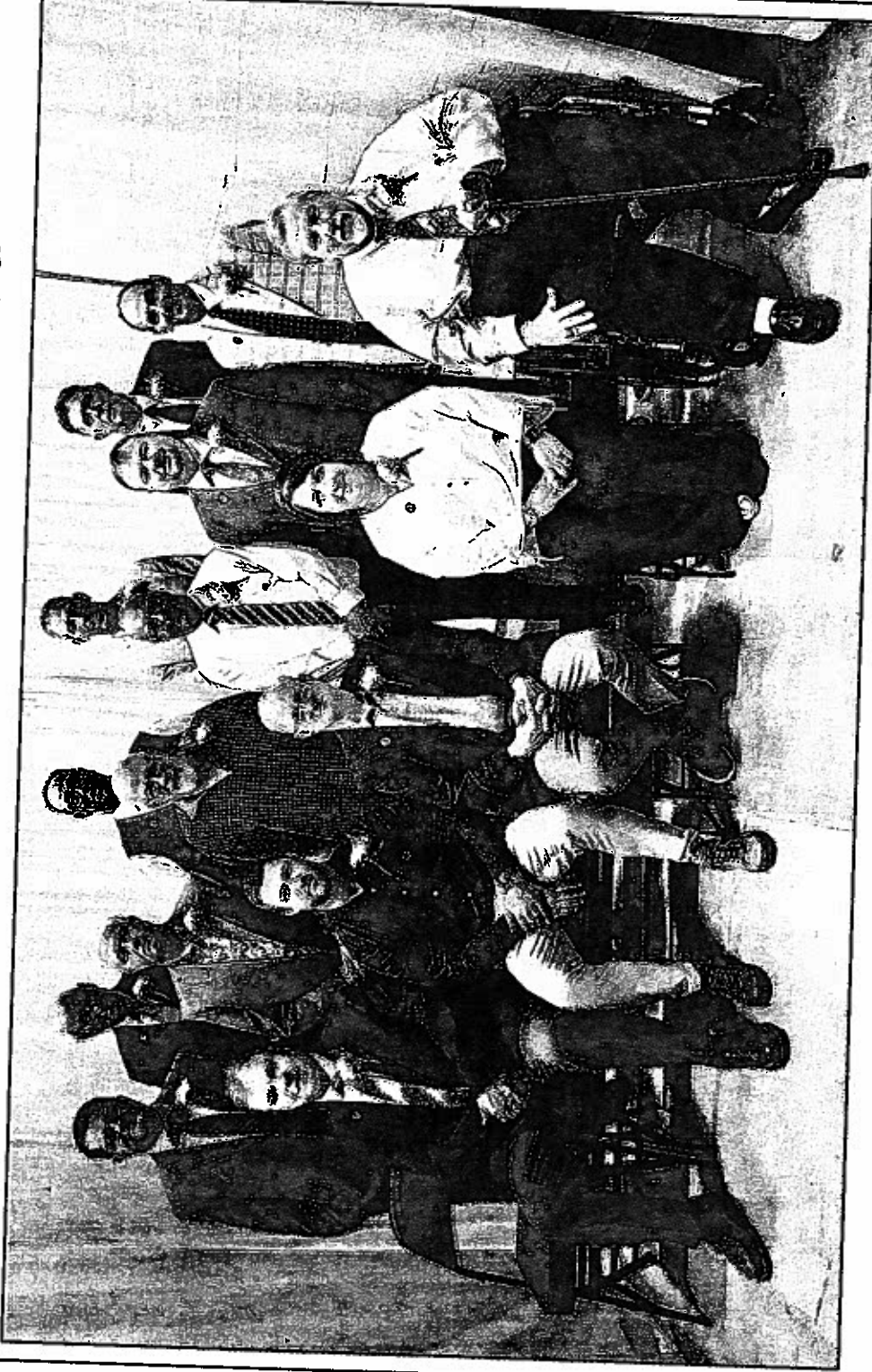


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high school football coach, Teddy Bridgewater can still sling it.

The well-traveled Bridgewater threw for a pair of first-quarter touchdowns in Tampa Bay's 17-14 preseason win over Pittsburgh on Saturday night, thrusting himself into the competition with Kyle Trask to be Baker Mayfield's backup in the process.

While Buccaneers coach Todd Bowles isn't quite ready to say whether there's

corner of the end zone that rookie first-round pick Emeka Egbuka pulled in with a sliding grab from his knees.

While Mayfield is firmly entrenched as the starter, Bridgewater 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 to No. 2 on the depth chart.

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AP Photo
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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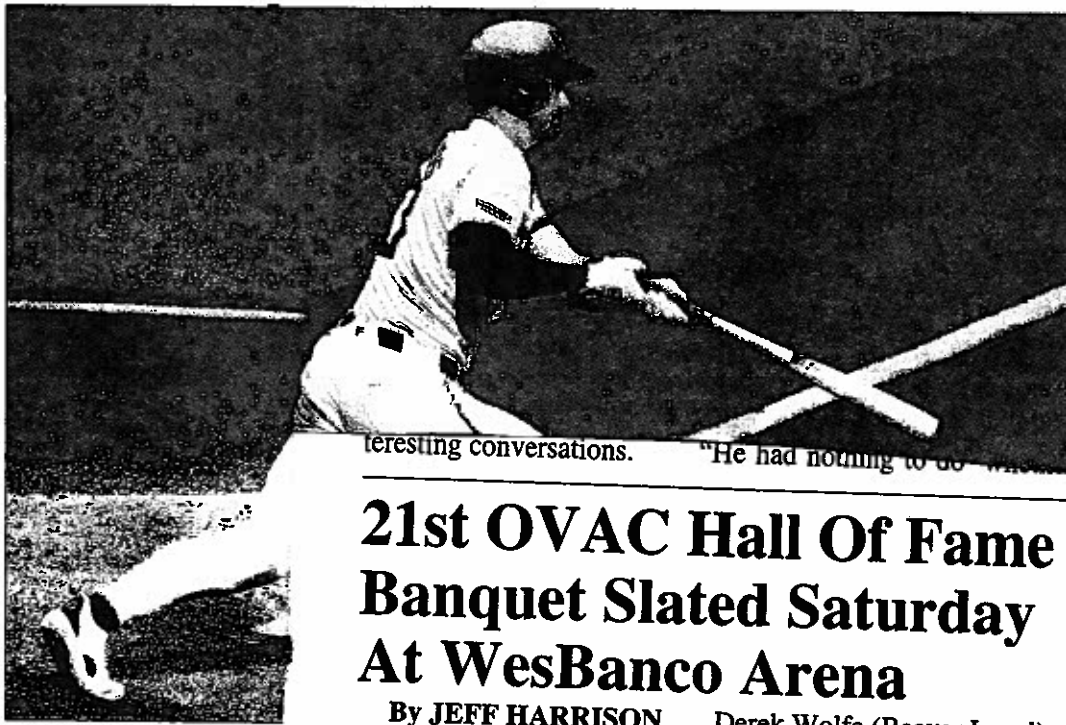
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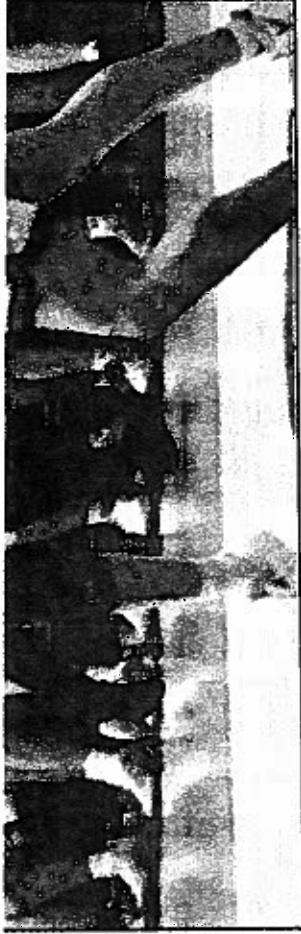
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"It means a lot, for sure," Sancomb said. "It's been a lot of time in the gym to get to this point in time. I still believe that I can improve on my game. There's some stuff that I can improve on my game for sure, but it feels really good to be recognized."

"I absolutely couldn't do it without my coaches and teammates. I mean, they have a lot of trust in me, rebounding, passing, scoring, whatever it is. I can really just trust my teammates because I know my team. All my teammates work hard and I mean, they don't get as much credit, but they do work very, very hard. To win a state championship, they were obviously a really big part of that."

Sancomb concludes his junior season averaging 25.8 points, 10.5 rebounds, 5.3 assists and



File Photo

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.

2.6 steals per game, and works his tail off," Stephens said. "You know, he's very good to begin with, but just a couple days after we got back from Charleston, he was back in a gym working on his game to get better. It's quite an honor for him."

"He fills the stat sheet up for sure - and a lot of that stuff goes unnoticed. A lot of people see how many points he scored and think that, you know, that's all he does. But he does so many other things

for us, as far as rebounding and getting the ball to other guys in positions where they can score. Really, as important as all that stuff is, it's probably his leadership ability that's most important. 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 better team just by being there."

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

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

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. "We shed a lot of tears. We had deep and meaningful relationships in Denton (Texas). That's something that was very important to us. There were probably only a handful of situations that we would have even considered."

"When that was over, she worked at JCPenney," Hodge said while

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Five To Be Honored As OVAC Legends In Upcoming Hall Of Fame Class

**By DOUG HUFF
For The Sunday
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WHEELING--Three high school athletes and two coaches will be honored in the Legends category of the OVAC Hall of Fame.

Selected for the honor at the 21st OVAC Hall of Fame Banquet at West Banco Arena in August will be athletes Jim Fryfo of Shenandoah, Larry

Handschumacher of Salem-Liberty, and John Kouski of Bridgeport plus coaches Paul Jackson of Parkersburg South and John Kelley of University.

Previously announced Hall of Fame honorees include 12 athletes, two coaches, two officials, one contributor and one OVAC family selection.

The athletes are Wheeling Park's Errin Baynes

and Indian Creek's Alex Young from the 2010's decade; Martins Ferry's Clay Tucker and Beaver Local's Derek Wolfe from 2000's; Bellaire's Richie Marnie and Buckeye Local's Chet Pobolish from 1990's; Linsly's Heath Haynes and St. Clairsville's Ann Osborne from 1980's; Bishop Donahue's Garry Fonner and Wintersville's Ernie Andria from 1970's; and

Wheeling Central's Pat Kornsick and Wheeling High's Gerald Schultze from the 1960's.

The honored coaches are Ron Pobolish and Craig Schneider. Dan Delande and Joe Hissom are the officials' picks; Steve Wojcik the Family Re the Contributor honoree.

Here's the Legends of OVAC Schools' selec-

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

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senior quarterback for a 7-3 record team. He also earned All-Southeastern Ohio honorable mention.

In basketball, the three-year regular guard helped the Zeps to a 17-1 regular season record, and 1902 overall, as a junior on the Mid-Ohio Valley League championship team which won the Class A sectional title.

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Ironmen's Offseason Ramping Up

By KIM NORTH

During the IFA Draft, which was



Monroe Central's Howell Named D-VI Player Of Year

The honors keep roll-

As a senior, he was All-MOVL and All-South-eastern Ohio plus honorable mention All-Ohio Class A.

In baseball, the four-year letterman capped a stellar senior season with a 10-1 pitching record and batted .348 on a 12-5 record team which repeated as East Central Ohio League champ. He was All-ECOL.

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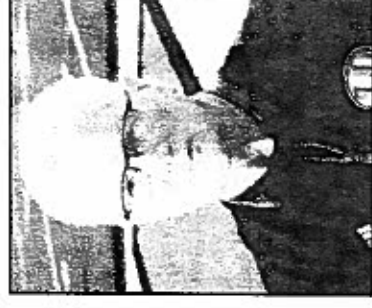
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Jake Neighbours scored twice and
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straight home win.

Bryan Rust, Rickard Rakell and
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and an assist and Connor Dewar
also scored for the Penguins. Tristan
Jarry made 14 saves as Pittsburgh
lost its fourth straight road contest.

Neighbours' second goal was
set up by Jimmy Snuggerud, who
earned his first career point in just
his second NHL game. Snuggerud,
a first round pick by the Blues in
the 2022 draft, was signed to an en-
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McGroarty tied the game for the
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with his first NHL goal.

Rust has five goals in his last sev-
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TAKEAWAYS

Penguins: Rust is one goal away
from his career high for a season
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point shy of matching his career
high for points in a season (58) set
in 2021-22.

Blues: Forward Dylan Holloway
left the game with a lower-body in-
jury did not return. Holloway has
26 goals and 37 assists in 77 games
this season.

KEY MOMENT

Kyrou drew a slashing penalty on
Pittsburgh's Kris Letang at the 1:28
mark of overtime. Thomas scored
44 seconds later.

UP NEXT

The Penguins travel to Dallas,
while the Blues host Colorado on
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SPORTS

Five to be honored as legends for OVAC Hall of Fame

By DOUG HUFF
For The Times Leader

WHEELING — Three high school athletes and two coaches will be honored in the Legends category of the OVAC Hall of Fame.

Selected for the honor at the 21st OVAC Hall of Fame Banquet at WesBanco Arena in August will be athletes Jim Fryfogle of Shenandoah, Larry Handschumacher of Salem-Liberty, and John Kouski of Bridgeport plus coaches Paul Jackson of Parkersburg South and John Kelley of University,

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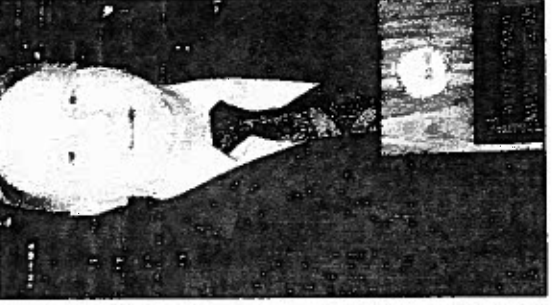
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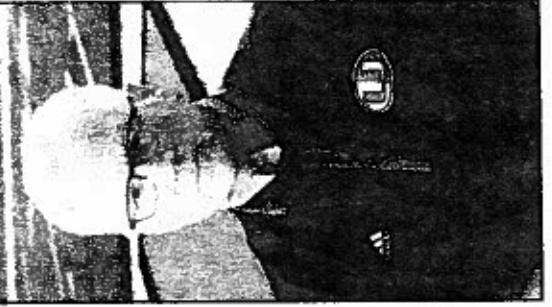
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Monroe Central's Tucker Howell is selected D-VI Player of Year

Ohio Valley Ironmen heading in the right direction



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Among other honors, he was the state all-sports Coach of the Year in 2012 by the W.Va. Sports Writers Association--only the second wrestling coach so honored. The other was National, state and OVAC Hall of Famer Larry Shaw of Oak Glen. He was a finalist three straight years (2010-12) for the all-sports Bill Van Home/OVAC Coach of the year; OVAC Wrestling Coach of the Year in 2010 and 2011; and selected National Wrestling Coach, Scholastic Division Coach of Year in 1996-97 and 2010-11.

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.

He coached 44 1st Team All-State players and eight who won conference player of the year honors. Four players went on to an NFL experience highlighted by OVAC Hall of Fame Legends' honoree Rich Bramham, currently a Hawk assistant coach, who was an All-American at West Virginia U. before playing 13 years with the Cincinnati Bengals. Kelley also coached another OVAC Legends' selection, Jedd Gyorko, who went on to baseball All-America honors at WVU and had a nine-year major league baseball career.

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In football, he played a variety of positions--passer, runner and kicker, while being a fullback, halfback and defensive standout. He represented the Bulldogs in the inaugural Ohio/West Virginia All-Star Football Game.

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Big Name Programs

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

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One he was referring to is running back Jeremiah Nelson from Kutz-

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"He's a big boy," Matsakis said of the 240-pounder. "He's 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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Scheffler spent Christmas Day making ravioli.

Scheffler was coming off a nine-win season in

pain-free.

He also is without a win going into the Masters for the first time since 2021.

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Despite Union Local's late-game rally coming up a run short in an 8-7 loss to visiting Monroe Central, Lahna said George would have been proud of the way the game was played.

"He's smiling down on all of us," she added. "He would've been proud of how we battled back and competed. We didn't play bad (soft) ball."

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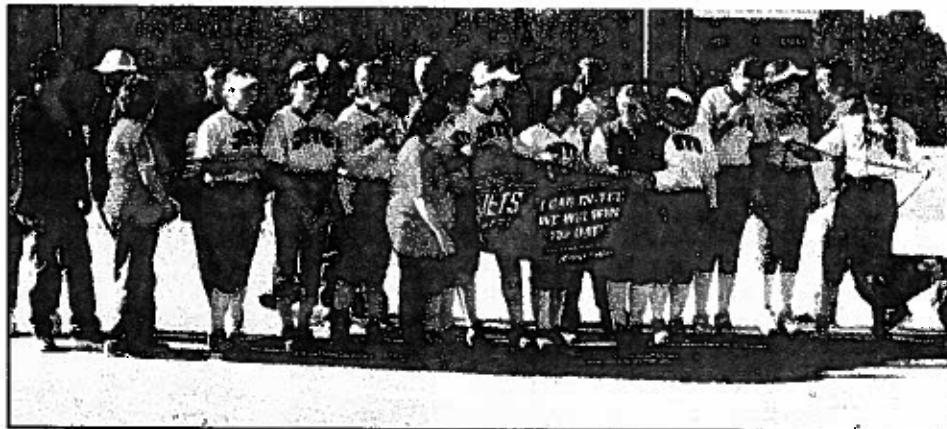


Photo by Kim North

During pre-game festivities Thursday afternoon at Jets Field in Morristown, Union Local dedicated its softball season to the late George Kaldor, father of Jets head coach Melissa Lahna. Team members, coaching staff and family members, including the dog, gathered around the middle of the diamond. Unfortunately, the Jets fell, 8-7, to visiting Monroe Central.

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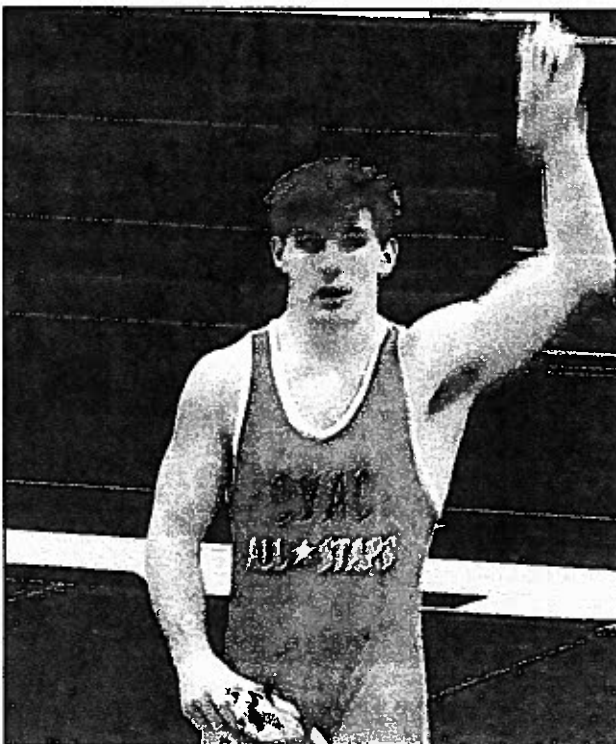


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Wheeling Park's Jameson Maynard, pictured, was selected as the 2025 Doug Huff Award Winner for "leadership, heart and hustle, and going the extra mile."

"I think it's fitting that he wins this award. I couldn't think of a better kid or anyone that I've ever coached that is more deserving of this award."

Due to a couple of key

transfers from the pro- gram over the summer, Wheeling Park started the 2024 football season with some uncertainties.

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Delande, Hissom Selected As Officials For 2025 OVAC Hall Of Fame Class

By JEFF HARRISON
For the Sunday
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"They never missed a football game. Never missed a wrestling match. Never missed any kind of ceremony that was here," he stressed. "I can't thank them enough for pushing me to, and past, my limits."

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by the outpouring of responses and phone calls, even after he passed. It was touching."

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Not this year.

All 16 regional semifinalists are from power conferences for the first time since the bracket expanded to 64 teams in 1985. The popular theory is that the transfer portal has led



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

Dickinson), sure hopes not. "The upsets and how valuable the transfers are to the game is looking thin now," Flood said

Top pick for NFL draft remains anyone's guess

NEW YORK (AP) — The with whatever team I go to. I just want to play football."

The three-day draft is scheduled for April 24-26 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wisconsin, which is the home of the Green Bay Packers. Here are a few things to know about the upcoming draft:

When is the NFL draft?
The first round of the draft will be on Thursday, April 24, 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

away and there's still some uncertainty over who will be the top pick.

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 consensus that either player — or any quarterback — will go No. 1 overall.

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

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Milan, with the network continuing to show top events live during the day on NBC, as well as the entire Olympics stream- ing live on Peacock.

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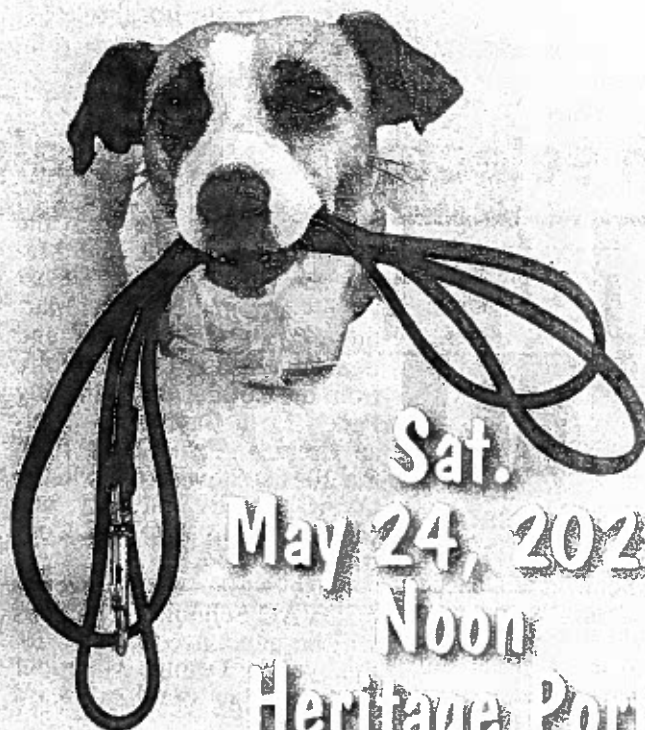
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One-Of-A-Kind Paul Skenes Baseball Card Sells For \$1.11 Million



Game With Left Knee Injury

SOUTH BEND, Ind. the game against Stephen (AP) — Star guard Olivia Miles fell to the court under the basket early in the fourth quarter of third-seeded Notre Dame's women's NCAA Tournament opener on Friday and grabbed her left knee.

Miles limped off the court and headed to the locker room. She had two points and eight assists in rebounds a game.

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A combination of Skenes' burgeoning star-dom, the considerable

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She's gone four consecutive games with at least 20 points. In last week's Big 12 tournament, Quinerly tied a school record with 38 points against Utah and followed semifinals with 24 points against Kansas State. She scored 20 in the semifinal

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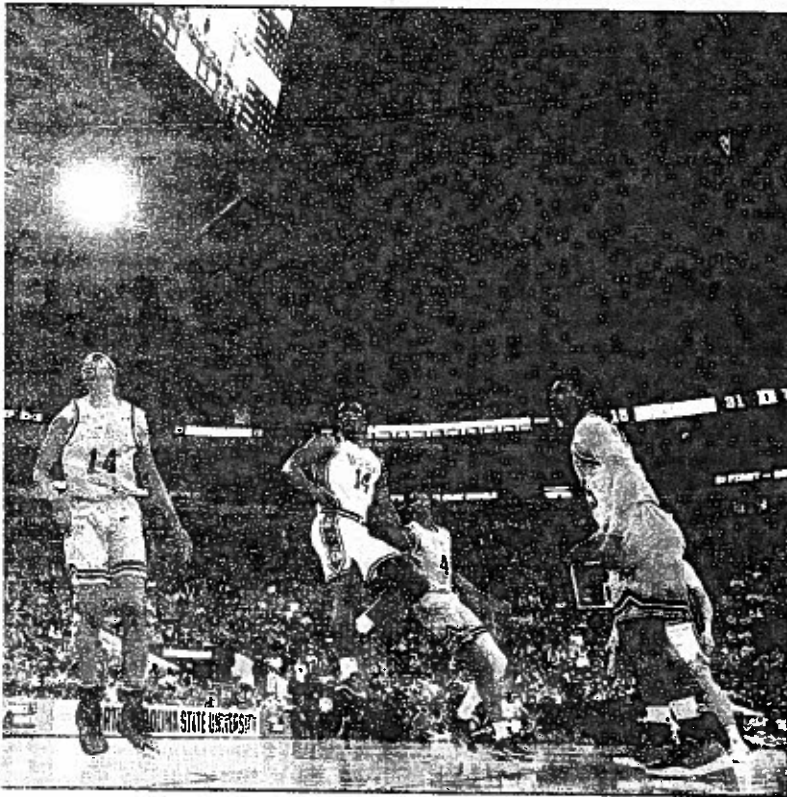
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AP Photo

dunks against Mount St. Mary's during the first half in the first round of
ment, Friday, in Raleigh, N.C.

ed Duke rolls past Mary's 93-49

deep.

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 Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament title after rolling his left ankle in the quarterfinals against Georgia Tech. He looked comfortable in this one, including when he finished an and-1 drive that left him on his back in the opening flurry and later when he cut back-drove to take Patrick Ngongba's feed and dunk it home.

Duke led 54-28 by halftime after shooting 60.6% while committing just one turnover.

Takeaways

Mount St. Mary's: This was

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 exactly 17 years ago against another nearby ACC school (North Carolina). This was the program's first NCAA trip since the Indianapolis-bubbled 2021 tournament during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Duke: The Blue Devils won the ACC outright regular-season and tournament titles for the first time since 2006, though Flagg's health (and an injury to versatile defender Maliq Brown) was the major storyline. This was a good start to the NCAA's for a team that has lost just once since November.

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"We might be the higher seed, but Liberty had nothing to lose."

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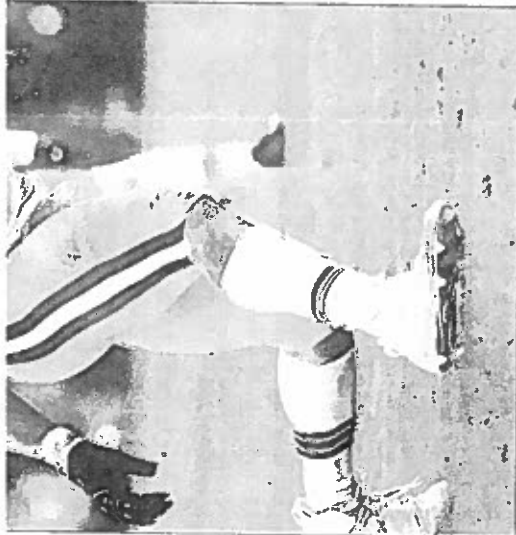
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Garrett's four-year contract extension has an average salary of \$40 million and makes him the highest-paid non-quarterback in NFL history.

The 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.

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

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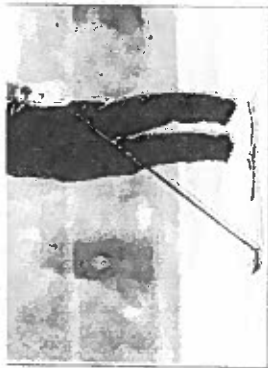
AP Photo
CLEVELAND BROWNS defensive end Myles Garrett in action against the Baltimore Ravens on Jan. 4.

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

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

Lee made a sloppy bogey 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 tied for the lead at 11-under 133.

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



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

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

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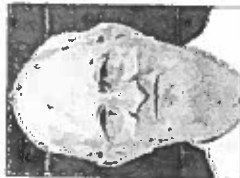
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Here's a look at the latest group of selections:

Steve Wojcik (Wheeling Central Catholic High School, Class of 1969) — When you've been around the sport of baseball as a player, coach and commissioner for

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

In addition to being a standout on the diamond in high school and college with a four-year stint in the minor leagues and a lengthy resume in coaching, Wojcik served the conference for the better part of four decades, first as a member of the OVAC Baseball Committee from 1980-1998 and as the OVAC Baseball Commissioner from 2002-2017.

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

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

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

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That included a 7-0 record as a sophomore, gaining all-WVIAC honors; 8-1 as a junior, repeating as an all-conference selection and helping the Hilltoppers win the WVIAC Championship; and 8-3 as a senior with an overall ERA of 1.00 which ranked sixth nationally in the NAIA. He led WLSC to another conference title and an NAIA Regional berth and was the WVIAC "Pitcher of the Year" and an honorable mention NAIA All-American selection. He was a West Liberty Hall of Fame selection in 1997.

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Thomas witnessed the only other 62 at the TPC Sawgrass because he was playing with Hoge that day in 2023. He forgot about that until he saw an image posted on the video board behind the 17th green of him and Hoge hugging.

From the right rough

thick grass grabbed his club and turned it left, and the ball raced through the fairway into the water.

Thomas took a penalty drop, hit a lob wedge to 2 feet for bogey and at least shared the mark.

He has had some wild swings in scores on consecutive days, recalling the 67-80 he had at Roy-

The TPC Sawgrass can be daunting in any conditions, but the 25 mph gusts expected Saturday — and the possibility of wind and rain Sunday — can make the Stadium Course a real thrill ride.

J.J. Spaun had a 68 and was one shot behind.

Rory McIlroy was at the top of the leaderboard



Howell tries a free throw during the Seminoles' game against Kirtland.

sses for a 57-54 more than younger brother Cooper Howell, who had 10 two-possession in the first 16 minutes. Corbin Farnsworth added eight points before fouling out and Silva chipped in seven. Lucas Renfro had 18 to lead the Hornets. Carriero grabbed a game-winning rebound, one



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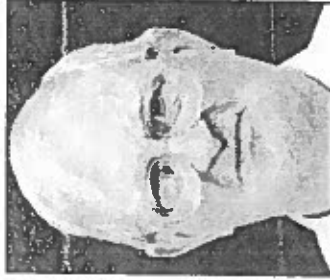
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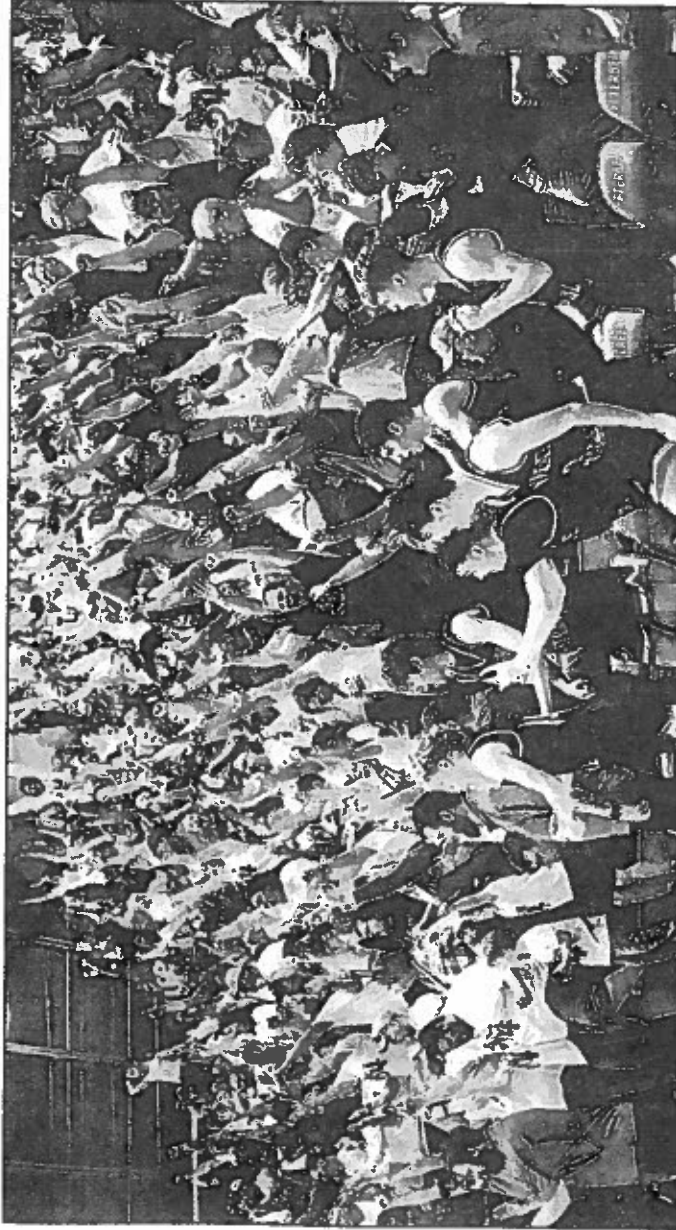
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Cameron Bows Out In State Semifinals To No. 1 Gilmer County

By NICK HENTHORN
Sports Editor

CHARLESTON - The No. 4 Cameron Dragons fell in Friday's W.Va. Class A state semifinal against No. 1 Gilmer County, 48-16, inside the Charleston Coliseum.

The top-seeded Titans advance to the Class A state championship game against No. 2 Tug Valley, the title bout set for Saturday at 7:30 p.m., the final title game of the

year, a 51-point win, and defeated Notre Dame 67-26 in the Class A quarterfinals, a 41-point victory before defeating Cameron by 32 on Friday.

Gilmer County did not take long in getting out to a commanding lead, going up 25-2 after the first quarter. They led 36-6 at halftime.

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

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Bows

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Cameron senior Maci Neely had
nine points, nine rebounds and three
steals for Cameron.

Despite the loss, Cameron wraps up
their season with plenty of hardware-
their fifth-straight regional title and
fifth-straight OVAC championship
as the team put together another suc-

part of history." Pettit said. "Nobody
thought we'd make it to Charleston
this year, let alone win in the first
round."

Graduating seniors for Cameron in-
clude Neely, Shaleigh Littleton, Devan
Schrack and Bianca Marongiu. Play-
ers like junior Macey Bertram, junior

LOCAL COACH: The Hilltoppers used their pressure defense to force Davis & Elkins into 13 first-half turnovers that led to 18 points.

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MONROE CENTRAL'S Cooper Howell (00) drives to the basket for two points.

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Photo by KIM NORTH
MONROE CENTRAL'S Cooper Howell (00) drives to the basket for two points.

Local wrestlers advance in tournament

COLUMBUS — Fifteen Ohio Valley wrestlers won their first matches Friday as the 88th annual Ohio state tournament got started at Value City Arena inside the Jerome Schottenstein Center on the campus of Ohio State University.

Eight of those individuals are competing in Division II, with Beaver Local having five first-night winners in Justice Fisher (106), Bobby Buchheit (138), Jake Hughes (150), Evan Ours (165) and Kane Curran and Hines Ford (175).

Union Local's tandem of Gunar Gossett (144) and Brody Perzanowski (175) also won their first matches.

Martins Ferry's Colton Nixon (126) and Harrison Central's Knox McKibben (215) rounded out the winners.

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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 selections by The Intelligencer as a senior.

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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.

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 University.

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. one-class 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 on the WVU freshman team (fresh 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.

It's a lot to take for someone who is a late-bloomer by baseball standards, not coming into his own til his sophomore year. Air Force, where the former catcher developed rapidly on the mound made the difficult but necessary decision to transfer to LSU.

Ask Skenes if he wanted to be the "face" of the game and he deflected. He's been doing this a pro less than two years. That kind of honor for the moment anyway is reserved for the Sho Ohtanis, Aaron Judge and Mike Trout of the world, childhood idols quickly becoming peers.

Those guys have earned the right. He hasn't earned it yet anyway.

Besides, "that still takes energy frankly," Skenes said flatly.

Leading from the front

Energy that at this stage of his career he felt would be better spent refining his repertoire as a trying to lead the Pirates out of a near-decade malaise. While Sker became an instant office sensation from the moment he was called to Pittsburgh faded in the summer to a 76-86 finish.

There is a sense of urgency pulsing through Pirates City this spring. Perhaps because the clo-

Free coaches clinic set for River High School

HANNIBAL — The Switzerland of Ohio Coaches Clinic will be held Monday, March 17 at River High School at 6 p.m.

The event is free and will include featured speakers John Kelley, who will be inducted into the Ohio 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 of Fame.

For more information, contact Mark Romick at River High School.

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West Liberty Stays Perfect In MEC Tournament Qtrs.

By KIM NORTH

Staff Writer

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

Friday night inside WesBanco Arena, the top-seeded



Skenes Could Be Baseball's Next Big Thing The Pirates Ace Will Face It On His Terms

BRADENTON, Fla. (AP) -- There are times when Paul Skenes, the 22-year-old, can't escape 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

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 selections 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. one-class 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 on 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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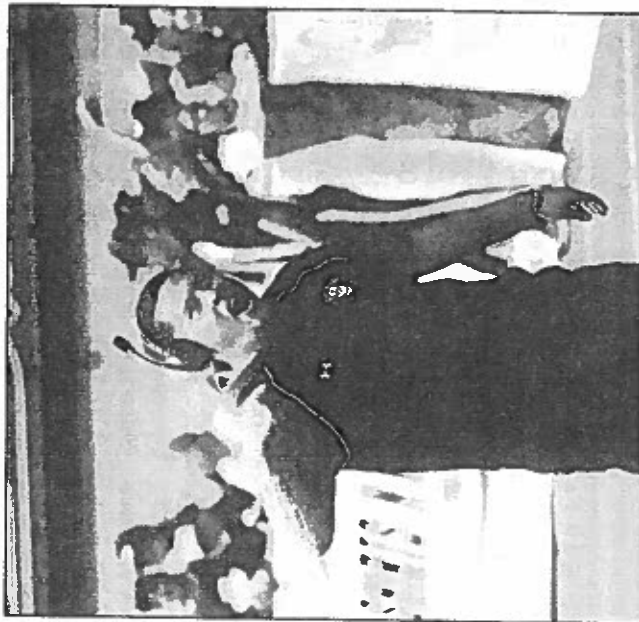
Red-Hot Shooting Sends Seminole Over Hiland And Onto Regionals

Monroe Central Shoots Nearly 80 Percent In 54-33 Rout

By KIM NORTH
Staff Writer

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

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



in, being able to ether. Hopefully step towards our goal, which is to Charleston. We'll across parts of four seasons with Wheeling U from 2019 to 2022, and is one of several members of the Miners' roster who have local ties.

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ing "That's the one thing I've addressed since day one," he continued. "Our staff, everybody's going to have pride in what they do at their job. But you can't be territorial. You've got to do what's best for the team."

dd- What's best might be using multiple quarterbacks in a game. Rodriguez has operated both ways. Marshall and White became entrenched starters, but White and Bednarik shared the job for part of a season. When Rodriguez was offensive coordinator at Ole Miss, he used both Matt Corral and John Rhys Plumlee.

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

"I hope I have three quarterbacks, or four quarterbacks, that are good enough to win with," he said. "That'll give me a comfortable feeling that we can do anything we want. We're not worried about, oh gosh, we can't run that (play) because he might get hurt. There goes the season."

"I think the mentality we have in that room, there's some really, really competitive 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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He scored 55 points in one game, still a Marshall County high school scoring record, and had 49 points in a memorable match against Sistersville at the Wheeling Civic Center, still the record for that building.

He was named All-OVAC captain, All-Valley 'Small School' captain, and first-team All-West Virginia Class A captain. He was also named the OVAC Athlete of the Year in 1978.

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He had multiple Division I scholarship offers and picked The Ohio State University over WVU and others.

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

Andria was part of an infamous play in OSU history as he was the messenger guard who brought in the final play that ended the career of Coach Woody Hayes. The play led to the altercation with Hayes hitting Clemson noseguard Charlie Bauman in the 1978 Gator Bowl.

Andria's fine college career enabled him to in a free agent contract with the Houston Oilers. Unfortunately, an injury on the first day of training camp ended his professional hopes. He is now retired from the Worthington (Ohio) Public Schools.

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

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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

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Wheeling Miners thinking big with second season on horizon

By NICK HENTHORN
Sports Editor

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

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

Make a sequel that tops the original.
The Wheeling Miners'

second season kicks off on March 10 inside their homebase, WesBanco Arena, against the Colorado Spartans.

The Spartans are part of the Miners' new league, the National Arena League, a 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

ready to kick things into a higher gear.

"The biggest thing is going to be the competition level from the teams, across the board," Wheeling Miners head coach Josh Resig-

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

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The Southeast District championship will be played Sunday at 2

inside the Convocation Center at Ohio University in Athens between No. 2 Seaman North Adams and No. 11 Peebles.

Deadlocked at 10 after four lead changes, Monroe Central scored the final seven points of the opening quarter and 23 of the next 30 for a commanding, 33-17, half-time lead.

It would never be threatened.

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

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

Allen started the second quarter with a basket and Corbin Farnsworth followed that with a triple from the right wing that

forced veteran Hiland head coach Mark Schlachet back to call a 30-second timeout.

The lead was 25-15 before an 8-0 spurt in the closing minutes of the second quarter pushed the margin to 33-17 at the break as Allen had eight of his team-high 14 points in the quarter.

Monroe Central ticked the twine on all of its six shots in the third quarter as Tucker Howell muscled his way around the paint for two buckets before canning a fall-away jumper from the left baseline that bumped the margin to 43-21 and forced the Hawks into another timeout.

Despite turning the ball over 13 times in the second half, the Seminoles defense was dynamic at the opposite end of the floor.

They held Hiland to 28 percent shooting (14-49) for the game, including 7-for-26 in the second half and 3-for-17 from three-point range.

Silva added 12 points — including four free throws — and Tucker Howell finished with 11. Cooper Howell and Farnsworth each pulled down

five rebounds as Monroe Central limited the Hawks to one-and-done for the most part as it led 27-18 off the glass.

"I think Tucker and Cooper controlled the boards, especially on the defensive end," Lang noted.

Nick Wigton was the lone double-digit scorer for Hiland with 13, far below his season average.

"Chance defended him most of the night and he did a really good job," Lang praised. "Chance has a lot of length that made it tough for Wigton to shoot over top of him. I'm really proud of him."

The 6-5 Allen relished the role of stopper.

"We knew if we could stop him we had a good chance at winning," he said. "He's their big scorer, but we did a job on him tonight. That was the key."

Monroe Central finished with 18 turnovers, seven more than Hiland.

This will be the third time a Monroe Central basketball team has reached the regionals as Troy Baker has led the Lady Seminoles there in 2008-09 and 2021-22.

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taken any opportunity for granted. We looked at his injury as a hum-

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Clairsville (Class of 1984)



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Osborne, a multi-tal-

ented guard, poured in a

whopping 1,697 points

during her four years at St.



HEATH HAYNES

Clairsville, a mark that still

stands as the school record

today.

Osborne earned a host

of accolades for her per-

formance on the prep

hardwood, including be-

ing named a four-time all-

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team as a freshman and

first team the other three

years). She was also a two-

time first team All-Eastern

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12 first teamer.

At the state level, she

received All-Ohio special

mention as a junior and

then was named second

team All-Ohio as a se-

nior after averaging 20.5

points per game.

A St. Clairsville Athletic

Hall of Fame (2006) and

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of Fame (2013) inductee.

Osborne's talents also ex-

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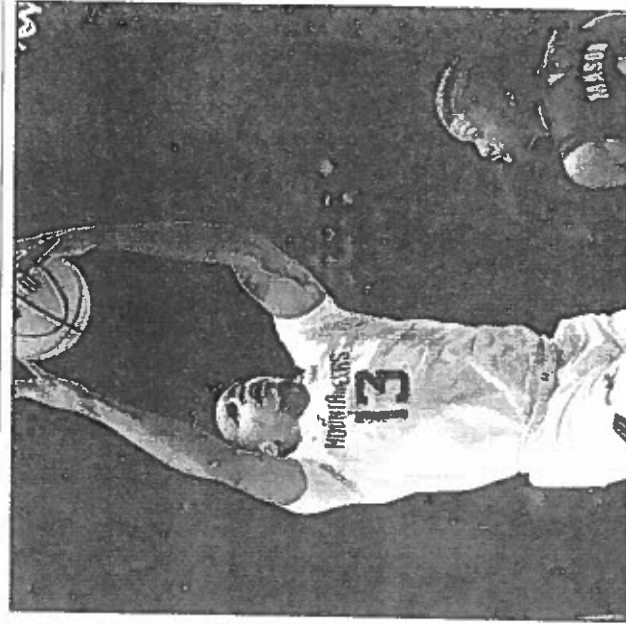
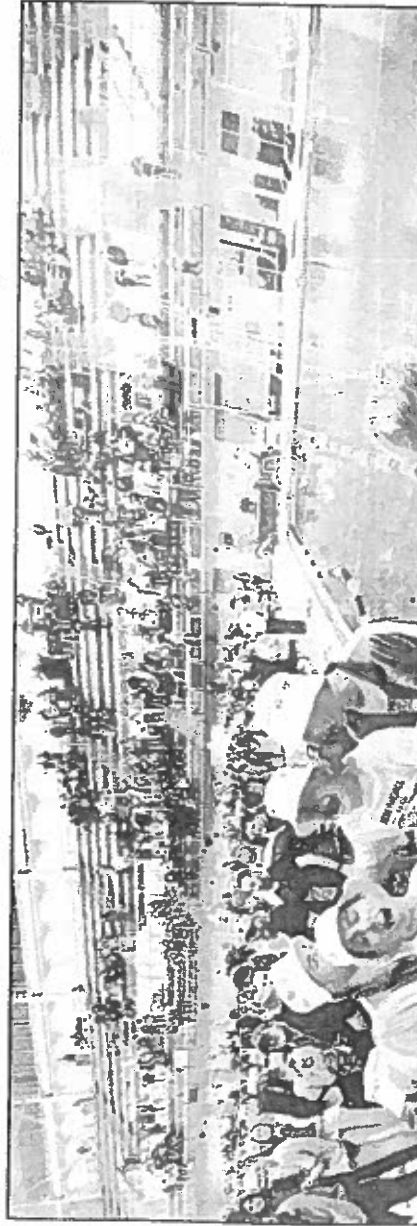
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MONARCHS WIN STATE SWIM CHAMPIONSHIP



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consolation finishes — seventh by and 11th by Hess and valuable points. those swims, it have been a far outcome for the monarchs. evening's final started out with Marshall's 200 freestyle — which hadn't year — finishing to powerhouse High School (Elis won the Class championship and the girls overall n). Anchored by who won her first il state champion the 50 freestyle day, the team of Aubrey and Sophie Zervos swam a

over the final three events. "They've got what it takes — they're competitors," she said. "We were hoping we would keep riding the momentum from OVACs and regionals, and they just kept wanting it. Every time we hit a milestone we set new goals. ... My girls are just really hard workers and it shows. I couldn't be more proud." Miller, who also finished third Thursday in the 100 freestyle, closed out a phenomenal high school career not only with an individual and a state title but also by being named to the All-Tournament team.

BOYS

A tussle between two swimming powerhouses emerged Friday between Bridgeport High School and George Washington High School as the two teams battled it out nearly until the end to decide the boys' big school state swimming championships. However, the longer the evening went, the more distance the Indians of Harrison County put on their rivals.

In the end, Bridgeport

It marks the boys' third team title and first since 2019.

The Indians captured two individual titles on Thursday — Owen Guthrie in the 50 freestyle (20.69) and also the 100 freestyle, with a new state record in the 100 at 45.16. On Friday, the team swam to a title in the 200 freestyle relay — also a new state record at 1:27.41 — and then added yet another state record in the 400 freestyle relay with a time of 3:13.72.

Bridgeport captured the boys AAA title while the boys small school award went to Elkins as well. That means aside from John Marshall, Bridge-

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At Ohio Wesleyan, Osborne was a four-time All-North Coast Athletic Conference pick in women's basketball. She set OWU's career assists record. A first-team All-NCAC selection 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).

She finished her career as OWU's all-time leader in assists (402) and free throws (427) and ranked third on the 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. She was inducted into the OWU Athletic 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.

HEATH HAYNES, Linsly (Class 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 A All-State by the West Virginia Sports Writers. He went 12-1 for the Cadets that spring with a miniscule ERA of 1.55. He hurled a pair of no-hitters, including one in an OVAC championship game, and struck out 150 batters while fanning at least 10 hitters in every game he pitched. He was subsequently selected as the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Player of the Year and an All-Valley co-captain.

His impressive mound craftsmanship didn't end that spring. Haynes was named MVP of the West Virginia Ameri-

in the Class AA/A field.

LOCAL SWIMMERS

Wheeling Park's Molly George had a strong end to her junior season with a second-place finish in the 100 backstroke, dropping nearly 2 seconds in the finals for a 1:02.16. Brooke High School's Kiersten Harvath finished fifth in the 100 back at 1:05.37.

Brooke's 200 free relay team of Harvath, Lindsey Kettler, Lyla Horvath and Faith Farrell finished fifth at 1:48.81. The same foursome finished seventh in the 400 freestyle relay at 3:59.97.

John Marshall junior Wyatt Jefferson finished a solid second in the 100 breaststroke at 1:01.35.

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 Alex Mihalovich finished eighth in the 500 freestyle (5:10.8) while the Central girls 200 free relay team of Ally Jefferson, Rylee Ondrejko, Gracee Humpee and Ellie Manning finished ninth at 1:53.00.

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

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The 6-9 Toppin has had four consecutive double-doubles heading into the game, in which he's averaged 27 points and 12.8 rebounds per game.

He had 41 points in a double-overtime win against Arizona State and followed that up with 32 points against Oklahoma State.

Texas Tech is coming into the game after a loss, a 69-66 shocker on the road against TCU, but the Red Raiders are 13-2 this season inside United Supermarkets Arena.

If the Mountaineers are to pull off a shocker of their own, it will likely have something to do with Hansberry being the best version of himself.

"We have to stay poised, stay together," Hansberry said. "We know what we have to do to win in these situations. We've been there before. We let a few of them clin

can Legion State Tournament while helping Wheeling Post 1 capture the state title that summer with an 8-2 mound mark.

Haynes was every bit as impressive during his senior campaign at Linsly when the Cadets won 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 after going 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 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 numerous pitching categories at WKU. His career totals included: 74 appearances, 49 games started, 325 innings pitched, 24 wins, 253 strikeouts and 12 complete games.

He was named first-team All-Sun Belt Conference as a senior after posting a 10-5 record with a 2.90 E.R.A.

After his stellar collegiate diamond career, Haynes signed as a free agent with the Montreal Expos in 1991. Haynes briefly appeared in the majors in 1994 for the Expos while also playing in the minor leagues for the Oakland A's, California Angels, Boston Red Sox, Colorado Rockies, Florida Marlins and Houston Astros.

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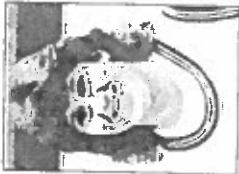
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Previous enshrinees for the 2025 HOF class include: Wheeling Park's Errin Baynes



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and Indian Creek's Alex Young from the decade of the 2010s; Martins Ferry's Clay Tucker and Beaver Local's Derek Wolfe from the decade of the 2000s and Buckeye Local's Chet Pobolish and Belaire's Richie Mamie from the 1990s.

Here's a capsule look at the honorees for the decade of the 1980s:

ANN OSBORNE, St. Clairsville (Class of 1984) — Osborne, a multi-talented guard, poured in a whopping 1,697 points during her four years at St. Clairsville, a mark that still stands as the school record today.

Osborne 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-

ern District and All-District 12 first teamer.

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 District 12 Basketball Hall of Fame (2013) inductee, Osborne's talents also extended to the tennis court where she was a three-time OVAC champion in singles.

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

University.

At Ohio Wesleyan, Osborne was a four-time All-North Coast Athletic Conference pick in women's basketball. She set OWU's career assists record. A first-team All-NCAC selection 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).

She finished her career as OWU's all-time leader in assists (402) and free throws (427) and ranked third on the career scoring (1,398) and rebounding (518) lists.

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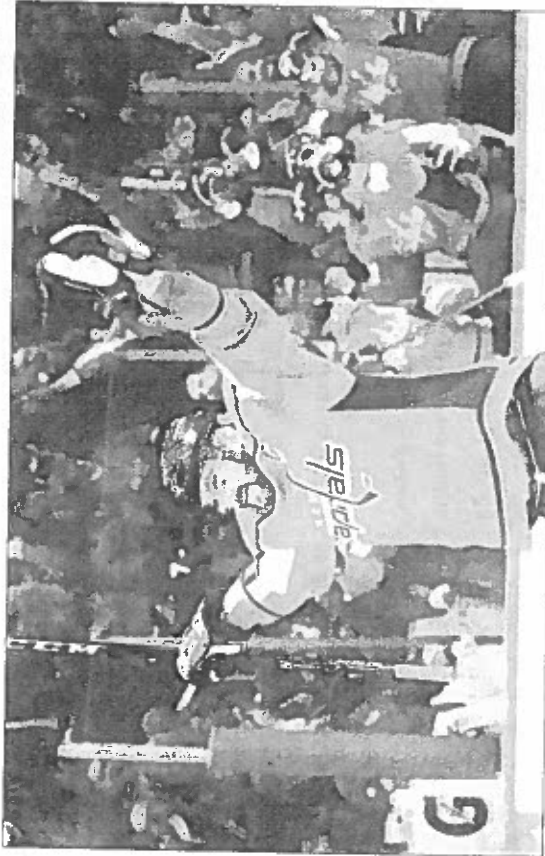
NHL ready for second half of the season

NEW YORK (AP) — The NHL 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 Nations Face-Off.

The puck drops for the playoffs on April 19. The league's 32 teams are set to play in a total of 422 games before the four-round race for the Stanley Cup begins in earnest.

"There's still a lot of hockey left to be played," center Pierre-Luc Dubois of the Eastern Conference-leading Washington Capitals said Friday. "Some teams their playoff races will start with 18 games left and some will start with 10, but I think the pace really goes up pretty soon."

Alex Ovechkin's pursuit of



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

the March 7 trade deadline and various injury situations coming out of the 4 Nations are among the things to watch down the stretch.

Ovechkin's GR8 chase
The Capitals captain in his 20th season is 16 goals of passing Gretz-

freshened and ready to roll.

"I just am expecting for him to be a real impactful player for us in these last 27 games of the season," Carbery said. "He looks great. He's got tons of energy. It feels like he had a real good break to be able to get

ESPN and MLB to end TV deal after '25 season

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.

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

ESPN and MLB both made statements Thursday night confirming the end of the deal.

There was a March 1 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 long and mutually beneficial partnership with ESPN that dates back to its first MLB game in 1990," MLB said in a statement. "Unfortunately in recent years, we have seen ESPN scale back their baseball coverage and investment in a way that is not consistent with the sport's appeal or performance on their platform. Given that MLB provides strong viewership, valuable demographics, and the exclusive

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sible to know what will
happen with Nelson.
Seattle's Yanni Gourde
likely won't play until the
deadline after surgery to
repair a sports hernia, but
he is also a player who,
like Nelson, could be a

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Theodore are definitely
out for their respective
teams, and more bumps
and bruises from the
tournament could reveal
themselves as players get
back to practice in the
coming days.

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Osborne also lettered
three years in tennis and
was a third-team GTE
Academic All-Ameri-
ca selection as a senior.
She was inducted into the
OWU Athletic Hall of
Fame in 1993.

She spent 14 years in
coaching at the college
level, with stops at Fair-
field (Conn.) and Mar-
shall as an assistant; as
head coach at Kenyon
College; and as an assis-
tant at Ohio Wesleyan
and San Francisco State.

HEATH HAYNES, Linsly (Class of 1987)

— Haynes enjoyed a re-
markable pitching career
both on the prep and col-
legiate levels, including
scripting a brilliant re-
sume with the Cadets that
included a 26-4 career
pitching record with 287
strikeouts.

As a junior, Haynes
was named Class A All-
State by the West Vir-
ginia Sports Writers. He
went 12-1 for the Cadets
that spring with a min-
iscule ERA of 1.55. He
hurled a pair of no-hit-
ters, including one in an
OVAC championship
game, and struck out 150
batters while fanning at
least 10 hitters in every
game he pitched. He was
subsequently selected as
the Ohio Valley Athletic
Conference Player of the
Year and an All-Valley
co-captain.

His impressive mound
craftsmanship didn't end
that spring. Haynes was
named MVP of the West
Virginia American Leg-
ion State Tournament
while helping Wheeling
Post 1 capture the state
title that summer with an
8-2 mound mark.

Haynes was every bit
as impressive during his
senior campaign at Lins-
ly when the Cadets won

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 af-
ter going 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 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 pack-
age to Western Kentucky
University where he was
a four-year standout for
the Hilltoppers.

Haynes remains in
the top 10 of numerous
pitching categories at
WKU. His career totals
included: 74 appearanc-
es, 49 games started, 325
innings pitched, 24 wins,
253 strikeouts and 12
complete games.

He was named first-
team All-Sun Belt Con-
ference as a senior after
posting a 10-5 record
with a 2.90 E.R.A.

After his stellar col-
legiate diamond career,
Haynes signed as a free
agent with the Montreal
Expos in 1991. Haynes
briefly appeared in the
majors in 1994 for the
Expos while also playing
in the minor leagues for
the Oakland A's, Cali-
fornia Angels, Boston
Red Sox, Colorado Rock-
ies, Florida Marlins and
Houston Astros.

Haynes also played for
the Valley Vipers of the
Western Baseball League
and the Wei Chuan Drag-
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als struck with

Apple and Roku. Ap-
ple pays \$85 million per
season for a Friday night
package it has aired since
2022, while Roku's deal
for Sunday afternoon
games is worth \$10 mil-
lion per year.

While Manfred said in
his memo to owners that
"as of December 2024,
ESPN was available in
53.6M homes, down
from its peak of over
100M homes in 2011
and 69M homes when
we struck the current
deal in 2021," that is still
a larger distribution pool
compared to Apple and
Roku.

"While ESPN has stat-
ed they would like to
continue to have MLB
on their platform, partic-
ularly in light of the up-
coming launch of their
DTC (direct-to-consum-
er) product, we do not
think its beneficial for us
to accept a smaller deal
to remain on a shrink-
ing platform," Manfred
wrote. "In order to best
position MLB to optimize
our rights going in to our
next deal cycle, we be-
lieve it is not prudent to
devalue our rights with an

existing partner but rather
to have our marquee reg-
ular season games, Home
Run Derby and Wild Card
playoff round on a new
broadcast and/or stream-
ing platform."

MLB also said in its
statement that "the pos-
itive energy around the
sport has also led to sig-
nificant interest from
both traditional media
companies and streaming
services who would like
to obtain rights to MLB
games."

Manfred has said over
the past two seasons that
he would like to see MLB
take a more national ap-
proach to its rights instead
of a large percentage of its
games being on regional
sports networks.

"We're blessed with a
huge amount of content:
2,430 games. Because of
the amount of content, I
think there will be some
local component but I
think the strategy needs to
be more national and our
reach needs to be more
national," he said during
a panel discussion last
September at the CNBC x
Boardroom's Game Plan
event.

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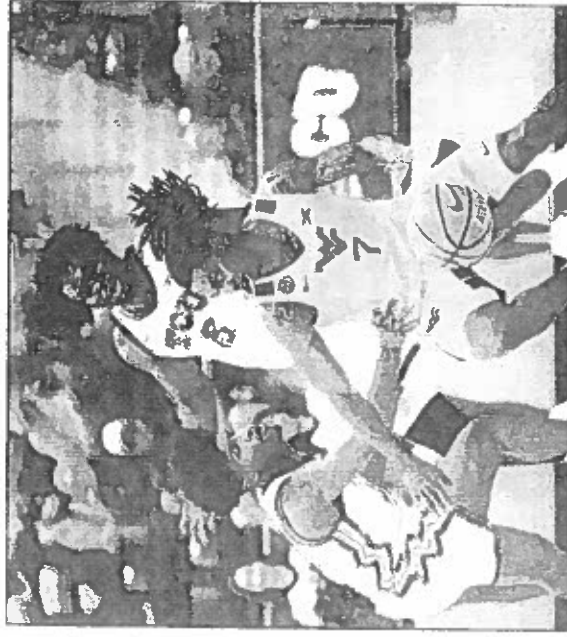
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Jets Claim OVAC 3A Third Place With Win Over Martins Ferry

By KIM NORTH
Staff Writer

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

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



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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 plugged in, so we want to win. I know Derek is as competitive as I am and it seemingly was a tale of two quarters each," Delman added. "We had a good first and third and they had a good second and fourth."

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

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paint and then buried a three-pointer from the left corner for a 52-50 reading. 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 deal.

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

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

"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 now."

Saunders stuffed the scorebook and

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In Tuesday's 73-69 loss against BYU, the Cougars shot nearly 56% in the second half.

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 19-2 lead.

The most disappointing was Arizona State walking into the Coliseum and knocking down 61.5% of its attempts in the second half for a win in what 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 are going to win, when our defense is really solid and disciplined."

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

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started 108 games at Duke. There is another talented freshman in Robert Wright III, who leads the Bears in assists while averaging 12.6 points per game.

There's also forward Norchad Omier, a transfer from Miami, who was the only player in the ACC last season to average better than 15 points and nine rebounds per game.

So, yeah, WVU's defense has a lot to focus on in this one.

"They're very talented offensively," DeVries said. "They've got so many guys who can shoot it and they put a lot of pressure on the rim from anywhere. They create some challenges from that standpoint."

What the Bears lack is size, as center Josh Ojiamuna went down with a season-ending knee injury.

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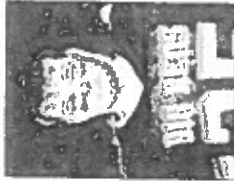
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Daytona 500 drawing stars to Florida

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

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

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



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.

AP Photo

Castroneves drew a Friday crowd exposure as possible." Castroneves at the Wendy's concession stand said "When I am feeling Talladega

Carmelo Anthony and Dwight Howard among Hall of Fame finalists

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

If all goes well, they might get in twice.

Anthony and Howard were among the finalists 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. Olympic team that won gold at the Beijing Games, the so-called "Redeem Team" that also is now 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 Jerry Colangelo, who also was managing director of the 2008 Olympic team.

"I've said some things about that experience

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He joins seven-time champion Jimmie Johnson and 2017 Cup Series champion Martin Truex Jr., who unexpectedly lost his father one day after he announced he was entering the Daytona 500.

There is no clear favorite, but Elliott will try to join his father in winning the exhibition Clash and following it with a Day-

tona 500 victory. Bill Elliott won the Clash and the 500 in 1987 when both races were run at Daytona.

Toyotas are fast and would be undefeated in the Cup Series at Daytona this week had a late caution flag not flown as Erik Jones raced Austin Cindric to the finish line in Thursday night's second qualifying race. Jones

thought he finished first, but NASCAR ruled Cindric was ahead at the time of the yellow.

Bubba Wallace of 23XI Racing won his first race at Daytona in the first Thursday qualifying race, and Justin Allgaier earned an open entry that brought Hall of Famer Dale Earnhardt Jr. to tears. He owns JR Motorsports alongside his sister, but they run in

the second-tier Xfinity Series, where Allgaier is a cornerstone driver for the team. He's the reigning Xfinity champion and ran two Daytona 500s, his last in 2015. He figured he'd never again get the chance.

"I don't think I realized how much I missed this race until you come back to it," Allgaier said.

Allgaier and JR Mo-

torsports got the opportunity to try be musician-sponsor (Stapleton, who was his whiskey label) stock car in the Daytona 500. Stapleton will at the Daytona 500 fresh winning the Grammy best country solo performance. It was the Grammy of his career.

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He played both sports his first two seasons at Walsh before focusing on baseball for his last two years. He was a two-time All-Conference selection in the diamond sport, where he also served as the Cavaliers' team captain.

Mamie was inducted to the Bellaire High School Athletic Wall of Fame in 2006.

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5 in receiving yards (2,595) and all-purpose yards (4,655).

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

A successful 5-year run at Southeastern Louisiana followed with Pobolish serving as offensive coordinator and assistant head coach on back-to-back Southland Conference championship squads. He spent the 2017 season as offensive coordinator at Missouri Western State before a 4-year stint as head coach at Southwestern Oklahoma State.

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• Finalists

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Bird won five Olympic golds, Fowles won four, Moore won two, and Azzi was part of the team that won gold at Atlanta in 1996.

"You look at the accomplishments for each of them in terms of championships, in terms of winning gold, in terms of being the players they were for as long as they were, it's a real tribute to the game of basketball and women's basketball in particular," Colangelo said.

The other finalists as picked by the North American committee were Chicago Bulls coach Billy Donovan (a two-time NCAA champion coach at Florida); Gonzaga coach Mark Few; retired NBA referee Danny Crawford; NBA legends Marques Johnson and Buck Williams; and Jerry Welsh — who coached Potsdam in upstate New York to NCAA Division III titles in 1981 and 1986.

"I tell everybody he's

not really a coach." Steve Babiarez. played on Welsh's 1 national champion team.

"He's everybody's mentor, a second father. Coaching was second nature. He brought students there to be successful and his personality, his character, the way he's about family, mean, I played for 40 years ago and I talk to him every single moment since I left Potsdam. He's my hero."

Miami Heat manager Arison is also a finalist for enshrinement.

Arison was put forward by the Contribution Committee, as was 19-time Maccabi Tel Aviv star Tal Brody.

"He's just a great character," Heat President Riley, a 2008 Hall of Fame inductee, said of Arison. "It's a family organization."

The Women's Veterans Committee put forward Molly Bolin, who was the first player signed

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

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

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

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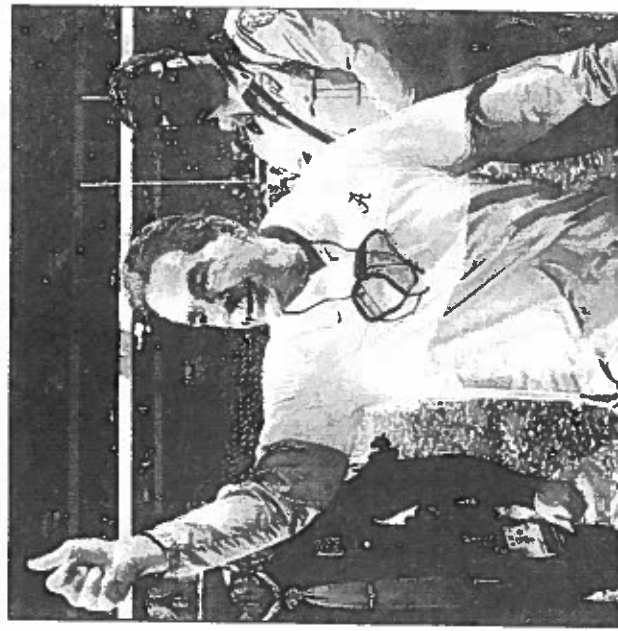
WVU Searching For Stability With Utes Coming To Coliseum

By JUSTIN JACKSON
For the Sunday
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MORGANTOWN

It's as if the WVU men's basketball team has suddenly become a flip of the coin within the Big 12.

If it lands heads, the Mountaineers have the ability to beat the likes of Iowa State and Kansas, as well as Arizona in a non-conference matchup.

Those three schools



OVAC

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He was also a four-time All-Ohioan, including a state championship at 130 pounds in 2004. He was runner-up in 2003 at 125 pounds. Those trips to the title bouts were surrounded by a fourth-place finish as a frosh and sixth-place as a senior.

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Delande To Honor An O

By KIM NORTI
Staff Writer

COLUMBUS

Ohio Valley native receive the highest honor an Official can achieve later this summer.

Dan Delande will be inducted into the High School Athletic Association Officials Hall of Fame during ceremony on June 21 in Columbus. Sadly, the Shadyside resident passed away last summer and will be inducted posthumously, both a baseball and basketball official.

"Being inducted into the OHSAA Hall of Fame is one of the greatest honors for officials. We are so proud of my father's accomplishments, not only on the baseball court and softball field but throughout his life," his daughter, Courtney Holmes, said. "He was such an advocate for children in the classroom during sporting events. All throughout my life, I remember how much my father had educated the youth in his profession as a teacher/principal and as an official in the sports arena."

"This enshrinement into the OHSAA is such an elite accomplishment and I am certain my father would be very proud to continue to stay humble about his success," Courtney added. "I always knew my dad was a kind, well-respected man, but during these last few months since his death, I have learned about the huge impact that he had on all of those around him."

Bob Gabel, a fellow official and long-time friend of Delande, has been pushing for this moment for a long time.

"This is very well-deserved. Dan was one of a kind of a character," Gabel said. "He was family-oriented and caring. He took care of the students."

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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 you're going to get beat."

HARRIS' STATUS IN QUESTION

WVU may be without the services of starting guard Sencire Harris for today's game.

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

Harris, the Mountaineers' top on-ball defender, collided with teammate Toby Okani going after a loose ball in the second half of Wednesday's loss against TCU and fell to the ground.

He limped off the floor and missed the final 7:52 of the game.

"It certainly would have been great to have him available to finish out that game," DeVries said. "He's our best on-ball defender, everybody knows that. Having him on the floor in those situations would have been valuable, no question."

JOSH EILERT RETURNS

The Utah game marks the return of Josh Eilert, who spent last season as the interim head coach of WVU following the forced resignation of Bob Huggins.

Eilert signed on as an assistant with the Utes following DeVries' hire last March.

"Josh was terrific and he was really helpful," DeVries said. "We sat down and met for a long time and he was incredibly helpful in the transition. Anything I needed, he was certainly willing to help. I was happy for him to get another opportunity at Utah."

Eilert spent 17 years in Morgantown, beginning as a video coordinator under Huggins and working his way up to assistant coach.

He was announced as the interim head coach in June 2023, after the school had attempted to find a full-time replacement for Huggins, but was unable to do so.

"I think the thing about it is you have a lot of people to see and only

a short period of time," DeVries said. "You're only here for a couple of days. From that standpoint, it makes it a unique road trip."

REDSHIRTING

DeVries announced earlier this week that his son, Tucker, would have surgery on his injured shoulder and would miss the rest of the season.

"For him, he wanted to be a part of this group," Darian DeVries said. "Ultimately, with the doctors, we couldn't get to that point and we had the surgery."

"Everything went well, and that's great. From his standpoint, he's looking forward to getting back and being healthy again in two or three months from now."

The school will apply for a medical redshirt for Tucker with the Big 12 following the season.

Darian DeVries also confirmed that guard Jayden Stone, who has yet to play this season, will take a regular redshirt and could return next season.

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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.

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

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

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

There is a reason why Patrick Mahomes has won three Super Bowl rings and been the MVP in each of those games. 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 years, too.

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

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cord, postseason included, set by Terrell Davis in 1998 with the Denver Broncos. Barkley has 2,447 yards (442 in the playoffs); Davis had 2,476 yards and led the Broncos to the Super Bowl title.

On Sunday, his 28th birthday, Barkley will hold the rushing record — and hoist the Lombardi Trophy.

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

Barkley has steamrolled through the postseason and led the Eagles to 17 total wins, a division title and the NFC championship crown. He makes this version of the Eagles superior to the 2022 team and even better — so

Eagles defense

Barkley isn't the only new face from the last Super Bowl matchup creating havoc on the field.

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OVAC to induct Super Bowl champ, wrestling standout

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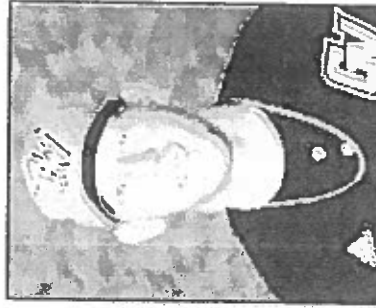
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Baynes also shined in the long jump. He had a personal-best mark of 22-

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

By KIM NORTH
Staff Writer

ST. CLAIRSVILLE - St. Clairsville celebrated Senior Night on Friday, but visiting Harrison Central tried to spoil the festivities.

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



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18 points and nine re-
bounds. Bryson Ka-
marec had a double-dou-
ble with 15 points and
11 boards, while Brady
Hyre finished with 10
points and Reed Ar-
baugh added eight points
and a like number of re-
bounds before fouling
out in the final minute.

The victory was the
third gut-check win of
the week for St. Clairs-
ville.

It also survived tests
from East Liverpool and
Steubenville in the last
six days, but has won 11
of its last 12.

"Sometimes you nev-
er know what you are

night.
Harrison Central held
a commanding, 41-22,
advantage off the glass,
but its 19 turnovers
were a dozen more than
St. Clairsville charted.
St. Clairsville was 16 of
45 from the floor.

Harrison Central had
three more field goals
on the same amount of
shots.

The Red Devils are
back in action tonight as
they travel to the John
Marshall Field House in
Moundsville to meet the
Monarchs.

The Huskies return
home to host Malvern
tonight.

tory over the rival weir Red
Riders on Friday, fueled by
a double-double effort from
Grant Yost.

Yost finished with 14
points and 10 rebounds for
the Bruins. Andrew Mur-
dock flirted with a dou-
ble-double with eight points
and seven rebounds.

**East Liverpool 57,
Wheeling Park 54**

WHEELING - The Pa-
triot's were dealt a close loss
Friday against the Potters.

Park's Josh Huffman led
all scorers with 23 points,
while Nate Simon tallied 14.

Cohen Pease and Quintin
Conrad each scored 13 for
East Liverpool.

Frontier 52, River 42

but then to the Cougars inside
R.L. Potts Gymnasium.

Peyton Blue led River
with 10 points, followed by
Evan Longwell with eight
and Aiden Milhoan with
seven.

**(Late Thursday)
GIRLS BASKETBALL**

**John Marshall 66,
Tyler Consolidated 43**

KIDWELL - Rilee Storm
scored 21 points and dished
out six assists as the Mon-
archs roared past the host
Silver Knights.

Nia Miller added 12
points while Kalyn Reese
had 11 points and six re-
bounds. Kaylee White fin-
ished with nine points and
eight rebounds.

FAME

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A three-year starter, Baynes
helped lead Park to a pair of OVAC
championships and multiple trips
to the West Virginia State Tourna-
ment.

As a senior, Baynes averaged
some 15 points a game and handed
out five assists a contest. He scored
a career-high of 38 points during a
game his senior season.

After high school, Baynes elect-
ed to take his track and field tal-
ents to the University of Southern
California. He competed for the
Trojans for two seasons in the high
jump before injuries derailed his
career.

**ALEX YOUNG, Indian Creek
(Class of 2013)** - Earning All-
Ohio acclaim in one sport is quite
impressive. Doing it in four sports
- in one school year - is simply off
the chart.

That's exactly what this former
Redskin athlete did as a senior
when he earned the state of Ohio's
top honor in football, basketball,
baseball and track and field. Those
honors put the finishing touches on
one of the most brilliant careers of
any male athlete in Indian Creek's
history.

Young accumulated 12 letters
during his prep career, but while

shining in multiple sports, it was on
the baseball diamond where he left
his biggest mark.

During his career with the
Redskins, Young hit .415, which
ranks second all time in school his-
tory. He scored 96 runs, which is
the most by any Redskin player. He
finished with 100 hits, 78 singles,
11 triples (school record) and he
swiped 62 bases (school record) to
showcase that speed he would later
use on the track.

He was twice named All-OVAC
in baseball and once on the All-
Ohio squad. He also played in the
Mizuno All-Ohio Series after his
senior season.

As a basketball player, Young
lettered three times and put up im-
pressive numbers despite missing
half of his junior season with an
injury. He ranks 10th in school his-
tory in single-season scoring, third
in single-season steals, 10th in ca-
reer rebounds with 264 and fifth in
career steals. He was All-OVAC as
a senior and junior and honorable
mention All-Ohio.

On the football field, Young
played early in his career at wide
receiver before shifting to quarter-
back as a senior.

In his career, he scored 19 touch-

downs, kicked 19 PATs, three field
goals and had three, two-point con-
versions. He scored touchdowns as
a running back, receiver, kick re-
turner, punt returner and defensive
back. As a senior, he accounted
for 192 of the Redskins' 376 total
points. Demonstrating his versatil-
ity, Young had a game, as a senior,
in which he rushed and passed for
more than 100 yards and also add-
ed more than 100 yards in the re-
turn game.

He was All-OVAC as a senior
and listed as the Third Team All-
Ohio quarterback.

Arguably Young's greatest ath-
letic achievement came during a
three-week stretch in late May of
2013. After the Redskins were
eliminated from the baseball post-
season, Young decided to join the
track team. He proceeded to win
the district and regional title in the
400 meter dash and finished fifth
in the Division II state meet, post-
ing an impressive time of 49.65.

Young elected to pursue baseball
at the collegiate level. He played
two seasons at Sinclair Junior Col-
lege in Dayton before transferring
to Grand Valley State in Michigan
for his final two seasons of eligi-
bility.

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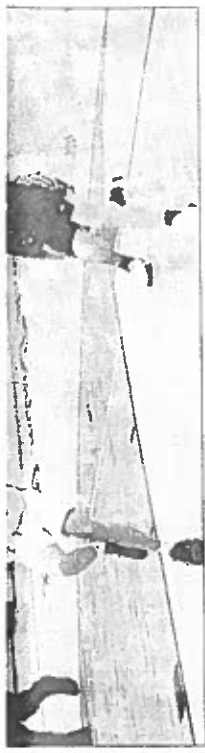
He became the ninth
player to rush for 2,000
yards in a regular season,
set an NFL record with
seven TD runs of at least
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cord of 2,476 yards set in

Bowl titles starting when
he joined San Francisco
in 1994 as part of a ma-
jor spending spree. After
winning four titles in the
1980s, the Niners lost to
Dallas on back-to-back
conference title games in
the 1992-93 seasons, cre-
ating a sense of urgency

and their viability in New
Orleans was in doubt fol-
lowing the damage from
Hurricane Katrina. But
Brees helped solidify the
Saints long-term status by
leading them to the NFC
title game in his first year
and the winning it all in
his fourth season.

game's top quarterbacks
ever, Manning needed to
look for a new home in
2012 after a serious neck
injury forced him to miss
the previous season and
led the Colts to turn the
team over to rookie An-
drew Luck.

After a free agency



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

their credit, they knocked down the foul shots. St. Clairsville (13-3) inbounded 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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His monumental jump occurred during his senior season at a meet at Mars, Pa. when he soared over 7-foot, quarter inch. He finished that season, as well as his junior campaign, undefeated in his specialty, consistently clearing 6-foot-8 and higher, which let him to win the Class AAA state and OVAC championships. He finished his senior season ranked second na-

tionally 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 and the same number at the conference meet. He wasn't afraid to challenge himself as proven by the fact that he competed in the New Balance High School Nationals after his junior season, placing third with a 6-8 clearance.

Baynes also shined in the long jump. He had a personal-best mark of 22-ft-3 1/2 and won the state championship in both 2011 and 2012. Baynes shined on the soccer field for the Patriots. He

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St. C's Darrin Wilson receives OATCCC award

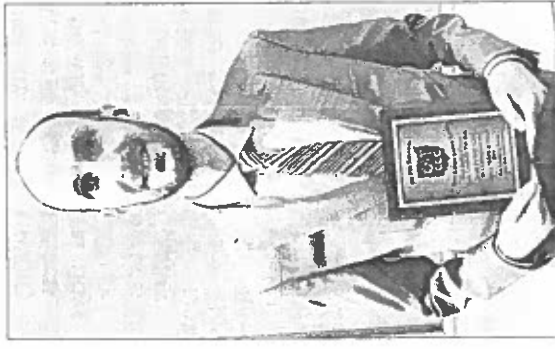
By KIM NORTH
Staff Writer

COLUMBUS — A St. Clairsville High School coach recently received one of the most prestigious awards in his sport.

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

Summit the weekend before in Reno, Nev., so I didn't want to be gone from home on back-to-back weekends, but it was worth going to."

He said there are four coaches 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 career achievements and accomplishments," he explained. "I was nominated for the award, and I knew that. Based on my career portfolio that I had en-

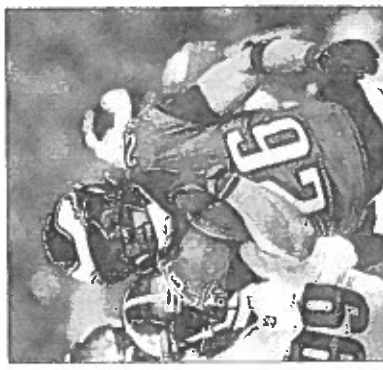


Saquon Barkley could be latest in line of free agents who have helped deliver Super Bowl titles

By JOSH DUBOW
AP Pro Football Writer

The offseason addition of Saquon Barkley helped elevate a sluggish offense for the Philadelphia Eagles and lead the team to a Super Bowl.

While building teams through the draft is still the most desirable avenue for success in the NFL, free agent additions have played a major role for several



port missed shots before the noon for us, andes head coach Donnie Cash said. "We were able to eight.

Peyton Blue led R Evan Longwell with seven.

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"These seniors have been playing on this court since they were in the second and third grades," Clifford noted. "It was a good night, but we would have liked it to be more celebratory for a while. We were lucky to survive tonight, but the goal, as it is before every game, was to finish with one more point than our opponent."

Foldi called a timeout at the 14.6 mark to devise a potential game-tying three-pointer, but Brady Elliott's attempt from the left wing caromed off the rim and bounced out of bounds as the final buzzer sounded.

"We talk a lot about effort this season. I know what kind of heart we've got in that locker room. Our guys really showed

that tonight with how hard they competed. We talk about taking care of the ball on each possession and executing at a high level for four quarters. I thought we did that tonight."

The contest was deadlocked 11 times and saw the lead exchange hands on 16 occasions, including seven times in the back-and-forth fourth quarter.

The Huskies executed the offensive game plan to a tee and limited the Red Devils to just one shot per possession in the first half in building a 31-25 advantage, but free throw shooting carried the hosts.

St. Clairsville made 23 of 27 charity tosses on the night, with Pastor going 11-for-12 among his 15 points. Straub, who came

off the bench led the way with 22 points, five rebounds and four blocked shots. Brady Schafer, who never came off the floor, had 20 points.

Elliott, who was saddled with foul troubles for most of the game, led the Huskies with 18 points and nine rebounds. Bryson Kamarec had a double-double with 15 points and 11 boards, while Brady Hyre finished with 10 points and Reed Arbaugh added eight points and a like number of rebounds before fouling out in the final minute.

The victory was the third gut-check win of the week for St. Clairsville. It also survived tests from East Liverpool and Steubenville in the last six days, but has won 11 of its last 12.

"Sometimes you never know what you are going to get on Senior Night," Clifford admitted. "Even though we beat East Liverpool and Steubenville, our most important game was the next one and that was tonight."

Harrison Central held a commanding, 41-22, advantage off the glass, but its 19 turnovers were a dozen more than St. Clairsville charted. St. Clairsville was 16 of 45 from the floor. Harrison Central had three more field goals on the same amount of shots.

The Red Devils are back in action tonight as they travel to the John Marshall Field House in Moundsville to meet the Monarchs. The Huskies return home to host Malvern tonight.

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As a senior, Baynes averaged some 15 points a game and handed out five assists a contest. He scored a career-high of 38 points during a game his senior season.

After high school, Baynes elected to take his track and field talents to the University of Southern California. He competed for the Trojans for two seasons in the high jump before injuries derailed his career.

ALEX YOUNG, Indian Creek (Class of 2013) — Earning All-Ohio acclaim in one sport is quite impressive. Doing it in four sports — in one school year — is simply off the chart.

That's exactly what this former Redskin athlete did as a senior when he earned the state of Ohio's top honor in football, basketball, baseball and track and field. Those honors put the finishing touches

on one of the most brilliant careers of any male athlete in Indian Creek's history.

Young accumulated 12 letters during his prep career, but while shining in multiple sports, it was on the baseball diamond where he left his biggest mark.

During his career with the Redskins, Young hit .415, which ranks second all time in school history. He scored 96 runs, which is the most by any Redskin player. He finished with 100 hits, 78 singles, 11 triples (school record) and he swiped 62 bases (school record) to showcase that speed he would later use on the track.

He was twice named All-OVAC in baseball and once on the All-Ohio squad. He also played in the Mizuno All-Ohio Series after his senior season.

As a basketball player, Young lettered three

times and put up impressive numbers despite missing half of his junior season with an injury. He ranks 10th in school history in single-season scoring, third in single-season steals, 10th in career rebounds with 264 and fifth in career steals. He was All-OVAC as a senior and junior and honorable mention All-Ohio.

On the football field, Young played early in his career at wide receiver before shifting to quarterback as a senior.

In his career, he scored 19 touchdowns, kicked 19 PATs, three field goals and had three, two-point conversions. He scored touchdowns as a running back, receiver, kick returner, punt returner and defensive back. As a senior, he accounted for 192 of the Redskins' 376 total points. Demonstrating his versatility, Young had a game, as a senior, in which he rushed and

passed for more than 100 yards and also added more than 100 yards in the return game.

He was All-OVAC as a senior 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 eliminated from the baseball postseason, Young decided to join the track team. He proceeded to win the district and regional title in the 400 meter dash and finished fifth in the Division II state meet, posting an impressive time of 49.65.

Young elected to pursue baseball at the collegiate level. He played two seasons at Sinclair Junior College in Dayton before transferring to Grand Valley State in Michigan for his final two seasons of eligibility.

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John Marshall

KIDWELL — Rished out six assists host Silver Knights.

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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 agents on Super E champions over the three decades.

Reggie White, Pack

The first major u stricted free agent Philadelphia before 1993 season and he build a powerhouse Green Bay. White the most dominant fensive player for r of the 1990s and tur the Packers into a pe nial contender. Green ended a 10-year pla drought in White's season, made it to conference title game his third year and hel lead the Packers to the tle in his fourth season

Deion Sanders,
49ers and Cowboy

Prime Time playe major part in two Su Bowl titles starting w he joined San Franci in 1994 as part of a i jor spending spree. A winning four titles in 1980s, the Niners los Dallas on back-to-b conference title game the 1992-93 seasons, c ating a sense of urgen for notoriously inpati owner Eddie DeBartol

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Wilson has coached

"Personally, when I was putting together my

complicated in my tenure. From the state qualifiers

state meet. I knew we had been there a lot, but what