood Brown, center, celebrates with teammates after their win over San Diego State in 2013.

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with whatever team I go to. I remains anyone's guess **rop pick for NFL draft**

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sensus that either player - or any quarterback - will go No. Quarterbacks Cam Ward and Shedeur Sanders figure to be among the first players selected in next month's NFL draft, though there's no current conl overall.

working out for all 32 NFL Ward tried to solidify his status as the top pick recently, teams at Miami's on-campus

The first round of the draft will be on Thursday, April 24 the upcoming draft:

When is the NFL draft?

the Green Bay Packers. Here

are a few things to know about

beginning at 8 p.m. ET.
The second and third rounds are on Friday, April 25, beginning at 7 p.m. ET.

The fourth through seventh rounds are on Saturday, April recent years.

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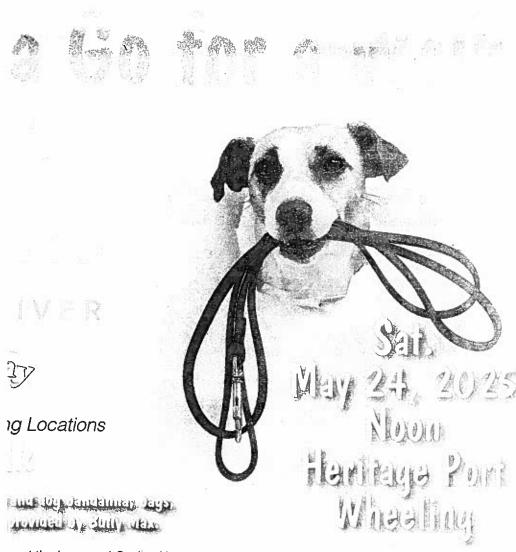
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By JEFF HARRISON For The Sunday News-Register

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Miles Leaves March Madness

Game With Left Knee Injury

SOUTH BEND, Ind. the game against Stephen (P) - Star guard Ol- F. Austin. The senior guard, a first-team All-Atlantic Coast Conference seleccourt under the basket early in the fourth quar-ter of third-seeded Notre ivia Miles fell to the

Dame's women's NCAA Fournament opener on Friday and grabbed her left knee.

Miles limped off the court and headed to the ocker room. She had two points and eight assists in SKENES

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has given it the "white glove" service for the last two months. were 91 in the first year in The debut patch cards are featured in Topps Chrome Update. There While the cards have 2023 and 251 last year.

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burgh last year. The righthander is slated to start for the Pirates on opening the considerable day next week. Skenes' burgeoning star-Ö combination

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She's gone four consecu- loss against No. 6 TCU ive games with at least 20 points. In last week's Big 12 tournament, Quinerly led the Mountaineers to the semifinals with 24 points against Kansas State. She scored 20 in the semifinal

To end the regular sea-

record with 38 points that up with 31 points against Utah and followed son, Quinerly tied a school

against Cincinnati.
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I think J.J. certainly under-stands it." talk much," Kellogg said. "She's been in the zone

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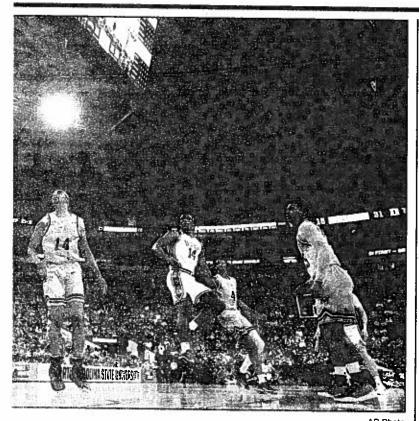
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The 18-year-old Flagg - a top NBA prospect and unanimous Associated Press first-team All-American - missed the last two games of Duke's run to the Georgia Tech. He looked comfortable in this one, including when he finished an and-1 drive that left during the COVID-19 pandemic. him on his back in the opening flurry and later when he cut back-

Takeaways

the Mountaineers' seventh trip to March Madness, the first six coming as a member of the Northeast Conference. They fell to 0-5 in the first round, all against No. 1 seeds - including one in this building Atlantic Coast Conference Tour-exactly 17 years ago against annament title after rolling his left other nearby ACC school (North ankle in the quarterfinals against Carolina). This was the program's

Duke: The Blue Devils won the ACC outright regular-season and door to take Patrick Ngongba's tournament titles for the first time since 2006, though Flagg's health

Duke led 54-28 by halftime af
(and an injury to versatile defendter shooting 60.6% while commit-er Maliq Brown) was the major storyline. This was a good start to the NCAAs for a team that has lost Mount St. Mary's: This was just once since November.

cores 34 points and Kentucky holds rty for 79-78 March Madness win

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Pobolish, Schneid tabbed as coaches for **OVAC Hall of Fame**

By JEFF HARRISON For The Times Leader

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Here's a look at the latest group of selections: Ron Pobolish (Dillonvale High School, Class of 1966). This legendary football coach put together a 144-102-1 record over 24 seasons as a head coach at several area schools with a combined five OHSAA playoff appearances, four OVAC championships and three unbeaten teams.

After two years as an assistant at Martins Ferry after college, Pobolish began his head coaching career at Cadiz High (1973-76, 29-10-1 record), including 9-0-1 and 9-1 seasons in his final two years and an OVAC Class 2A championship in 1975. He then coached at John Marshall for three years (1977-79, 9-21 record).

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As an athlete, Pobolish was a three-sport standout at Dillonvale High School (football, baseball, basketball), earning third team All-Ohio Class A honors in football and all-Eastern Ohio in football and basketball. He went on to be a three-year football starter at West Virginia University — one year at running back and two years as a defensive back. He was also the starting

second baseman on the Mountaineers' baseball team as a sophomore.

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Craig Schneid (St. John Central High School, Class of 1973). He enjoyed a tremendous career as a boys' track coach that spanned nearly four decades, including coaching teams to 10 state championships—tied for the most in the history of West Virginia boys' track with Russ Parsons (Stonewall Jackson/Parkersburg).

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pions; eight high point scorers at the

state meet and eight state meet record-holders. His athletes won every event at the state meet at some point except the pole vault.

Schneid was selected West Virginia Track Coach of the Year five times; Ohio Valley Track Coach of the Year four times; the OVAC All-Sport Coach of the Year in 2002; the Dapper Dan Co-Man of the Year in 2002 along with another OVAC Hall of Famer — Oak Glen wrestling coach Larry Shaw; a finalist for the West Virginia All-Sport Coach of the Year in 1996 and 2002; and he was inducted into the West Virginia Schools Athletic Hall of Fame in 2002.

In addition to coaching track, Schneid was also an assistant football coach for two years and an assistant wrestling coach for one year at Magnolia and one year as golf coach at Paden

The St. John Central product received his bachelor's degree from West Liberty State College (1977) and his master's degree from West Virginia University.

Skenes

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While the cards have attracted the attention of some young major leaguers and longtime collectors alike, most of the attention has been focused on Skenes' card in particular.

A combination of Skenes' burgeoning stardom, the considerable reach of his girlfriend, LSU gymnast/influencer Livvy Dunne and a head-turning offer the

Angeles area after he Los Angeles area after he discovered the redemption code for the Skenes card in a pack he received as part of a Christmas present. He declined the Pirates' offer and instead turned over the card to Fanatics Collect, which has given it the "white glove" service for the last two months.

Skenes was voted the National League Rookie of the Year after he went 11-3 with a 1.96 ERA in



know. I feel like that helped us grow and have conversations that were difficult, but needed to "I think I had some frustration. And you be had," Garrett said.

Garrett's four-year contract extension has an average salary of \$40 million and makes him the highest-paid non-quarterback in NFL histoThe deal ended a month-long saga that began during Super Bowl week when the 2023 AP Defensive Player of the Year asked for a trade. The Browns were firm, however, that they would not entertain offers from other teams.

voicing his frustration on radio row during Super Bowl week about the Browns' 3-14 campaign was the catalyst that prompted more con-Garrett said he believes the trade request and versations with general manager Andrew Berry about the franchise's future,

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CLEVELAND BROWNS defensive end Myles Garrett in action against the Baltimore Ravens on Jan. 4.

and was tied for 134th when he 11 birdies. A bogey from the set the tournament record with water on the 18th hole forced him to settle for a 10-under 62 to tie The Players record with Fom Hoge.

speaking to his round or the Phomas said, unclear if he was "Everything seems to happen n mysterious and weird ways." very game of golf.

tied for the lead at 11-under on his final hole at the par-5 ninth. Bhatia got creative with a wedge to make birdie on the ninth. Both had a 66 and were Lee made a sloppy bogey

Thomas was seven shots behind and not the least bit bothered by the deficit.

MIN WOO Lee yells after hitting The Players on Friday in Ponte hole during the second round of his second shot on the ninth Vedra Beach, Fla.

was losing to everyone playing golf at one point." "I'm happy I have a tee time Thomas said. tomorrow,"

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Woicik and DelRe Added to OVAC Hall of Fame's Class of 2025

By JEFF HARRISON

For The Times Leader

and girls' basketball are the Strong advocates of baseball latest additions to the OVAC Hall of Fame's Class of 2025.

Selected in the "OVAC Family" category is Steve Wojcik, who was not only a well-decorated athlete and a ference for decades, while this onship coach who greatly concoach but also served the conyear's "OVAC Contributor" is tributed to the early foundation of girls' basketball in the con-Mike DelRe, a state champi

Wojcik and DelRe will be saluted at the 21st OVAC Hall

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DELRE

WOJCIK STEVE

Here's a look at the latest group of selections: in Wheeling. Previously announced mem-

coach and commissioner for Steve Wojcik (Wheel-When you've been around the sport of baseball as a player, ing Central Catholic High School, Class of 1969) Errin Baynes of Wheeling bers of the Class of '25 were Park and Alex Young of Indian Creek (2010s Athletes); Clay Tucker of Martins Ferry and Derek Wolfe of Bea-

more than six decades, it's all-conference selections. He likely that your resume will be impressive and that's certainly the case with Wojcik.

In addition to being a stand-out on the diamond in high ing, Wojcik served the conference for the better part of four school and college with a fourand a lengthy resume in coachyear stint in the minor leagues tee from 1980-1998 and as decades, first as a member of the OVAC Baseball Committhe OVAC Baseball Commissioner from 2002-2017.

Known for running the sport with an "iron fist" during his tenure, "Woj" coordinated many aspects including playoffs, all-star game

was also among those responsible for the OVAC Baseball College Showcase which took place for several years at the -470 Complex in Elm Grove, W. Va.

He began playing the game he loves as an eight-year old and blossomed into a talentwhere he earned three letters as a left-handed pitcher and ed player at Wheeling Central first baseman.

Wojcik posted a three-year 8-3 as a junior and 10-1 as a record of 22-6 on the mound, including 4-2 as a sophomore. senior.

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rell tries a free throw during the Seminoles' jame against Kirtland.

gures by Tucker in seven. vith 14 points. rebounds, one added 10.

sses for a 57-54 more than younger broth-Cooper Howell er Cooper, who had 10 two-possession in the first 16 minutes. th a late free Corbin Farnsworth added Continued from Page C1 eight points before foulwas joined in ing out and Silva chipped

Lucas Renfro had 18 to grabbed a game- lead the Hornets. Carriero



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a senior and was named first team All-West Virginia (one class), co-captain of the All-Valley Tournament Team. The Maroon Knights won two W.Va. Catholic State Championships his three seasons.

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University 2021.

spent four seasons in the the state championship He also batted .390 as minor leagues (Class A marked the first-ever and AA), posting a com- (Ohio or West Virginia) bined 27-22 record with for an OVAC team in girls' hoops.

Madonna captured squad and to the All- ing ranks in 1980 as the OVAC titles under Del-West Virginia Catholic head coach at Bridgeport Re in 1977, 1978 and High, serving in that role 1979. He coached in the until 1996. He then spent OVAC Samuel A. Mumtwo seasons as the pitch- ley All-Star Basketball during ing coach at Wheeling Game three times (1978. 2002, 2004).

He served two years to the collegiate level (1999-2006) and finally as the head women's where, as freshman at returning to Bridgeport basketball coach at the Davis & Elkins, he went for three more seasons College of Steubenville (now Franciscan Univer-Mike DelRe (Mounds- sity) before returning to Madonna.

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For his contributions NAIA. He led WLSC to top of the mountain in as well as coaching sucanother conference title 1978 when the Lady cess, DelRe received and an NAIA Regional Blue Dons captured the the Rich Saffield Girls berth and was the WVI-AC "Pitcher of the Year State Championship with OVAC Samuel A. Mumand an honorable mena spotless 23-0 record, ley Basketball Classic in

The Moundsville High Liberty Hall of Fame se- the title contest. The team graduate earned his bachaveraged an impressive elor's degree from West Wojcik was signed as 85 points per game in the Liberty State College and

Players

only other 62 at the TPC Sawgrass because he was fairway into the water. image posted on the vid- shared the mark. eo board behind the 17th hugging.

thick grass grabbed his Thomas witnessed the club and turned it left, and be daunting in any con-

He has had some wild green of him and Hoge swings in scores on con- was one shot behind. secutive days, recalling

The TPC Sawgrass can the ball raced through the ditions, but the 25 mph fairway into the water. gusts expected Saturday playing with Hoge that Thomas took a penalty — and the possibility of day in 2023. He forgot drop, hit a lob wedge to 2 wind and rain Sunday — and the possibility of about that until he saw an feet for bogey and at least can make the Stadium Course a real thrill ride.

J.J. Spaun had a 68 and

Rory McIlroy was at From the right rough the 67-80 he had at Roy- the top of the leaderboard

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By JEFF HARRISON For The Sunday News-Register

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In State Semifinals To No. 1 Gilmer County Cameron Bows Out

By NICK HENTHORN nal, a 51-point win, and against No. 1 Gilmer No. 4 Cameron Dragons CHARLESTON - The Class A state semifinal fell in Friday's W.Va. ınside Sports Editor 48-16.

defeated Notre Dame

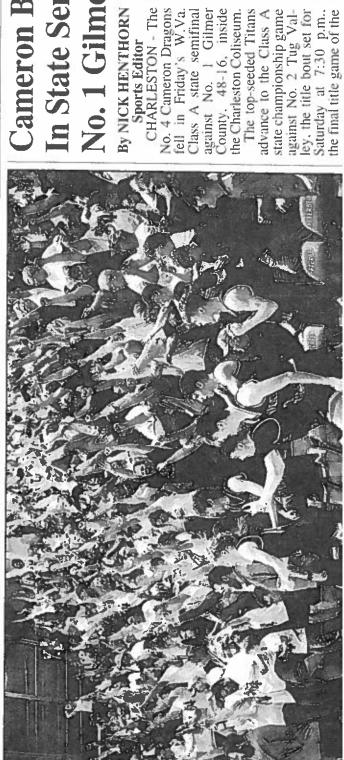
67-26 in the Class A quarterfinals, a 41-point

victory before defeating

Saturday at 7:30 p.m.. the Charleston Coliseum. The top-seeded Titans against No. 2 Tug Valstate championship game ley, the title bout set for advance to the Class A

take long in getting out to ing up 25-2 after the first Cameron by 32 on Fri-Gilmer County did not a commanding lead, goquarter. They led 36-6 at

It was the Titans' defense that ruled the day, as Gilmer County held halftime.



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manager Andrew out the franchise's 3erry watched Frinews conference back of the media

1 some frustration and have converated a little bit ome relationships affirmed them." said. "Now I feel 2002-2017. re in a better place v from there."

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he Hornets. Carded 10.

request and voic- includes \$122.8 million give my best effort. But No amount of words will." rustration on radio guaranteed and a total val- I plan to be the best per- Garrett was the first Browns complex on ring Super Bowl ue of \$204.8 million, there son possible in this locker overall pick in the 2017 Thursday to meet quaryout the Browns' is a prevailing opinion room, be the best leader NFL draft. He has 102 1/2 terback Russell Wilson. ampaign was the among Browns fans that possible and as well as sacks in his career, includ- The New York Giants are that prompted it ended up being more dominating on Sundays, ing 14 in 2024. onversations with about the money. Garrett Mondays and Thursdays,

With an extension that and not go out there and really proves it to the fans. cruiters of free agents.

The extension means Friday.

Garrett was meeting with Wilson on

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(Old Prison) 8th St., Moundsville, WV by Bridgeport Equipment. EN EAD ABILICCIAN

Bows

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steals for Cameron.

Despite the loss, Cameron wraps up round.' their season with plenty of hardware-

Cameron senior Maci Neely had part of history," Pettit said, "Nobody nine points, nine rebounds and three thought we'd make it to Charleston this year, let alone win in the first

Graduating seniors for Cameron intheir fifth-straight regional title and clude Neely, Shaleigh Littleton, Devan fifth-straight OVAC championship Schrack and Bianca Marongiu. Playas the team put together another suc- ers like junior Macey Bertram, junior

The Hilltoppers used their pressure defense to force Davis & Elkins into 13 first-half turn-WWW CHAN

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overs that led to 18 points.

tle off guard. Skenes quickly replied

ing his own business in the Braden-A few days later, Skenes was mindton-Sarasota airport after arriving for his second spring training with the

Seth Meyers, and at times it can seem like he's everywhere even if he believes he's not.

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recent guest spot on Late Night with

Photo by KIM NORTH MONROE CENTRAL'S Cooper Howell (00)

Local wrestlers advance in tournament

Value City Arena inside the Jerome Smith (144) and Brody Saccoccia matches Friday as the 88th annual (190). Schottenstein Center on the campus Valley wrestlers won their first Ohio state tournament got started at of Ohio State University. COLUMBUS

- Fifteen Ohio Buchheit (138), Jake Hughes (150). three quarter finalists in Colt Carwon their first Evan Ours (165) and Kane Curran penter (138), Ayden King (165)

Steubenville's duo of Cooper (157) also advanced, as did East Liverpool's Tristan Eckles (120).

Eight of those individuals are Saccoccia is a defending state competing in Division II, with Bea- champion and is seeking a fourth in Division III, Barnesville had ver Local having five first-night win- appearance on the awards podium. ners in Justuce Fisher (106), Bobby In Division III, Barnesville had

and Hines Ford (175).

zanowski (175) also won their first Martins Ferry's Colton Nixon (126) and Harrison Central's Knox Union Local's tandem of Gunnar Gossett (144) and Brody Permatches.

McKibben (215) rounded out the winners.

Korsnick, Schultze to represent '60s in OVAC Hall of Fame drives to the basket for two points

athletes who performed at the ley Athletic Conference Hall ored multi-sport high school college Division I level will Two hon-WHEELING -

the 1960's are Pat Korsnick of Wheeling Central and Gerald

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PAT

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> SCHULTZE GERALD

> > KORSNICK

The three-year regular quarer-placekicker led Central to records of 9-0-1, 8-2-1 and

for 403 yards and 20 TDs. He also kicked 11 PATs. As a junior, he passed for 790 yards 8 TDs and rushed 78 times and 11 TDs with no interceptions and rushed 66 times for 473 yards. In the title game vs. Madonna, he was 8-for-8 passing for 165 yards and two In baseball, he earned 1st team, all-class All-State honors both as a junior and senior outfielder. He batted .480 as a junior and .458 as a senior. He was selected co-captain of the tions by The Intelligencer as a 1st All-Valley, all-class selecbecause of a dominant, spot-In his junior season, Central less season (8 shutouts, outdefeated Madonna, 46-6 in the

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As a senior, he completed state Catholic title game.

By DOUG HUFF For The Times Leader

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or his final year - 1st team All-Valley and selected captain, and All-OVAC largest largest Class AAA all-state. repeat 1st team "Big School" Class AAA for the OVAC title team. The unbeaten Knights Schools champion for a third straight year without a playoff were acclaimed state Catholic Here's a capsule look at the KORSNICK, 1960's honorées:

terback-defensive back-punt-

assistant for the 1ri-Vai- ship with a perfect 32-0 record.

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He was drafted by the Cincinnati Reds after his senior season, but instead opted for a football scholarship to Purdue University.

as an outfielder.

GERALD

All-Valley and All-State player in three sports and cats won the W.Va. one- the WVU freshman team became an All-American class state title his senior (frosh weren't eligible football center at West year as he placed 4th in for varsity at the time), Virginia University.

was a 6-foot, 200-pound the OVAC Tournament. He attended Purdue for football center-linebacka year before transferring er, a heavyweight wres- put was 54-5 3/4 to to North Carolina State tler, and track shot-putwhere he played football ter. As a senior, in just shy of the OV re- senior center by The Asback-punter and baseball Team All-Valley "Big

the heavyweight division he was switched to center At Wheeling High, he after being runner-up in and lettered three years

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School at 6 p.m.

Free coaches clinic set

HANNIBAL - The Switzerland of Ohio Coaches

The event is free and will include featured speak-

Clinic will be held Monday, March 17 at River High

Football Coaches Hall of fame this summer; Kristy

Newman who is in her sixth year as head women's

volleyball coach at Marietta College and Bob Cain, a

member of the Ohio High School Golf Coaches Hall

for River High School

In wrestling, the Wild-starting at linebacker pn - the last two as a start-In track, his best shot er, for the Mountaineers.

He was selected a 3rd win the Brooke Relays, Team All-American as a three years as a quarter- football, he earned 1st cord of 55-4. He placed sociated Press and also to be the "face" of 2nd in the OVAC meet was awarded the Meisel School" center, 1st Team and the state Class AAA Award for top academ-SCHUL- All-OVAC Class AAA, meet with a 52-2 toss. ic WVU senior football TZE, Wheeling (Class and 2nd Team All-State He earned All-Valley player. He played on of 1969) — He was an largest Class AAA. Track honors from the three teams coached by College Football Hall of He received a football Famer Bobby Bowden

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Baseball's first Gen

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Ask Skenes if he wa

to LSU.

It's a lot to take for someone who

crossover star.

"that st Besides, takes energy frankl Skenes said flatly.

Leading from the from Energy that at this sta of his career he fe ers John Kelley, who will be inducted into the Ohio would be better spent fining his repertoire a trying to lead the Pira out of a near-decade malaise. While Sker became an instant b office sensation from t moment he was called t Pittsburgh faded in la summer to a 76-86 fini:

There is a sense of 1 gency pulsing through Pirates City this sprir Perhaps because the clo



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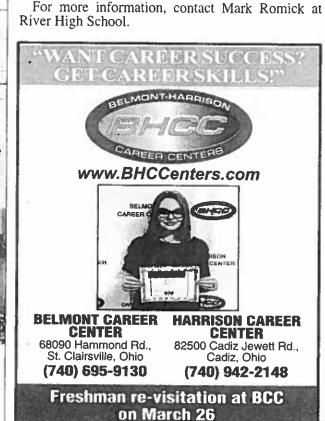
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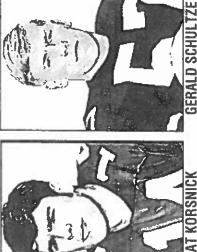
For the Sunday News-Register

level will be inducted into the Ohio Valley Athletic WHEELING-Two honored multi-sport high school athletes who performed at the college Division Conference Hall of Fame.

Korsnick of Wheeling Central and Gerald Schultze of Wheeling High. They will be honored at the 21st annual OVĂC Hall of Fame Banquet on August 9 at Selected from the Decade of the 1960's are Pat WesBanco Arena in Wheeling.

bolish from the 1990's; Martins Ferry's Clay Tucker and Beaver Local's Derek Wolfe from the 2000's.

PAT KORSNICK, Wheeling Central (Class of and Wheeling Park's Errin Baynes and Indian Creek's 1968) — One of the most honored football/baseball laire's Richie Mamie and Buckeye Local's Chet Pobolish from the 1990's; Martins Ferry's Clay Tucker Previously announced honorees include Bishop Donahue's Gary Fonner and Wintersville's Ernie St. Clairsville's Ann Osborne from the 1980's; Bel-Andria from the 1970's; Linsly's Heath Haynes and



PAT KORSNICK

Alex Young from the 2010's.

180-pounder earned a Division I football scholarship and played both football and baseball in college after being drafted for pro baseball out of high school.

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In MEC Tournament Otrs. West Liberty Stays Perfect

By KIM NORTH Staff Writer

WHEELING - The Mountain East Conference men's West Liberty has played in celebrating its 12th season. the semifinals every year. tournament basketball

Banco Arena, the top-seeded Friday night inside Wes-



Next Big Thing The Pirates Ace Will Be Baseball's Skenes Could

BRADENTON, Fla. (AP) - There Face It On His Terms are times when Paul Skenes. baseball's Next Big Thing. It happens randomly and without warning. The reigning National League Rookie of the Year ran into former New

22-year-old, can't escape Paul Skenes,

guarded their privacy, lending them an air of mystique.

Baseball appears to be in the midst of a resurgence. Skenes understands his popularity is a small part of it. Just don't expect him to start flooding social media - he doesn't even have an active TikTok account, although he's easy to find on MLB's feed — or popping up on your favorite podcast regularly.

Baseball's Next Big Thing is more intent on chasing greatness instead. Yes, fame is "cool." It's also not the

point.

"All we want to do is play the same game we've played since we were 3 or 4 years old," he said. "And all this other stuff comes with it, you kind of have to be built up to do that. Everybody chooses how to do it in their own way. That's very much how I am."

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As a senior, he completed 64 passes for 1,096 yards and 8 TDs and rushed 78 times for 403 yards and 20 TDs. He also kicked 11 PATs. As a junior, he passed for 790 yards and 11 TDs with no interceptions and rushed 66 times for 473 yards. In the title game vs. Madonna, he was 8-for-8 passing for 165 yards and two TDs.

In baseball, he earned 1st team, all-class All-State honors both as a junior and senior outfielder. He batted .480 as a junior and .458 as a senior. He was selected co-captain of the 1st All-Valley, all-class se-

lections by The Intelligencer as a senior.

He was drafted by the Cincinnati Reds after his senior season but opted for a football scholarship to Purdue University. He attended Purdue for a year before transferring to North Carolina State where he played football three years as a quarterback-punter and baseball as an outfielder.

GERALD SCHULTZE, Wheeling (Class of 1969) -- He was an All-Valley and All-State player in three sports and became an All-American football

center at West Virginia U.

At Wheeling High, he was a 6-foot, 200-pound football center-linebacker, a heavyweight wrestler, and track shot-putter. As a senior, in football, he earned 1st Team All-Valley "Big School" center, 1st Team All-OVAC Class AAA, and 2nd Team All-State largest Class AAA.

In wrestling, the Wildcats won the W.Va. oneclass state title his senior year as he placed 4th in the heavyweight division after being runner-up in the

OVAC Tournament.

In track, his best shot put was 54-5 3/4 to win the Brooke Relays, just shy of the OV record of 55-4. He placed 2nd in the OVAC meet and the state Class AAA meet with a 52-2 toss. He earned All-Valley Track honors from the News-Register.

He received a football grant-in-aid to West Virginia University. After starting at linebacker pn the WVU freshman team (frosh weren't eligible for varsity at the time), he was switched to center and lettered three years--the last two as a starter, for the Mountaineers.

He was selected a 3rd Team All-American as a senior center by The Associated Press and also was awarded the Meisel Award for top academic WVU senior football player. He played on three teams coached by College Football Hall of Famer Bobby Bowden with records of 8-3, 7-4 and 8-4.



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Fonner, Andria Selected From 1970s For Upcoming OVAC Hall Of Fame Class

By BUBBA KAPRAL For The Sunday

WHEELING - Ine OVAC Hall of Fame Class of 2025 is adding a out as well as a former former basketball standfootball star from the de-

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Arena in Wheeling in clude Wheeling Park's Previous enshrines for Errin Baynes and Indian the 2025 HOF class in-

ville's Ann Osborne of Creek's Alex Young from 1990s; and St. Clairsthe decade of the 2010s; Martins Ferry's Clay Donahue's cal's Derek Wolfe from Tucker and Beaver Lothe decade of the 2000s; Buckeye Local's Chet Pobolish and Bellaire's Richie Mamie from the



Here's capsule look at St. Clairsville and Lins- the 1980s ly's Heath Haynes from

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er/pitcher. He had speed Please see OVAC, Page C2

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Red-Hot Shooting Sends Seminoles Over Hiland And Onto Regionals

Monroe Central Shoots Nearly 80 Percent In 54-33 Rout

By KIM NORTH Staff Writer

CAMBRIDGE - For the first time in program is headed to the regional tournament in boys bashistory, Monroe Central ketball.

shooting performance with a suffocating defense to rout Hiland, 54-33, 3) combined a blistering The Seminoles (22-Friday night for the Ohio



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sons with Wheeling U from 2019 to 2022, and mitted to building themis one of several members of the Miners' roster who have local ties.

is a selves because the jobs are such good jobs. They want to make sure that they lys. look good, and that's their priority, match against Sistersville the 880-relay team in inose more than the team, or more than winrtal ning aw

That's the one thing I've addressed that building. ing since day one," he continued. "Our staff, everybody's going to have pride in what nan they do at their job. But you can't be ley territorial. You've got to do what's best captain, and first-team was 26-4 and includnce for the team.'

What's best might be using multish- ple quarterbacks in a game. Rodriguez lys, has operated both ways. Marshall and lete of the Year in 1978. White became entrenched starters, but cks White and Bednarik shared the job for sed part of a season. When Rodriguez was ong offensive coordinator at Ole Miss, he ost used both Matt Corral and John Rhys J's Plumlee.

Whether Rodriguez employs more ght than one quarterback during his second sta stint in Morgantown remains to be seen, z's but he's confident that all of them can University. un- contribute if called upon.

"I hope I have three quarterbacks, or McMechen, is also an his sophomore season. hat four quarterbacks, that are good enough me to win with," he said. "That'll give me has won several local am- stage in his junior seaa comfortable feeling that we can do ble anything we want. We're not worried about, oh gosh, we can't run that (play) go- because he might get hurt. There goes of 1975) - Andria was senior recruit and future the season.

the 'I think the mentality we have in that nen room, there's some really, really com-or petitive guys," he added, "and they're going to want to show what they can do, both in practice and obviously in the game."

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accomplished golfer. He He really entered the big ateur golf tournaments.

ERNIE Wintersville three-sport standout All-American football - for the Golden Ward, and this perfor-Warriors. Not only did he mance caused a recruitearn letters in each sport ing boom for Andria's all three years, but he also was named captain for each as a senior.

At 6-3, 250 pounds, he awards are staggering.

Wrestling was another successful endeavor as he competed as a heavy-All-West Virginia Class ed a fourth-place finish by Scholastic Magazini Tournament. sustaining an injury in Fonner his junior season, he acwas selected by The In- cumulated more than 50

letes of the 20th Century, ticket, however, as he exthe only Bishop Dona- celled for OVAC Hall of 1975 Upper Ohio Valley hue athlete selected. He Fame Coach Robert Kettlewell at Wintersville.

Andria was a domi-Fonner, a resident of a starter from day one of son, however. In a game **ANDRIA**, against Dayton Patterson. (Class he dominated Ohio State wrestling, track and and NFL player Chris services.

His Golden Warrior accomplishments

They include: 1974 Ohio Class AAA All-State 1st Team offensive 49 points in a memorable relay and even anchored guard selection; 1974 As sociated Press All-East ern District Class AAA 1st Team/Lineman of the Year: 1974 All-OVA@ 1st Team; 1974 All-Val OVAC captain, All-Val-weight and won numerous ley 1st Team/Co-Capley 'Small School' titles. His senior record tain; 1974 High School All-American -The Schoolboy Top 10 Although Players: 1975 OVAC All-Star Game Select tion/Ohio Team Captain; 1975 Ohio North-South All-Star Game selec Football was his meal tion; 1975 Wintersville H.S. Top Athlete Award Dapper Dan High School Special Honoree.

He had multiple Divi nant interior lineman and sion I scholarship offers and picked The Ohio State University over WVU and others.

At Ohio State, he was four-year letterman and a two-year starter as guard. As a senior, And dria earned second teams lineman UPI All-Big Ten honors while OSU went 11-0 in the 1979 regular sea son to win the Big Ten Conference and bowed to USC, 17-16, in the 1980 Rose Bowl.

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Andria's fine colleg career enabled him to in a free agent contract wit the Houston Oilers. Ur. fortunately, an injury of the first day of trainin camp ended his profes sional hopes. He is no retired from the Wortl ington (Ohio) Publ Schools.

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ket for two of his 14 points during the first half of Friday night's Ohio Division Vi Boys Basketball Eastern MONROE CENTRAL'S Chase Allen skies to the bas-District Championship Game in Cambridge.

ner at 5:30 p.m. at Ohio Dominican University in Columbus. executed our game plan and really limited what they wanted to do." snots. Detensively, we

Central, See DISTRICT, Page C2 Monroe

is flanked by his father, Edgar, and mother, Mindi, as he signs his NCAA Letter-of-Intent Friday morning to attend Wheeling University where he will continue his academic and athletic careers as a member of the football program.

Fonner, Andria tapped to represent '70s in hall of fame

By BUBBA KAPRAL

For The Times Leader

football star from the decade WHEELING - The OVAC Hall of Fame Class of 2025 standout as well as a former is adding a former basketball of the 1970s.

at WesBanco Arena in Wheelnie Andria are the latest selections to the conference shrine. They will be formally inducted Fonner and Wintersville's Er-Bishop Donahue's

Creek's Alex Wheeling Park's Errin Baynes Previous enshrines for the include class ing in August. HOF Indian

Ann Osborne of St. Clairsville



ANDRIA FONNER GARY

ERNIE

Tucker and Beaver Local's of the 2000s; Buckeye Lo-Young from the decade of the 2010s; Martins Ferry's Clay Derek Wolfe from the decade cal's Chet Pobolish and Bellaire's Richie Mamie from the 1990s; and St. Clairsville's

from the 1980s

Here's capsule look at the heads. 1970s:

gifted and entertaining athlete GARY FONNER, Bishop Fonnner was perhaps the most to ever grace the halls of Bish-Donahue (Class of 1978) – op Donahue.

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points in two years, averaging points in one game, still a Marshall County high school scor-Sistersville at the Wheeling Civic Center. still the record 33.4 ppg as a senior, along with 13 rebounds, five assists and four steals. He scored 55 ing record, and had 49 points in a memorable match against for that building.

He was named All-OVAC School' captain, and first-team All-Valley Small captain,

OVAC Athlete of the Year in He was also named the 1978.

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plished golfer. He has won Mechen, is also an accomlocal tournaments. several

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with second season on horizon Wheeling Miners thinking big

By NICK HENTHORN Sports Editor

Last year, the Wheeling Miners aunched their franchise, in the Ohio Valley's sports won a league championship, and carved out a spot WHEELING

On the to-do list for the with their season opener on Miners this time around, landscape.

Make a sequel that tops the original.

the horizon?

The Wheeling Miners'

on March 10 inside their higher gear. homebase, WesBanco Are- "The biggest thing is gona, against the Colorado ing to be the competition second season kicks off ready to kick things into a Spartans.

The Spartans are part of National Arena League, a the Miners' new league, the change in scenery that certainly counts as one of the top angles of interest for Wheeling, who moved to the NAL after dominating the AAL2 last year.

After going undefeated and rarely challenged last year, the Miners are

the board," Wheeling Miners head coach Josh Resiglevel from the teams, across nalo said.

the league, counting ourselves. Opening against Colorado, they're in their "We have nine teams in second season in the NAL. they have an experienced selves. coach.

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Photo by NICK HENTHORN THE WHEELING Miners' Grant Russell throws a pass during the Miners' AAL2 league championship game last season.

District

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Center at Ohio University in Athens between No. 2 Seaman North Adams The Southeast Disbe played Sunday at 2 inside the Convocation trict championship will and No. 11 Peebles.

Deadlocked at 10 after four lead changes, Monroc Central scored the opening quarter and 23 of the next 30 for a com-. 33-17, halffinal seven points of the time lead. manding

its six shots in the third

It would never be threatened.

with it." Lang said.
"Hopefully, we just keep a it rolling." play when you're ahead and I think we just ran "It's always easier to

another timeout.

Trailing 10-7. Cooper Howell buried a three from the right wing that ignited the Seminoles. with a bonus goal from four points of the first Čaedyn Silva followed the top of the key and Monroe Central never ooked back as Chance Allen scored the final

of the floor.

ond quarter with a basket and Corbin Farnsworth from the right wing that eight minutes.
"Allen started the secfollowed that with a triple

Hawks to one-and-done for the most part as it led five rebounds as Monroe Central limited the forced veteran Hiland head coach Mark Schlabach to call a 30-second The lead was 25-15

boards, especially on the defensive end," Lang "I think Tucker and Cooper controlled 27-18 off the glass. noted. closing minutes of the second quarter pushed the margin to 33-17 at before an 8-0 spurt in the the break as Allen had

for Hiland with 13, far Nick Wigton was the lone double-digit scorer below his season averled the twine on all of Monroe Central tick-

eight of his team-high 14

points in the quarter.

did a really good job," Lang praised. "Chance has a lot of length that age. "Chance defended him made it tough for Wigton The 6-5 Allen relished muscled his way around most of the night and he to shoot over top of him. I'm really proud of him." before canning a fall-away jumper from the the margin to 43-21 and forced the Hawks into the paint for two buckets left baseline that bumped quarter as Tucker Howell

stop him we had a good (chance at winning, he related said. "He's their big a scorer, but we did a job s "We knew if we could on him tonight. That was the key." the role of stopper. second half, the Semimite at the opposite end noles defense was dyna-Despite turning the ball over 13 times in the percent shooting (14-49) They held Hiland to 28

three-point range. This will be the third Silva added 12 points time a Monroe Cenreached the regionals as ished with 18 turnovers, tral basketball team has Monroe Central fin-Troy Baker has led the Lady Seminoles there in for the game, including Monroe Central fin-7-for-26 in the second ished with 18 turnovers, half and 3-for-17 from seven more than Hiland. - including four free throws - and Tucker Howell finished with 11. Cooper Howell and Farn-

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Wheeling Nailers take down Adirondack Thunder 3-1 up a 3-1 victory in the

Wheeling Nailers fans weekend opener against had plenty of celebrating the Adirondack Thunder. na, as their team picked notched the to do at WesBanco Are-

Collin eventual Chrystopher

well as an assist, and goalie Sergei Murashov turned aside 24 of 25 game-winning goal

shots

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Mykel is well aware that for granted. We looked when one door closes an, at his initial se a humn to question those things, taken any Mykel is well aware that "It stinks." Hayes said of the innirv

opportunity We looked

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Osborne, Haynes Selected From 1980s To 2025 OVAC Hall Of Fame Class

By BUBBA KAPRAL News-Register

with the addition of a pair OVAC Hall of Fame Class of 2025 continues to grow of athletic standouts from the decade of the 1980s.

mally inducted at Wes-School product Ann Os-They will be for-Haynes are the latest additions to the conference Banco Arena in Wheeling Clairsville High borne and Linsly's Heath in August. shrine.

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HEATH HAYNES

ANN OSBORNE

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Clairsville (Class of 1984)

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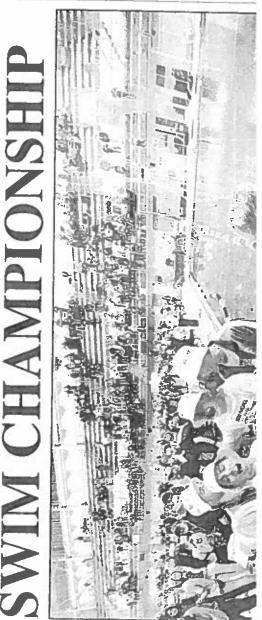
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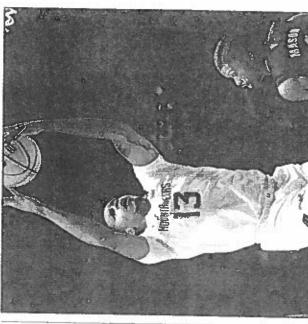
Hall of Fame (2006) and where she was a three-District 12 Basketball Hall of Fame (2013) inductee. Osborne's talents also extended to the tennis count time OVAC champion in singles. nardwood, including be-Ohio Valley Athletic Conng named a four-time allfirst team the other three years). She was also a twoime first team All-Eastern ference selection (second

collegiate level, becoming a four-year letterwinner at Osborne continued her superb hoop play at the Ohio Wesleyan Universi-District and All-District At the state level, she then was named second mention as a junior and received All-Ohio special

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tion finals (of the takes - they're competieaststroke and the tors," she said. "We were ackstroke, respec- hoping we would keep ridswam their best ing the momentum from Thursday - Owen Guth- second-place finish in the every single girl in OVACs and regionals, and rie in the 50 freestyle 100 backstroke, dropping ond day hit a per- they just kept wanting it. (20.69) and also the 100 nearly 2 seconds in the ficord. I couldn't be Every time we hit a mile- freestyle, with a new state nals for a 1:02.16. Brooke roud of the effort stone we set new goals. e turned in to help ... My girls are just really hard workers and it shows.

Miller, who also finand 11th by Hess ished third Thursday in the those swims, it a phenomenal high school freestyle relay with a time at 1:48.81. The same fourhave been a far career not only with an in- of 3:13.72. outcome for the dividual and a state title but also by being named to the boys AAA title while the 3:59.97. final All-Tournament team.

BOYS

A tussle between two powerhouses year - finishing emerged Friday between powerhouse Bridgeport High School ligh School (El- and George Washington Is won the Class High School as the two hampionship and teams battled it out neare the girls overall ly until the end to decide n). Anchored by the boys' big school state vho won her first swimming championships. il state champi- However, the longer the 1 the 50 freestyle evening went, the more day, the team of distance the Indians of subrey and soph- Harrison County put on

The 6-9 Toppin has y nailed anoth- had four consecutive douiter, hit a couple ble-doubles heading into hrows and then the game, in which he's 1 the paint that averaged 27 points and Mountaineers 12.8 rebounds per game.

He had 41 points in a double-overtime win to be more con- against Arizona State and nd play my role followed that up with 32 points against Oklahoma ontribute to the State.

Texas Tech is coming ebounds were into the game after a loss, WVU has spent a 69-66 shocker on the portion of Big road against TCU, but the getting beat on Red Raiders are 13-2 this s. Against Cin- season inside United Su-WVŪ finished permarkets Arena.

If the Mountaineers lansberry's 13 are to pull off a shocker were offensive of their own, it will likely have something to do leads the Moun- with Hansberry being the today's best version of himself.

"We have to stay g team in the poised, stay together, Hansberry "We said. rry will like- know what we have to do tched up with to win in these situations. f. Toppin, who We've been there before. a hard push for We let a few of them slin

an Hess and Adah over the final three events. It marks the boys third in the Class AA/A field. "They've got what it team title and first since 2019.

to a title in the 200 free- the 100 back at 1:05.37. style relay - also a new state record at 1:27.41 =

boys small school award went to Elkins as well. Wyatt Jefferson finished That means aside from a solid second in the 100 John Marshall, Bridge- breaststroke at 1:01.35.

LOCAL SWIMMERS

Wheeling Park's Molly The Indians captured George had a strong end two individual titles on to her junior season with a record in the 100 at 45.16. High School's Kiersten

some finished seventh in ninth at 1:53.00. Bridgeport captured the the 400 freestyle relay at

John Marshall junior

stroke (55.72). The boys 200 freestyle relay of Ronan Maxwell, Brady Beihl, Jacob Walters and Brady Bowie finished 12th. The 400 freestyle relay (Malachi Smith, Walters, Bowie and Parker) finished seventh.

Wheeling Central's On Friday, the team swam Harvath finished fifth in Alex Mihalovich finished eighth in the 500 freestyle Brooke's 200 free relay (5:10.8) while the Central team of Harvath, Lindsey girls 200 free relay team and then added yet anoth- Kettler, Lyla Horvath and of Ally Jefferson, Rylee ed valuable points. 100 freestyle, closed out er state record in the 400 Faith Farrell finished fifth Ondrejko, Gracee Humpee and Ellie Manning finished

> In team scoring for the boys. Wheeling Park finished eighth in Class AAA. For the girls, Brooke High School finished a solid

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At Ohio Wesleyan, Osborne was a can Legion State Tournament while helpference pick in women's basketball. She that summer with an 8-2 mound mark. set OWU's career assists record. A firstteam All-NCAC selection as a senior, during his senior campaign at Linsly she ranked eighth in the league in scoring (13.8/game), fourth in assists (4.0/game) and fifth in free-throw percentage (.704).

She finished her career as OWU's career scoring (1398) and rebounding (518) lists.

Osborne also lettered three years in tennis and was a third-team GTE Academic All-America selection as a senior. Hall of Fame in 1993.

She spent 14 years in coaching at the college level, with stops at Fairfield (Conn.) and Marshall as an assistant; as head coach at Kenyon College; and as an assistant at Ohio Wesleyan and San Francisco State.

of 1987) - Haynes enjoyed a remarkable pitching career both on the prep and collegiate levels, including scripting a brilliant resume with the Cadets that included a 26-4 career pitching record with 287 strikeouts.

As a junior, Haynes was named Class 10-5 record with a 2.90 E.R.A. A All-State by the West Virginia Sports Valley Athletic Conference Player of the Astros. Year and an All-Valley co-captain.

four-time All-North Coast Athletic Con- ing Wheeling Post 1 capture the state tifle

Haynes was every bit as impressive when the Cadets won a third straight OVAC championship behind Haynes' two-hitter in the title contest.

He was named Class A All-State cap-In the end, Bridgeport all-time leader in assists (402) and free tain by the WV Sports Writers after gothrows (427) and ranked third on the ing a sparkling 9-1 with an 1.59 E.R.A. and 133 Ks in 70 1/3 innings. Haynes was again named the OVAC Player of the Year along with being selected captain of the All-Valley team.

The talented right-hander was tabbed She was inducted into the OWU Athletic West Virginia Legion Player of the Year, posting a 15-0 record for Post 1.

After graduating from the Leatherwood-based school. Haynes took his immense mound package to Western Kentucky University where he was a four-year standout for the Hilltoppers.

Haynes remains in the top 10 of nu-HEATH HAYNES, Linsly (Class merous pitching categories at WKU. His career totals included: 74 appearances, 49 games started, 325 innings pitched, 24 wins, 253 strikeouts and 12 complete games.

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After his stellar collegiate diamond ca-Writers. He went 12-1 for the Cadets that reer, Haynes signed as a free agent withspring with a miniscule ERA of 1.55. He the Montreal Expos in 1991. Haynes hurled a pair of no-hitters, including one briefly appeared in the majors in 1994 in an OVAC championship game, and for the Expos while also playing in the struck out 150 batters while fanning at minor leagues for the Oakland A's, Calleast 10 hitters in every game he pitched. ifornia Angels, Boston Red Sox, Colora-He was subsequently selected as the Ohio do Rockies, Florida Marlins and Houston

Haynes also played for the Valley Vi-His impressive mound craftsman- pers of the Western Baseball League and ship didn't end that spring. Haynes was the Wei Chuan Dragons of the Chinese named MVP of the West Virginia Ameri- Professional Baseball League.

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0-32) and sev-

Osborne, Hayes to represent '80s in OVAC Hall of Fame

By BUBBA KAPRAL For The Times Leader

addition of a pair of athletic continues to grow with the WHEELING - The OVAC Hall of Fame Class of 2025 standouts from the decade of the 1980s.

y's Heath Haynes are the latproduct Ann Osborne and Linsest additions to the conference St. Clairsville High School shrine.

ducted at WesBanco Arena in They will be formally in-Wheeling in August.

Wheeling Park's Errin Baynes Previous enshrines for the include: 2025 HOF class

HAYNES OSBORNE

Young from the decade of the fucker and Beaver Local's Derek Wolfe from the decade cal's Chet Pobolish and Bel-2010s; Martins Ferry's Clay of the 2000s and Buckeye Lolaire's Richie Mamie from the Creek's and Indian 1990s.

Here's a capsule look at the ern District and All-District 12 University. honorees for the decade of the first teamer.

ANN OSBORNE, St. Clairsville (Class of 1984) guard, poured in a whopping 1.697 points during her four that still stands as the school re-- Osborne, a multi-talented years at St. Clairsville, a mark cord today.

Osborné earned a host of accolades for her performance on the prep hardwood, including being named a four-time all-Ohio Valley Athletic Conference selection (second team as a freshman and first team the other three years). She was also a two-time first team All-East-

At the state level, she received All-Ohio special mention as a junior and then was named second team All-Ohio as a senior after averaging 20.5

points per game.

A St. Clairsville Athletic Hall of Fame (2006) and Fame (2013) inductee, Osthe tennis court where she was District 12 Basketball Hall of borne's talents also extended to a three-time OVAC champion in singles.

perb hoop play at the collegiate Osborne continued her sulevel, becoming a four-year letterwinner at Ohio Wesleyan

was a four-time All-North Coast Athletic Conference pick in women's basketball. She set first-team All-NCAC selection OWU's career assists record. A as a senior, she ranked eighth in the league in scoring (13.8/ game), fourth in assists (4.0/ game) and fifth in free-throw percentage (.704).

sists (402) and free throws (427) and ranked third on the She finished her career as OWU's all-time leader in ascareer scoring (1398) and rebounding (518) lists.

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TV deal after '25 season **ESPN and MLB to end**

LOS ANGELES (AP) - ESPN's coverage of Major League Baseball games - at least in its current form - will conclude at the end of the 2025 season.

morning that the network was opting out of the ball Commissioner Rob Manfred on Thursday final three years of its contract, two people said on condition of anonymity because because they ESPN chairman Jimmy Pitaro informed baseweren't authorized to discuss financial matters.

ESPN and MLB both made statements Thurs-

day night confirming the end of the deal.

There was a March I deadline for MLB and ESPN to opt out of the final three years of their contract. The sides agreed to a seven-year deal in 2021 that averaged \$550 million per season.

"We have had a Jong and mutually beneficial partnership with ESPN that dates back to its first "Unfortunately in recent years, we have seen ESPN scale back their baseball coverage and the sport's appeal or performance on their platform. Given that MLB provides strong viewer-MLB game in 1990," MLB said in a statement. investment in a way that is not consistent with ship, valuable demographics, and the exclusive



NEW YORK (AP) - The NHL

of the season

second half

season resumes with 14 games on Saturday and 10 more Sunday with every team in action at least once

this weekend coming out of the break for the massively successful 4

The puck drops for the playoffs on April 19. The league's 32 teams are

Nations Face-Off

AP Photo WASHINGTON CAPITALS left wing Alex Ovechkin celebrates after scoring his 767th NHL career goal in 2022.

"There's still a lot of hockey left

to be played," center Pierre-Luc Du-

bois of the Eastern Conference-lead

before the four-round race for the

Stanley Cup begins in earnest.

set to play in a total of 422 games

the March 7 trade deadline and var- freshed and ready to roll. Ovechkin's GR8 chase ing Washington Capitals said Fri-"Some teams their playoff

races will start with 18 games left and some will start with 10, but I

The Capitals captain in his 20th JO think the pace really goes up pretty

pursuit

Ovechkin's

Alex

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the 4 Nations are among the things a real impactful player for us in these to watch down the stretch. bery said. "He looks great. He's got The Capitals captain in his 20th tons of energy. It feels like he had season is 16 back of passing Gretz- a real wood break to be able to not Series game be-

ien the new 11-

spotlight on the happen with Nelson.

likely won't play until the and bruises from the deadline after surgery to tournament could reveal was a flurry of repair a sports hernia, but themselves as players get efore the 4 Na- he is also a player who, back to practice in the vith Colorado, like Nelson, could be a coming days.

out with the future makes it impos- voy and vegas. cets puts an even sible to know what will Theodore are definitely out for their respective Seattle's Yanni Gourde teams, and more bumps

il responsibility Apple and Roku. Ap- existing partner but rather built ESPN's in- ple pays \$85 million per to have our marquee regiding live events season for a Friday night ular season games, Home as we contin- package it has aired since Run Derby and Wild Card w our audience 2022, while Roku's deal playoff round on a new near, digital and for Sunday afternoon broadcast and/or streamatforms," ESPN games is worth \$10 mil- ing platform." statement. "As lion per year. been throughout ess, we remain his memo to owners that itive energy around the

exploring new "as of December 2024, sport has also led to sigerve MLB fans ESPN was available in nificant interest from r platforms be- 53.6M homes, down both traditional media from its peak of over companies and streaming has had the 100M homes in 2011 services who would like all four U.S. and 69M homes when to obtain rights to MLB fessional sports we struck the current getting deal in 2021," that is still lational Hockey a larger distribution pool the past two seasons that 1 2021. It will compared to Apple and he would like to see MLB verage of \$1.4 Roku.

"While ESPN has statement with the ed they would like to of a large percentage of its ins next season continue to have MLB an average of on their platform, particon per season on ularly in light of the upeal, which runs coming launch of their huge amount of content: .eague Baseball er) product, we do not the amount of content, I an average of think its beneficial for us think there will be some lion from Fox to accept a smaller deal local component but I million from to remain on a shrink- think the strategy needs to ports per year ing platform," Manfred be more national and our Is which expire wrote. "In order to best reach needs to be more position MLB to optimize national," he said during s still open to our rights going in to our a panel discussion last a deal with a next deal cycle, we be- September at the CNBC x ights fee after lieve it is not prudent to Boardroom's Game Plan als struck with devalue our rights with an event.

MLB also said in its While Manfred said in statement that "the posgames.'

> Manfred has said over take a more national approach to its rights instead games being on regional

sports networks.

"We're blessed with a DTC (direct-to-consum- 2,430 games. Because of

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Osborne also lettered three years in tennis and was a third-team GTE Academic All-America selection as a senior. She was inducted into the OWU Athletic Hall of ter going a sparkling 9-1 Fame in 1993.

head coach at Kenyon All-Valley team. College; and as an assistant at Ohio Wesleyan hander was tabbed West and San Francisco State.

Linsly (Class of 1987) record for Post 1. Haynes enjoyed a remarkable pitching career the Leatherwood-based both on the prep and col-school. Havnes took his legiate levels, including immense mound packscripting a brilliant re- age to Western Kentucky sume with the Cadets that University where he was included a 26-4 career a four-year standout for pitching record with 287 the Hilltoppers. strikeouts.

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Post 1 capture the state Houston Astros. title that summer with an 8-2 mound mark.

as impressive during his and the Wei Chuan Dragsenior campaign at Lins- ons of the Chinese Profesly when the Cadets won sional Baseball League.

a third straight OVAC championship behind Haynes' two-hitter in the title contest.

He was named Class A All-State captain by the WV Sports Writers afwith an 1.59 E.R.A. and She spent 14 years in 133 Ks in 70 1/3 innings. coaching at the college Haynes was again named level, with stops at Fair- the OVAC Player of the field (Conn.) and Mar- Year along with being shall as an assistant; as selected captain of the

> The talented Virginia Legion Player of **HAYNES**, the Year, posting a 15-0

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Haynes also played for the Valley Vipers of the Haynes was every bit Western Baseball League



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Mamie, Pobolish Set to Enter OVAC Hall of Fame As 90's Representatives

By DON CLEGG For the Sunday News-Register

WHEELING - Bellaire bolish have been chosen to High School's Chet Po-High School's Rich Marepresent the decade of the 1990s at the Ohio Valley induction, which will be held in August at Wesof Fame's Class of 2025 mic and Buckeye Local Banco Arena in Wheeling. Athletic Conference Hall

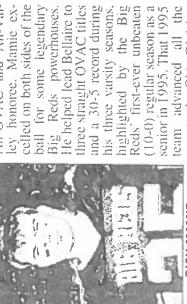
ing Park's Errin Baynes Hall of Fame's Class of 2025 were Wheelas members of the OVAC announced Previously

and Indian Creek's Alex Young, representing the decade of the 2010s. along with Martins Ferry's Clay Tucker and Bear ver Local's Derek Wolfe bers of this year's class 2000s. Additional memwill be announced by the hall of fame committee in from the decade of the the coming weeks.

Here's a look at the athletic careers of the 1990s Hall of Fame inductees:

of the all-time (Bellaire High School, RICH MAMIE Class of 1996) One

High athletics. Mamie ried history of Bellaire was a force to be reckoned CHET POBOLISH greats in the long and sto-



RICH MAMIE

ble-overtime decision to Versailles. during the mid-1990s. A 3-year football letterwith on the football field man and 2-time All-Ohio. diamond baseball 200

Mamie's name is all ley honoree. Mamie ex- over the Big Reds' football record book. Offensively, he set a school record with 282 career downs while averaging y. Mamie is the school's all-time tackle leader with points, scoring 36 touch-6.3 yards a carry from his fullback spot. Defensive-515 career stops - over 100 more than any other Bellaire gridder. He also ranks No. 1 on the school's single-game (29) and single-season (196) tackle lists. All-OVAC and All-Valway to the Ohio Division nearthreaking 50-44 dou-IV state championship game before dropping a

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Jets Claim OVAC 3A Third Place With Win Over Martins Ferry

By KIM NORTH Staff Writer

- In what could be a preview of next week's Ohio Division V second round and Martins Ferry didn't want to during the OVAC WVU Medicine postseason encounter, Union Local give away any secrets Friday night Class 3A Boys Basketball Championships third-place contest inside MORRISTOWN

The No. 4 Jets (16-6) built leads of 17 points twice in the third quar-





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multi-sport athlete, standing pitcher and short-stop for the Big Reds' baseball team. He was a AAA honoree as a junior Mamie was also an outfirst-team All-OVAC Class and senior in addition to first-team All-Eastern District honors.

baseball. He played both After graduating from Bellaire, Mamie took his ty in North Canton, Ohio talents to Walsh Universiwhere he earned a combined six letters in football and

sports his first two seasons at Walsh before focusing the diamond sport, where on baseball for his last two years. He was a two-time All-Conference selection in he also served as the Cavaliers' team captain. Mamie was inducted to the Bellaire High School Athletic Wall of Fame in 2006.

(Buckeye Local High School, Class of 1995) CHET POBOLISH

standout while playing for Ohio honors as a two-way Pobolish earned All-

at Buckeye Local High his father, Ron Pobolish, enjoy an outstanding play-School before going on to ing and coaching career at the collegiate level.

A fleet-footed running Chet Pobolish capped off a regular season and deep stellar high school career in style by helping lead Buckpostseason run as a senior back and defensive back, eye Local to an undefeated

Class AAAA and River After rolling to OVAC

Valley League titles, the Panthers - ranked No. 4 in the state - began carving a path through the Ohio Divibig wins set up a meeting of the unbeaten between Buckeye Local's dream season came up one win out a 17-6 win to end a sion II state playoffs. Three the Panthers and Chardon. shy as Chardon muscled great run.

earning All-Ohio Division II, All-Eastern District and Pobolish swept nearly honor, straight year and being se-All-OVAC Class AAAA ected as an offensive captain for The Intelligencer's second every postseason honors for

seasons. All-Valley Team.

fore leaving to accept the head coaching position at Arkansas City (Kan.) High School. A successful 5-year run

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TRIP

In Tuesday's 73-69 we don't control that as started 108 games at loss against BYU, the much as we would like. Duke. There is another Cougars shot nearly 56% "For us, the control has talented freshman in Robto come from the defensive end. Ultimately, we can't make the ball go into the basket. Sometimes we don't. I know what we can control on the other hit them, sometimes we end of the floor." TCU shot exactly 50% in the second half in a five-point win. Kansas State shot 53% in the first half and jumped out to a The most disappointing in the second half.

And so, the Mountainlor facing a multitude of fense once again in decidcome down to WVU's deeers will travel to Baychallenges that will likely ing its fate. For star ing into the Coliseum and knocking down 61.5% of its attempts in the second half for a win in what was Arizona State walk-

(15-9,will be a major blemish against WVU's record this season.

"In the games we've lost, it's been our defense that's let us down," DeVries said by Zoom on Friday. "That's how we our defense is really solid are going to win, when

2021.

numbers tell you WVU's And that's the thing, the defense has been both. and disciplined."

ert Wright III, who leads the Bears in assists while game. There's also forward averaging 12.6 points per

only player in the ACC last season to average from Miami, who was the better than 15 points and nine rebounds per game. So, yeah, WVU's defense has a lot to focus on in this one.

Norchad Omier, a transfer

19-2 lead.

"They're very talent-ed offensively," DeVries said. "They've got so it and they put a lot of pressure on the rim from some challenges from that standpoint." many guys who can shoot create anywhere. They starters, Baylor 7-6) has simply with a six-game winning streak that dates back to WVU as of fate The Bears have a pro-

owned

season-ending knee inju-What the Bears lack is size, as center Josh Ojianwuna went down with a gone 10 straight games scoring at least 14 points. jected NBA lottery pick in freshman guard V.J. who has

in freshman guard Edgecombe, who

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"You try to not show too much and they don't want to show much, but you've still have a scoreboard and it is Derek is as competitive as I am and it seemingly was a tale of two quarters each," Delman added. "We had a good olugged in, so we want to win. I know first and third and they had a good second and fourth."

in the second period as the Purple Riders pulled to within 24-19 at the half. quarter gave them a 15-point, 46-31, advantage after one quarter. However, the Jets would only score four points Martins Ferry led 9-3 before Union Local went on a 17-2 run for a 20-11 An 18-4 spurt by the hosts in the third

margin entering the fourth quarter. That's a tough spot to be in," Delman said of the 15-point advantage going into the final eight minutes. "I was disappointed in the way we took care of the ball and shot free throws. We usually shoot better than that. We've got to

championship squads. He spent the 2017 season as at Southeastern Louisiana followed with Pobolish serving as offensive coordinator and assistant head Missouri Western State be-Oklahoma State. He spent the 2022 seafore a 4-year stint as head Southland offensive coach coach After graduating from Division II Emporia State ish headed west to NCAA (Kan.). A 4-year letterman and 3-year captain, Pobolpose yards (4,655). Pobolish stayed at Emish was a 4-time All-MIAA selection and finished his school's Top 5 in receiving yards (2,595) and all-purcareer ranked among the Buckeye Local,

back-to-back Conference at Southwestern

coordinator

poria State as an assistant Statesmen to four Gulf playoff appearances in five (Miss.) as an assistant in South titles and NCAA coach from 1999-2006. He moved to Delta State 2007 and helped lead the

sity, helping lead the Ea-gles to an 8-2 record, be-

and offensive coordinator at Reinhardt (Ga.) Univer-

son as assistant head coach

paint and then buried a three-pointer Three free throws from Saunders and one by Logan Hess built the margin back to 56-50, but the Jets also misfired on four others that could have sealed the from the left corner for a 52-50 reading.

Mehl cashed in a pair at the 35.5-second mark and two more with 1.1 remaining after a Reese bucket. deal.

Reese, the 6-6 Youngstown State ers in the game with 25. He also charted 10 rebounds. Smith added 13 points. University football recruit, led all scor-

"I don't know if we played better tonight," Edwards said of Wednesday night's semi final blowout at Monroe Central. "But we competed better tonight. We are not in rhythm right now, but we've got a week to get ready for

Morgan next Saturday. That's where our minds are right

Saunders stuffed the scorebook and now."

would only score four points in the second period as the Purple Riders pulled to within 24-19 at the half.

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MARTINS FERRY'S Elijah Smith (13) shoots over top of Union Local's Bill Schumacher during their OVAC WVU Medicine Class 3A Boys Basketball Third-Fourth place game Friday night at Union Local High School.

Photo by KiM NORTH

going to titly times them, mistae and outside of the pool. I've known them for so many yearshate to see them go, it's bittersweet.

But for May and Lowe, one more meet is ahead.

"They're excited," Banks said

enter OVAC Hall of Fame for 2025 set Pobolish

For The Times Leader By DON CLEGG

duction, which will be held in Bellaire High School's Rich Mamie and Buckeye Local High School's Chet Pobolish have been chosen to represent the decade of the 1990s at the Ohio Val-Athletic Conference Hall of Fame's Class of 2025 in-August at WesBanco Arena in WHEELING Wheeling.

members of the OVAC Hall of Fame's Class of 2025 were Wheeling Park's Errin Baynes Alex Young, representing the decade announced Creek's Previously Indian

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Beaver Local's Derek Wolfe Additional members of this of the 2010s, along with Mar-tins Ferry's Clay Tucker and year's class will be announced by the hall of fame committee from the decade of the 2000s. in the coming weeks.

Here's a look at the athletic

RICH MAMIE

(Bellaire High School, Class of 1996)

the long and storied history of One of the all-time greats in Bellaire High athletics, Mamie on the football field and basewas a force to be reckoned with ball diamond during the mid-1990

A 3-year football letterman All Valley honoree. Mamie excelled on both 4e helped lead Bellaire to three endary Big Reds powerhouses. straight OVAC titles and a 30-5 sides of the ball for some leg-2-time All-Ohio. OVAC and and

der. He also ranks No. 1 on the single-season (196) tackle lists. A multi-sport athlete. Mamie er and shortstop for the Big school's single-game (29) and was also an outstanding pitch-Reds' baseball team. He was careers of the 1990s Hall of record during his three varsity than any other Bellaire grid-Fame inductees: seasons, highlighted by the Big der. He also ranks No, 1 on the a first-team All-OVAC Class AAA honoree as a junior and senior in addition to first-team All-Eastern District honors. vanced all the way to the Ohio Reds' first-ever unbeaten (10-0) regular season as a senior in 1995. That 1995 team ad-Division IV state championship game before dropping a heartbreaking 50-44 double-over-Mamie's name is all over the Big Reds' football record book. Offensively, he set a school record with 282 career points. time decision to Versailles.

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all-time tackle leader with 515 career stops - over 100 more

drawing stars Daytona 500 to Florida

- It's NASCAR's turn to throw its he hype. "The Great American DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) version of the Super Bowl and the Daytona 500 is trying hard to match Race" has Captain America coming, maybe even President Donald TUMP

"I think having a sitting president come and be a part of one of our popular driver. "It certainly brings a of of eyes and a different perspecbiggest days of the year is special." said Chase Elliott, NASCAR's most live to what we do down here for

cluding four-time Indianapolis 500 The field is stacked with stars, in-



AP Photo BUBBA WALLACE celebrates in Victory lane with his son, Becks Hayden, and his wife, Amanda Carter, after winning the first of two Daytona 500 qualifying auto races Thursday in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Castroneves drew a Friday crowd exposure as possible." Castroneves at the Wendy's concession stand said "When I was beeting Pulladorn

Dwight Howard among Carmelo Anthony and Hall of Fame finalists

- Carmelo Anthony and Dwight Howard are one step closer to going into the Basketball Hall of Fame. CISCO (AP)

If all goes well, they might get in twice.

Anthony and Howard were among the final-ists announced Friday by the Naismith Memorial Hall of Fame for enshrinement as part of the class of 2025. They both made it as individuals and for their roles on the 2008 U.S. Olymthe so-called "Redeem Team" that also is now pic team that won gold at the Beijing Games. one step from induction.

"I think any time you have an association with a group of people that come together for a common cause and good, you see a lot of good things happen," said Hall of Fame chairman lerry Colangelo, who also was managing director of the 2008 Olympic team.

"I've said some things about that experience

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son and 2017 Cup Series both races were run at of the yellow. champion Martin Truex Daytona. Jr., who unexpectedly lost ing the Daytona 500.

following it with a Day- ond qualifying race. Jones his sister, but they run in

tona 500 victory. Bill thought he finished first, the second-tier Xfinity torsports got the

He joins seven-time Elliott won the Clash and but NASCAR ruled Cin- Series, where Allgaier is champion Jimmie John- the 500 in 1987 when dric was ahead at the time a cornerstone driver for musician-sponsor (

Bubba Wallace of 23XI Toyotas are fast and Racing won his first race his father one day after he would be undefeated in at Daytona in the first his last in 2015. He figannounced he was enter- the Cup Series at Day- Thursday qualifying race, tona this week had a late and Justin Allgaier earned There is no clear favor- caution flag not flown as an open entry that brought ite, but Elliott will try to Erik Jones raced Austin Hall of Famer Dale Earn- how much I missed this mance. It was the join his father in winning Cindric to the finish line hardt Jr. to tears. He owns race until you come back Grammy of his caree the exhibition Clash and in Thursday night's sec- JR Motorsports alongside to it," Allgaier said. The start of the

the team. He's the reigning Xfinity champion and his whiskey label a ran two Daytona 500s. ured he'd never again get the Daytona 500 fres the chance.

"I don't think I realized best country solo pe

portunity to try be Stapleton, who wa stock car in the Day 500. Stapleton will a winning the Gramm

Allgaier and JR Mo- has been moved up

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the Bellaire High School season came up one win five seasons. 2006.

CHET POBOLISH

(Buckeye Local High School, Class of 1995)

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reer in style by helping man and 3-year captain, as a senior in 1994.

After rolling to OVAC 5 He played both sports Class AAAA and River (2,595) and all-purpose his first two seasons at Valley League titles, the yards (4,655). Walsh before focusing on Panthers - ranked No. All-Conference selection the Ohio Division II state in the diamond sport, playoffs. Three big wins where he also served as set up a meeting of the the Cavaliers' team cap- unbeaten between the Panthers and Chardon. Mamie was inducted to Buckeye Local's dream Athletic Wall of Fame in shy as Chardon muscled great run.

Pobolish swept nearly every postseason honearning Ohio honors as a two-way Division II, All-Eastern Southland standout while playing District and All-OVAC bolish, at Buckeye Local the second straight year ing playing and coaching Intelligencer's All-Valley

After graduating from back and defensive back, headed west to NCAA Chet Pobolish capped off Division II Emporia State a stellar high school ca- (Kan.). A 4-year letterin receiving yards

Pobolish stayed at Embaseball for his last two 4 in the state - began poria State as an assistant Azzi was part of the team team. years. He was a two-time carving a path through coach from 1999-2006. that won gold at Atlanta He moved to Delta State in 1996. (Miss.) as an assistant in

out a 17-6 win to end a at Southeastern Louisiana were, it's a real tribute 40 years ago and I ta dinator and assistant head in particular," Colangelo my hero." All-Ohio coach on back-to-back Conference championship squads. He as picked by the North Arison is also a fir Class AAAA honors for spent the 2017 season as American offensive coordinator at were High School before going and being selected as an Missouri Western State coach Billy Donovan (a ward by the Contribu offensive captain for The before a 4-year stint as two-time NCAA cham- Committee, as was I head coach at Southwest- pion coach at Florida); time Maccabi Tel ern Oklahoma State.

A fleet-footed running Buckeye Local, Pobolish season as assistant head (Ga.) University, helping lead the Eagles to an 8-2 lead Buckeye Local to an Pobolish was a 4-time record, before leaving to in upstate New York to undefeated regular season All-MIAA selection and accept the head coaching and deep postseason run finished his career ranked position at Arkansas City in 1981 and 1986. among the school's Top (Kan.) High School.

Finalists

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Bird won five Olympic Steve golds, Fowles won four, played or Moore won two, and national

"You look at the ac- Coaching was second 2007 and helped lead the complishments for each He brought student Statesmen to four Gulf of them in terms of letes there to be South titles and NCAA championships, in terms cessful and his per South titles and NCAA championships, in terms playoff appearances in of winning gold, in terms of being the players they A successful 5-year run were for as long as they followed with Pobolish to the game of basketball him every single m serving as offensive coor- and women's basketball since I left Potsdam. said.

The other finalists general partner M Chicago Bulls Gonzaga coach Mark star Tal Brody. He spent the 2022 Few; retired NBA refseason as assistant head eree Danny Crawford; er," Heat President coach and offensive co-NBA legends Marques Riley, a 2008 Hal ordinator at Reinhardt Johnson and Buck Wil-Fame inductee, said liams; and Jerry Welsh Arison. "It's a family - who coached Potsdam ganization. NCAA Division III titles Committee put for

not really a coach," Babiarz, played on Welsh's I champior

"He's everybo mentor, a second fa ality, his character, way he's about fami mean, I played for

Miami Heat mana committee for enshrinement.

Arison was put

The Women's Vet Molly Bolin, who "I tell everybody he's the first player signe



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Tucker, Wolfe Representing 2000's For 2025 OVAC Hall Of Fame Class

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DEREK WOLFE

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records for technical falls in a career (47) and single world by winning four championships in the OVAC Tournament. He won the coveted Bierkortte Award, which is given to the OVAC Tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler as a senior. season (18). Ohio Tucker was a four-year letterman for the Purple Riders and finished his impressive 169-10 career record. Tucker never had a season in which he won He set the school record wins as a junior with 46. He broke onto the scene with a 42-win freshman campaign and followed that At the time of his gradvaunted career with an ewer than 38 matches. with 43 as a sophomore. single-season for

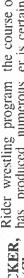
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With Utes Coming To Coliseur WVU Searching For Stability

It's as if the WVU men's denly become a flip of the basketball team has sud-By JUSTIN JACKSON For The Sunday coin within the Big 12. MORGANTOWN News-Register

If it lands heads, the Mountaineers have the ability to beat the likes of lowa State and Kansas, as well as Arizona in a nonconference matchup.

Those three schools





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He was also a four-time All-Ohio- tinued his wrestling career at Ohio II state tournaments. as a frosh and sixth-place as a senior. 14 as a senior.

En route to the state tournament.

district championships.

With his resume, accolades folearned all-OVAC four times and was the Wheeling News Register's Ohio Wrestler of the Year as a se- (Class of 2008) - This eventual Sunior. After his senior season, he took per Bowl champion defensive line- in 2012 with the 36th overall pick by part in the NHSCA Senior Nationals, man was a multi-sport star for the Denver Broncos. He played 10 finishing second at 140. By doing so, he became the first Purple Rider to earn All-American status.

Tucker also shined in football for the Purple Riders, earning three letters as a wide receiver and de-All-OVAC as a senior with more All-OVAC and All-Eastern District ries forced his retirement in 2022. than 500 yards receiving and five accolades. He finished his prep catouchdowns. He was part of a Purple reer with 205 tackles. Rider squad, which won the regional All-Star Football Game in 2005.

an, including a state championship University, lettering four times and at 130 pounds in 2004. He was compiling a career record of 71- the collegiate level and it was a decirunner-up in 2003 at 125 pounds. 66. He was fourth and third in the sion that paid off. He was a four-year Ohio Valley native Those trips to the title bouts were Mid-American Conference Tournasurrounded by a fourth-place finish ment during his career. He was 25-

Tucker also won four sectional and and served as head coach at Wheeling Park for three seasons from 2015-17. He had been an assistant lowed in bunches. Tucker competed for three seasons and then returned in the Eastern Ohio All-Star Meet, to the assistant's role after stepping down as the head coach.

> DEREK WOLFE, Beaver Local 19.5 sacks. Beavers during his prep career.

line position. During his senior sea-

After graduation, Tucker con- fifth in both the OVAC and Division football stadium facilities.

Wolfe opted to pursue football at regular for the Cincinnati Bearcats. As a senior, he was named Big East Co-Defensive Player of the Year and He entered the coaching ranks was listed on an astounding five, All-America teams. He ranked fifth in FBS with 1.65 tackles for loss per game. All told, he posted 21.5 tackles for loss and 9.5 sacks. In his career, with the Bearcats, Wolfe logged 162 tackles, 37 for loss and

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Wolfe has been honored by the ball court and sof er with 205 tackles.

Lou Holtz Upper Ohio Valley Hall field but throughout of Fame in 2016. He and former life," his daughter, (championship and played in the state wrestling mat for the Beavers. He high school teammate Jamin Pastore Holmes, said. "He semifinals. He played in the OVAC had a brilliant senior season, finish-donated \$1M to Beaver Local High such an advocate for ing with a 33-4 record. He finished School for upgrades to the school's dren in the classroom

Delande To Honor An O

By KIM NORTI Staff Writer COLUMBUS

receive the highest ! an Official can acl later this summer.

Dan Delande wil inducted into the High School Athletic sociation Officials Ha Fame during cereme on June 21 in Colun Sadly, the Shadyside ident passed away ducted posthumouslboth a baseball un

"Being inducted are so proud of my ther's accomplishme not only on the bas during sporting eve All throughout my li remember how much my father had educa the youth in his profes as a teacher/principal as an official in the sr

"This enshriner. into the OHSAA is s and I am certain my about his success," dad was a kind, well spected man, but du of those around him."

Bob Gabel, a fellow ficial and long-time fri of Delande, has b pushing for this morr for a long time.

"This is very wellented and caring. He to

WVU-

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"It's a huge game against Utah and we need to play well. If we don't, there's a pretty good chance of Josh Eilert, who spent last sea-

you're going to get beat." HARRIS' STATUS IN QUES-TION

WVU may be without the services of starting guard Sencire Har- with the Utes following DeVries' ris for today's game.

"We're not sure what his availability will be for the game," DeVries said.

teammate Toby Okani going after he was certainly willing to help. I a loose ball in the second half of was happy for him to get another Wednesday's loss against TCU and opportunity at Utah." fell to the ground.

"It certainly would have been his way up to assistant coach. great to have him available to finish out that game." De Vries said. head coach in June 2023, after the 12 following the season. "He's our best on-ball defender, school had attempted to find a fullhim on the floor in those situa- was unable to do so. tions would have been valuable, no question."

JOSH EILERT RETURNS

son as the interim head coach of makes it a unique road trip. WVU following the forced resignation of Bob Huggins.

hire last March.

"Josh was terrific and he was really helpful," DeVries said, "We Harris, the Mountaineers' top and he was incredibly helpful in on-ball defender, collided with the transition. Anything I needed,

He limped off the floor and town, beginning as a video coordi-missed the final 7:52 of the game. nator under Huggins and working two or three months from now."

have a lot of people to see and only next season.

a short period of time," DeVries The Utah game marks the return said. "You're only here for a couple of days. From that standpoint, it arena.

REDSHIRTING

DeVries announced earlier this an elite accomplishing Eilert signed on as an assistant week that his son, Tucker, would have surgery on his injured shoul- would be very proud der and would miss the rest of the continue to stay hun

"For him, he wanted to be a part added. "I always knew sat down and met for a long time of this group," Darian DeVries and he was incredibly helpful in said. "Ultimately, with the doctors, we couldn't get to that point and these last few more we had the surgery.

"Everything went well, and learned about the h that's great. From his standpoint, impact that he had on Eilert spent 17 years in Morgan- he's looking forward to getting back and being healthy again in

The school will apply for a medi-He was announced as the interim cal redshirt for Tucker with the Big

Darian DeVries also confirmed everybody knows that. Having time replacement for Huggins, but that guard Jayden Stone, who has served. Dan was one h yet to play this season, will take a of a character," Ga "I think the thing about it is you regular redshirt and could return said. "He was family

to-have-it modes, they have this ability to lock in and play their best football when it matters most. It's a champion-

That trait helps to explain why the Chiefs are nearly unbeatable in the postseason.

It also might be the biggest reason why they will beat the Philadelphia Eagles to complete a historic three peat.

champions carry a nine-game playoff ther proof that they seem to find another The two-time defending Super Bowl win streak into Sunday's matchup, furlevel when it matters the most.

that includes a come-from-behind Super Their most recent loss came against Cincinnati in the AFC title game in the 2021 season, a run of sustained success Bowl win over the Eagles just two years

cording to BetMGM, but rather a combination of factors on both sides of the ball and special teams that give them an advantage.

Chiefs offense

homes has won three Super Bowl rings and been the MVP in each of those There is a reason why Patrick Magames. When it comes to the playoffs, much like the rest of his team, the superstar quarterback takes his game to another level.

He has more support now than in past vears, too.

reem Hunt to Isiah Pacheco to make a In the backfield, the Chiefs added Kapotent one-two combination. They still have Travis Kelce demanding attention from opposing defenses.

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yards and led the Broncos to the Super Barkley has 2.447 yards (442 in the playoffs); Davis had 2,476 Bowl title. Broncos.

ley will hold the rushing record - and On Sunday, his 28th birthday, Barkhoist the Lombardi Trophy.

sensational play-maker - the Eagles did not have two years ago when they lost 35-33 to Kansas City in the Super Barkley is the singular difference-maker - the game-breaker and Bowl.

Barkley has steamrolled through the postseason and led the Eagles to Barkley isn't the only new face from 17 total wins, a division title and the last Super Bowl matchup creating NFC championship crown. He makes this version of the Eagles superior to the 2022 team and even better - so

Hurts is trying to become the fourth for 70 yards and three scores, and add cord, postseason included, set by Ter- for 70 yards and three scores, and addrell Davis in 1998 with the Denver ing a game-tying 2-point conversion.

quarterback to win the Super Bowl as a starting quarterback after losing his The Eagles also set an NFL record first Super Bowl start.

for most yards rushing in a season with 3,731 in the regular season and playoffs. The Eagles have a chance to down runs in a season. They have 39 heading into the Super Bowl – three shy of the mark they set in the 2022 break their own record for most touch-

season.

havoc on the field.

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OVAC to induct Super Bowl champ, wrestling standout

By SETH STASKEY For The Times Leader The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference is set to expand once again.

comprise the athlete selections from the decade of the 2000s A Super Bowl champion and a standout collegiate wrestler for the OVAC Hall of Fame Class of 2025.

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En route to the state tournament, Tucker also won four sectional and district championships.

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Steubenville Catholic Bellaire in 2nd half pulls away from

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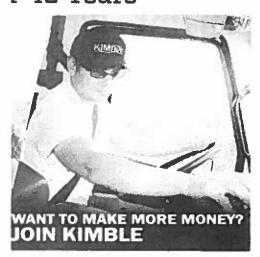


an advocate for children in the Delande to receive highest honor for a sports official

By KIM NORTH Staff Writer

classroom and during sporting events. All throughout my life. COLUMBUS — An Ohio I remember how much joy my

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imble family, started providing waste and , and Guernsey counties. In 2012, the Kimble ecycling and Disposal, Inc., Continuing their at a reasonable price.

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After his senior season, he took part in the NHS-CA Senior Nationals, finishing second at 140. By first Purple Rider to earn as a senior. All-American status.

Riders, earning three letters as a wide receiver and defensive back. He earned First-Team All-OVAC as a senior with more than 500 yards receiving and five touchdowns. He was part of a Purple Rider squad, which won the regional championship and played in the state semi-Game in 2005.

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Mid-American

Tucker also shined in ranks and served as head career with 205 tackles. football for the Purple coach at Wheeling Park coach.

DEREK WOLFE. Beaver Local (Class of football at the collegiate 2008) - This eventu- level and it was a decial Super Bowl champion sion that paid off. He was finals. He played in the defensive lineman was a four-year regular for the OVAC All-Star Football a multi-sport star for the Cincinnati Bearcats. As a Beavers during his prep senior, he was named Big

On the football field. career at Ohio Univer- Wolfe caused all sorts of sity, lettering four times problems for opposing

and compiling a career offenses from his defenrecord of 71-66. He was sive line position. During fourth and third in the his senior season. Wolfe Confer- recorded 78 tackles and ence Tournament during seven sacks en route to doing so, he became the his career. He was 25-14 All-Ohio, All-OVAC and All-Eastern District acco-He entered the coaching lades. He finished his prep

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He was a member of the Super Bowl 50 winning Broncos' team. Unfortunately, injuries forced his retirement in 2022.

Wolfe has been honored by the Lou Holtz Upper Ohio Valley Hall of Fame in 2016. He and former high school teammate Jamin Pastore donated \$1M to Beaver Local High School for upgrades to the school's football stadium facilities.



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OVAC Hall Of Fame Class Of 2025 Announces First Two Members

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Wheeling Park (Class of BAYNES, 2012) - Whether it was ketball court or track, this on the soccer field, basformer Patriot shined. cade of the 2010s: ERRIN of the Class of 2025, who ing shape. The first two members will be inducted during WesBanco Arena on Aug. 9 at WesBanco Arena in the annual ceremony at

made his biggest impact OVAC athlete to clear the however, where Baynes for the Patriots. A standcoveted 7-foot barrier as a It was in track and field, out in the high jump, Baynes was just the third sport standouts from the Creek's Alex Young are Wheeling, were multi-Wheeling Park's Errand Indian the first members to have their names announced

decade of the 2010s.

Baynes

ERRIN BAYNES prep athlete.

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campaign, undefeated in his specialty, consistent-

He finished that sea-His monumental jump Mars, Pa. when he soared over 7-foot, quarter inch. occurred during his se-nior season at a meet at

his senior season ranked second, nationally, in the high jump.

Actually, he was a multiple-time champion at both of those meets. He won three state championships in the high jump wasn't afraid to challenge the conference meet. He himself as proven by the after his junior season, placing and the same number at fact that he competed in the New Balance High third with a 6-8 clearance. School Nationals ly clearing 6-foot-8 and higher, which allowed

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both pionships. He finished ft-3 ½ and won the state championship 2011 and 2012.

state's midfielder of the First Team All-State and as a senior was named the captained the All-Valley Baynes shined on the soccer field for the Patriots. He was twice named year. He was also a threetime All-OVAC selection the year as a senior. He and conference player of team that season as well.

jumping skills came in handy during the winter Those aforementioned when Baynes was a standout on the basketball court.

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St. Clairsville Over Harrison Centra Clutch Free-Throw Shooting Lifts

By KIM NORTH Staff Writer

Senior Night on Friday, St. Clairsville celebrated but visiting Harrison Cen-CLAIRSVILLE

iral tried to spoil the fes-

just three players cracking the scorebook, knocked down all but one of 18 free throws in the second The Red Devils, with livities





final buzzer bounds.

ne ball on each ters. I thought ville. at tonight.

casions, includ- of its last 12. a times in the

iskies executed sive game plan and limited the ils to just one possession in ialf in building advantage, but v shooting carosts. airsville made

charity tosses tht, with Pastor -for-12 among points. Straub, e off the bench way with 22 ive rebounds blocked shots.

interesting part teams are nearcal in their team it both get there the chart. different styles of

less than 59 per

have a big who down the paint, ' said. "It makes it or us to get in the hey have athletic vho can guard on neter. I would say kind of similar to are able to guard on the court.'

Virginia's fullcause frustration.

out of bounds 18 points and nine re-night. Bryson Kamarec had a double-dou- a commanding, 41-22, alk a lot about ble with 15 points and advantage off the glass, his season. I 11 boards, while Brady but its 19 turnovers at kind of heart Hyre finished with 10 were a dozen more than t in that locker points and Reed Ar- St. Clairsville charted. ur guys really baugh added eight points St. Clairsville was 16 of nat tonight with and a like number of re- 45 from the floor. I they compet- bounds before fouling lk about taking out in the final minute.

n and execute third gut-check win of shots. high level for the week for St. Clairs-

ntest was dead- from East Liverpool and Marshall Field House in times and saw Steubenville in the last Moundsville to meet the exchange hands six days, but has won 11 Monarchs.

fourth er know what you are tonight.

Harrison Central held

Harrison Central had three more field goals The victory was the on the same amount of

The Red Devils are back in action tonight as It also survived tests they travel to the John

The Huskies return "Sometimes you nev- home to host Malvern

tory over the rival well ked out len to the Cougais inside Riders on Friday, fueled by R.L. Potts Gymnasium. a double-double effort from Grant Yost.

points and 10 rebounds for and Aiden Milhoan with the Bruins. Andrew Mur- seven. dock flirted with a double-double with eight points and seven rebounds.

East Liverpool 57. Wheeling Park 54

Friday against the Potters.

Park's Josh Huffman led Silver Knights. all scorers with 23 points,

East Liverpool.

Frontier 52, River 42

Peyton Blue led River with 10 points, followed by Yost finished with 14 Evan Longwell with eight

> (Late Thursday) GIRLS BASKETBALL John Marshall 66, Tyler Consolidated 43

KIDWELL - Rilee Storm WHEELING - The Pa- scored 21 points and dished triots were dealt a close loss out six assists as the Monarchs roared past the host

Nia Miller added 12 while Nate Simon tallied 14. points while Kalyn Reese Cohen Pease and Quintin had 11 points and six re-Conrad each scored 13 for bounds. Kaylee White finished with nine points and eight rebounds.

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championships and multiple trips his biggest mark. to the West Virginia State Tourna-

game his senior season.

ents to the University of Southern use on the track. California. He competed for the jump before injuries derailed his

ALEX YOUNG, Indian Creek senior season. (Class of 2013) - Earning Allimpressive. Doing it in four sports

honors put the finishing touches on mention All-Ohio. one of the most brilliant careers of history.

Young accumulated 12 letters back as a senior. during his prep career, but while

A three-year starter, Baynes shining in multiple sports, it was on downs, kicked 19 PATs, three field

As a senior, Baynes averaged ranks second all time in school hisout five assists a contest. He scored the most by any Redskin player. He a career-high of 38 points during a finished with 100 hits, 78 singles,

> He was twice named All-OVAC Ohio squad. He also played in the Mizuno All-Ohio Series after his

As a basketball player, Young Ohio acclaim in one sport is quite lettered three times and put up im-- in one school year - is simply off half of his junior season with an season. Young decided to join the That's exactly what this former tory in single-season scoring, third the district and regional title in the Redskin athlete did as a senior in single-season steals, 10th in ca- 400 meter dash and finished fifth teams average when he earned the state of Ohio's reer rebounds with 264 and fifth in in the Division II state meet, postbund 80 points a top honor in football, basketball, career steals. He was All-OVAC as ing an impressive time of 49.65. offense and both baseball and track and field. Those a senior and junior and honorable

receiver before shifting to quarter-

In his career, he scored 19 touch-bility.

helped lead Park to a pair of OVAC the baseball diamond where he left goals and had three, two-point conversions. He scored touchdowns as During his career with the a running back, receiver, kick re-Redskins, Young hit .415, which turner, punt returner and defensive back. As a senior, he accounted some 15 points a game and handed tory. He scored 96 runs, which is for 192 of the Redskins' 376 total points. Demonstrating his versatility, Young had a game, as a senior. 11 triples (school record) and he in which he rushed and passed for After high school, Baynes elect- swiped 62 bases (school record) to more than 100 yards and also added to take his track and field tal- showcase that speed he would later ed more than 100 yards in the return game.

He was All-OVAC as a senior Trojans for two seasons in the high in baseball and once on the All- and listed as the Third Team All-Ohio quarterback.

Arguably Young's greatest athletic achievement came during a three-week stretch in late May of 2013. After the Redskins were pressive numbers despite missing eliminated from the baseball postinjury. He ranks 10th in school his- track team. He proceeded to win

Young elected to pursue baseball at the collegiate level. He played On the football field, Young two seasons at Sinclair Junior Colany male athlete in Indian Creek's played early in his career at wide lege in Dayton before transferring to Grand Valley State in Michigan for his final two seasons of eligi-

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ir ability to put cord of 2,476 yards set in ating a sense of urgency his fourth season.

He became the ninth Bowl titles starting when and their viability in New game's top quarterbacks player to rush for 2,000 he joined San Francisco Orleans was in doubt fole ever, Manning needed to yards in a regular season, in 1994 as part of a ma- lowing the damage from look for a new home in ressure defense set an NFL record with jor spending spree. After Hurricane Katrina. But 2012 after a serious neck avoc. Oklahoma seven TD runs of at least winning four titles in the Brees helped solidify the injury forced him to miss nooses to guard 60 yards in the regular 1980s, the Niners lost to Saints long-term status by the previous season and nan in the half- season and playoffs and Dallas on back-to-back leading them to the NFC led the Colts to turn the needs 30 yards rushing to conference title games in title game in his first year team over to rookie An-'re elite, at times, break Terrell Davis' re- the 1992-93 seasons, cre- and the winning it all in drew Luck.

After a free agency

the second half – including a perfect 10-for-10 in the third quarter - in holding off a valthe hard-earned triiant upset bid by the Huskies, 57-54, on John Jenkins Court. With

seniors - who were all in the Clairsville's five starting lineup - ran their career win total to 54. unph. St.

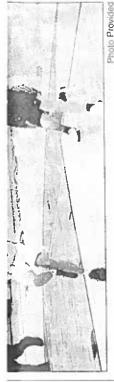
to give the hosts a 55-54 lead with 55.8 seconds remaining. Clifford immediately called timeout to set up his defensive

Harrison Central (5-12) – which led by 10, 37-27 early in the third quarter - was content to hold the ball for the strategy.

their credit, they knocked down the foul shots. scorer, tickled the twine twice

St. Clairsville (13-3) in-bounded the ball and Pastor was immediately fouled with 20.3 left to play. He calmly sank both shots as the lead grew to 57-54.

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BRIDGEPORT'S JALEEL Vincent goes in for a layup against the Shadyside Tigers during their game Friday.

OVAC Hall of Fame class announces first two members

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ple-time champion at both of afraid to challenge himself as peted in the New Balance High School Nationals after his juthose meets. He won three state championships in the high jump and the same number at the conference meet. He wasn't proven by the fact that he comnior season, placing third with

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the winter when Baynes was Baynes helped lead Park to a ing skills came in handy during a standout on the basketball court. A three-year starter. pair of OVAC championships and multiple trips to the West Those aforementioned jump-Virginia State Tournament.

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receives OATCCC award St. C's Darrin Wilson

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Clairsville High School coach recently received one of the most prestigious awards in his COLUMBUS

of Track and Cross Country Coaches 2024 Fred Dafler Career Girls Track State Coach of the Year Award last weekend Darrin Wilson was presented with the Ohio Association sport.



worth going to." He said there are four coaches Reno, Nev., so I didn't want to be gone from home on backto-back weekends, but it was selected for the award, one each in boy's and girls' track and

boy's and girl's cross country.
"They look more at your caand I knew that. Based on my reer achievements and accomplishments," he explained. "I was nominated for the award,

career nortfolio that I had eith.





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have liked it to be more night." celebratory for a while, We were lucky to survive locked 11 times and saw Huskies with 18 points tonight, but the goal, as it the lead exchange hands and nine rebounds. Bryson a commanding, 41-22, is before every game, was on 16 occasions, including Kamarec had a dou- advantage off the glass, to finish with one more seven times in the back- ble-double with 15 points but its 19 turnovers were point than our opponent." and-forth fourth quarter.

Foldi called a timeout sounded.

"We talk a lot about

that tonight with how hard off the bench led the way "These seniors have they competed. We talk with 22 points, five re-know what you are going been playing on this court about taking care of the bounds and four blocked to get on Senior Night," since they were in the ball on each possession shots. Brady Schafer, who Clifford admitted. "Even second and third grades," and executing at a high never came off the floor, though we beat East Liv-Clifford noted, "It was a level for four quarters. I had 20 points. good night, but we would thought we did that to-

at the 14.6 mark to devise the offensive game plan 10 points and Reed Ar- Clairsville was 16 of 45 a potential game-tying to a tee and limited the baugh added eight points from the floor. Harrison three-pointer, but Brady Red Devils to just one and a like number of re-Elliott's attempt from the shot per possession in bounds before fouling out field goals on the same left wing caromed off the the first half in building a rim and bounced out of 31-25 advantage, but free the hosts.

Our guys really showed points. Straub, who came last 12.

Elliott, who was sad- our most important game dled with foul troubles for was the next one and that The contest was dead- most of the game, led the was tonight. and 11 boards, while a dozen more than St. The Huskies executed Brady Hyre finished with Clairsville charted. St. and a like number of re- Central had three more in the final minute.

The victory was the bounds as the final buzzer throw shooting carried third gut-check win of the back in action tonight as St. Clairsville made 23 also survived tests from effort this season. I know of 27 charity tosses on the East Liverpool and Steuwhat kind of heart we've night, with Pastor going benville in the last six Monarchs. The Huskies got in that locker room. 11-for-12 among his 15 days, but has won 11 of its return home to host Mal-

"Sometimes you never erpool and Steubenville,

Harrison Central held amount of shots.

The Red Devils are week for St. Clairsville. It they travel to the John Marshall Field House in Moundsville to meet the

vern tonight.

Peyton Blue led R Evan Longwell with seven.

GIRL John Marshall KIDWELL - Ri dished out six assists host Silver Knights.

Nia Miller added 1 11 points and six re with nine points and

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Barkley posted or the most prolific sea ever for a running bac ter signing a \$37.75 lion, three-year cor in March. He became ninth player to rush 2,000 yards in a reg season, set an NFL re with seven TD runs least 60 yards in the ular season and play and needs 30 yards i ing to break Terrell vis' record of 2,476 y set in the 1998 season most ever in a sea playoffs included.

Here's a look at s of the most impactful

Reggie White, Pack The first major u 1993 season and he Young's build a powerhouse

> Deion Sanders, 49ers and Cowboy

Prime Time player in 1994 as part of a 1 jor spending spree. A winning four titles in 1980s, the Niners los Dallas on back-to-b conference title games the 1992-93 seasons, c ating a sense of urger

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a game and handed out history. five assists a contest. He his senior season.

track and field talents to mark. the University of Southrailed his career.

off the chart.

That's exactly what this

Young in multiple sports, it was steals, 10th in career re-quarterback. high school, on the baseball diamond bounds with 264 and fifth Baynes elected to take his where he left his biggest

ern California. He com- the Redskins, Young hit mention All-Ohio. peted for the Trojans for .415, which ranks second two seasons in the high all time in school histo- Young played early in his from the baseball post- nial contender. Green jump before injuries de- ry. He scored 96 runs, career at wide receiver season, Young decided ended a 10-year pla ALEX YOUNG, Indi- Redskin player. He fin- back as a senior. an Creek (Class of 2013) ished with 100 hits, 78 Earning All-Ohio singles, 11 triples (school 19 touchdowns, kicked the 400 meter dash and his third year and hel acclaim in one sport is record) and he swiped 62 19 PATs, three field finished fifth in the Di-lead the Packers to the quite impressive. Doing bases (school record) to goals and had three, two- vision II state meet, post- tle in his fourth seasor it in four sports - in one showcase that speed he point conversions. He ing an impressive time of school year - is simply would later use on the scored touchdowns as a 49.65.

put the finishing touches er, Young lettered three in which he rushed and eligibility.

on one of the most bril- times and put up impres- passed for more than agents on Super E season with an injury. He the return game. accumulated ranks 10th in school his-

which is the most by any before shifting to quarter- to join the track team. He drought in White's

running back, receiver, He was twice named kick returner, punt return- sue baseball at the colle- major part in two Su former Redskin athlete All-OVAC in baseball er and defensive back. As giate level. He played two Bowl titles starting w did as a senior when he and once on the All-Ohio a senior, he accounted for seasons at Sinclair Junior he joined San Franci earned the state of Ohio's squad. He also played in 192 of the Redskins' 376 College in Dayton before top honor in football, bas- the Mizuno All-Ohio Se- total points. Demonstrat- transferring to Grand Valketball, baseball and track ries after his senior season. ing his versatility, Young ley State in Michigan for and field. Those honors As a basketball play- had a game, as a senior, his final two seasons of

As a senior, Baynes liant careers of any male sive numbers despite 100 yards and also added champions over the averaged some 15 points athlete in Indian Creek's missing half of his junior more than 100 yards in three decades.

He was All-OVAC as scored a career-high of 12 letters during his prep tory in single-season scor- a senior and listed as the stricted free agent 38 points during a game career, but while shining ing, third in single-season Third Team All-Ohio Philadelphia before

> Arguably in career steals. He was greatest athletic achieve- Green Bay. White All-OVAC as a senior ment came during a the most dominant During his career with and junior and honorable three-week stretch in late fensive player for r May of 2013. After the of the 1990s and tur On the football field, Redskins were eliminated the Packers into a pe proceeded to win the dis- season, made it to In his career, he scored trict and regional title in conference title game

Young elected to pur-

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"Personally, when I complished in my tenure. state meet. I knew we had for notoriously inpati

Wilson has coached was putting together my From the state qualifiers been there a lot, but what owner Eddie DeBartole