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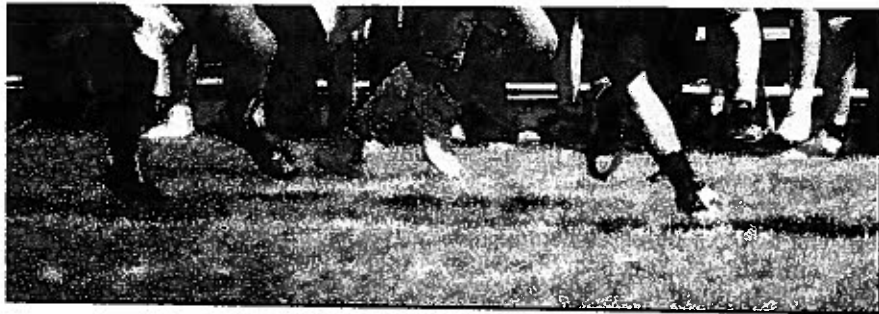


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The third-round draft pick out of Oregon was promoted this week ahead of veteran Joe Flacco, with coach Kevin Stefanski looking for a spark for his anemic offense.

"There were some good things, some rookie things to certainly clean up," said Stefanski, whose team fell to 1-4 ahead of a trip to Pittsburgh next week.

Gabriel finished 19 of 33 for 190 yards and the two touchdowns.

### Third down problems

The Browns were just 3 of 15 on third down. One particularly painful drive lasted a mere 11 seconds. That was the possession before they punted to set up Minnesota's winning drive.

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MARTINS FERRY'S Alanna Williams placed third overall in Saturday's OVAC Cal Pokas Cross Country Championships at Cambridge High School's sun-covered 3.1-mile course. Her time was 19:02.31, which was good enough for the top time in Class 3A.

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it before halftime, Dip-breaking route from six il lead to seven points,

14-7 at the half.

Bellaire had the chance to double-up with the first drive of the second half, and marched down to the red zone, but Ollie Muhly came up with an interception in the end zone to snuff out a promising drive.

"I thought the kids dug deep," McLean said. "I mean, the interception by Ollie down here in the end zone was a big play. We responded.

"Real excited for our kids to get back in the win column. It was a crucial thing after taking a loss. They always want to get back those smiles on their faces. You know we got some tough tough games ahead of us here."

"We have to finish some more drives," Bonar said. "There's a couple times we just need to finish drives, not take negative plays. But all in all, we did a nice job. We've got nice players."

St. Clairsville carried their momentum onto offense, getting a 25-yard run by Kale Fisher, who rushed seven times for 61 yards Saturday, and a 40-yard reception from Starks before finishing their drive with a two-yard Muhly touchdown dive to take a 21-7 lead with 6:08 on the third quarter clock.

Again, Bellaire would respond, their passing game moving the ball down the field and eventually leading to another Gonglik touchdown catch, this one from five yards out after Dippel showed off his play-extending skills, rolling out of the pocket and making a throw on the run.

Defenses prevailed in the fourth quarter. In the final frame, both teams had drives extended on third-and-long via penalties, but neither could find the end zone.

"It was a good game," Bonar said. "It was a good game against a good team. They made plays when they had to, and we had some mistakes. They're high school kids."

St. Clairsville (5-2) returns home next week against Bloom-Carroll. Bellaire (3-4) remains at home against Harrison Central.

, and it starts with me." Gabriel brings 'a different flavor'

Four-time All-Pro tyles Garrett said Gabri-"put us in position to in." He was asked if the B change brought some ice to the team.

"I think so. Just something different, a different flavor," Garrett said. "Appreciate Joe for having s back, supporting him, aching him through this ansition. He will be vital roughout this process gardless of whoever e end up with through-t the rest of the season. hey've got to lean on

each other."

From the other side, Vikings linebacker Jonathan Greenard liked what he saw of the rookie QB.

"Ultimately, he didn't do anything for them to lose the game. I'm pretty sure they told him 'listen just take what they give you, don't create negative plays, don't try to do too much, don't be a hero.' I think he did just that," Greenard said.

"The kid has a pretty good arm. He's going to be good."

Rookie QBs in London Rookie quarterbacks historically have not per-

formed well in the English capital, though the momentum has shifted recently.

Zach Wilson was under center as a rookie in 2021 when the New York Jets lost to Atlanta 27-20. That dropped the rookie-starting-QBs-in-London record to 0-5.

But one week later, Trevor Lawrence earned his first NFL victory when the Jaguars beat Miami 23-20. Lawrence, the top pick in the 2021 draft, threw for 319 yards and a touchdown against the Brian Flores-coached Dolphins.

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Rounding out the top 5 overall placers were Morgantown's Lauren Hawkins (19:12.98) and Shenandoah's Ida Estadt (19:23.56) in fourth and fifth, respectively.

Edison's Josie Le-snansky was the top finisher in Class 4A in 20:11.71, while Williams took the top spot in Class 3A. The top Class 1A/2A finisher was Shadyside's Chloe Melolovitch in 19:41.49.

Morgantown, with five runners in the top 13, won the Class 5A team title over city rival University, 46-65. Edison (Class 4A), Bellaire (Class 3A) and Shadyside (Class 1A/2A) also won team crowns.

### BOYS

University defended

its overall and Class 5A championships with the top three individual finishers and five in the top 32. Ethan Conroy won the race in 15:51.712, while teammates Micah Gainer (16:07.45) and Logan Conroy (16:12.99) were second and third, respectively, out of 209 runners.

East Liverpool's Maddox Roach (16:26.89) and Wheeling Park's Rylan Moore (16:32.75) finished fourth and fifth, respectively.

Joining the Hawks as team champions were St. Clairsville (Class 4A); Bellaire (Class 3A) and Trinity Christian (Class 1A/2A).

Roach was also the top finisher in Class 4A, along with Bellaire's Landen Perdue (Class 3A) and Magnolia's Riley Dennis (Class 1A/2A).

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Bader said after the game.  
Should Bader miss  
Game 2. Nick Castella-  
nos likely would return  
to the starting lineup in  
right field, with Brandon  
Marsh in center field and  
Max Kepler in right.

Four hours in Philly of  
what the hell is this?

Zack Wheeler received  
a roaring ovation when  
the ace sidelined because  
of complications from  
a blood clot returned in  
full uniform for the roster  
introductions. Phillies  
fans went wild when Hall  
of Famer Mike Schmidt  
threw the first pitch and  
they never stopped boo-  
ing Ohtani — boos so  
loud they drowned out the  
pregame hype video play-  
ing on the big screen.

Yet, they lost for the  
fourth time in the last five  
home playoff games (they  
won 12 of 14 before this  
current stretch) and they  
lost the opener in a season  
where they went 55-26 at  
home.

Could it be the Phillies  
are feeling the postsea-  
son pressure to impress at  
home?

"I don't think so. I  
don't feel that," Thomson  
said. "Our crowds have  
been outstanding. It was  
really loud and boisterous  
and rabid last night, just  
like our normal playoff  
fans are."

Loud crowds are nice.  
But fans — even if they  
think they can after com-  
pleting the 9-9-9 chal-  
lenge — can't help the  
Phillies connect against  
some of the best pitching  
in baseball.

"We just didn't get the  
big hit when we needed it.  
We had some chances,"  
Thomson said. "It's the  
way it is. I think it's just  
the ebbs and flows of the  
game, and we've got to  
come out here tomorrow  
night and play well."

25. Florida St. 3-2 147 18 p.m.  
Receiving votes: Cincinnati 129, Texas 111, Penn St. 97,  
Utah 84, Nebraska 60, So. Cal 46,  
UNLV 19, North Texas 16, TCU 14,  
Washington 10, Mississippi St. 10,  
Navy 4, Louisville 3, Auburn 1.

## OVAC Cross Country

OVAC Cal Pokas Cross  
Country Championships  
(at Cambridge H.S.)

BOYS  
Team Scoring  
Class 5A

1. University 53; 2. Morgan-  
town 98; 3. Warren Local 182;  
4. Wheeling Park 236; 5. John  
Marshall 269; 6. Parkersburg  
South 302; 7. Brooke 485

Class 4A

1. St. Clairsville 310; 2. Edison  
325; 3. Beaver Local 339; 4.  
East Liverpool 374; 5. Linsly  
386; 6. Union Local 514; 7. In-  
dian Creek 552; 8. Cambridge  
614; 9. Weir 693

Class 3A

1. Bellaire 222; 2. Martins Fer-  
ry 320; 3. Shenandoah 353; 4.  
Fort Frye 443; 5. Columbiana  
491; 6. Barnesville 572

Class 1A/2A

1. Trinity Christian 132; 2.  
Caldwell 428; 3. Wood County  
Christian 44; 4. Bridgeport 709

Individual Top 10

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15:51.71; 2. Micah Gainer  
(Univ), 16:07.45; 3. Logan  
Conroy (Univ), 16:12.99; 4. Ry-  
lan Moore (WP), 16:32.75; 5.  
Gatlin McLain (PS), 16:39.75;  
6. Luke Rettenberger (War),  
16:54.82; 7. Joshua Shrews-  
berry (Morg), 17:12.53; 8.  
Alex Bishop (War), 17:24.41;  
9. James Gipple (Univ),  
17:26.84; 10. Timothy Samuel  
Jr. (Morg), 17:26.99

Class 4A

1. Maddox Roach (EL),  
16:26.89; 2. Jakob Schmidt-  
Weigand (Lin), 16:52.60; 3.  
Connor Bendo (UL), 16:55.20;  
4. Luke Warrick (BvL), 17:09.44;  
5. Brody Vulgamore (EL),  
17:24.66; 6. George Dormas  
(StC), 17:53.76; 7. Brayden Bid-  
dle (Camb), 18:12.30; 8. Aaron  
Tucker (StC), 18:23.41; 9. Liam  
Westfall (ED), 18:26.75; 10.  
Blaine Hoobler (ED), 18:33.86

Class 3A

1. Landen Perdue (Bell),  
16:35.89; 2. Michael Hutnick  
(WC), 17:13.84; 3. Brody Griff-  
fin (FF), 17:30.18; 4. Kaijon  
Cweritos (Bell), 17:44.80; 5.  
Kai Brahm (Bell), 17:47.96;  
6. Nicholas Miller (Ferry),  
17:51.09; 7. Emmitt Slevin  
(Shen), 18:12.36; 8. Noah  
McElroy (Shen), 18:41.84;  
9. Joel Tewksbury (Shen),  
18:44.30; 10. Eric Hepner  
(Colum), 18:46.55

Class 1A/2A

1. Riley Dennis (Mag),  
17:06.39; 2. Koa Navarro  
(WCC), 17:12.61; 3. Miles  
Steptoe (TChr), 17:20.42; 4.  
Channing Baldwin (TChr),  
17:25.61; 5. Harper Jacquez  
(TChr), 17:49.61; 6. Cash Dob-  
son (SCC), 17:49.90; 7. Alex  
Sheanshang (Cald), 17:58.68;  
8. Aiden Danford (Cald),  
17:59.20; 9. Jake Stephens

(TChr), 18:03.85; 10. Mason  
Melohn (TChr), 18:04.78

GIRLS  
Team Scoring  
Class 5A

1. Morgantown 46; 2. Univer-  
sity 65; 3. Parkersburg South  
152; 4. Warren 199; 5. Wheel-  
ing Park 253; 6. John Marshall  
311; 7. Steubenville 4547

Class 4A

1. Edison 216; 2. Linsly 248; 3.  
Beaver Local 391; 4. St. Clairs-  
ville 428; 5. Cambridge 502; 6.  
Union Local 566

Class 3A

1. Bellaire 152; 2. Martins Fer-  
ry 296; 3. Columbiana 331; 4.  
Barnesville 427; 5. Wheeling  
Central 517

Class 1A/2A

1. Shadyside 185; 2. Trinity  
Christian 302; 3. Steubenville  
Catholic 389; 4. Southern Lo-  
cal 438

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Cara Zundell (Univ), 19:28.55;  
5. Zoe Zervos (JM), 19:38.69;  
6. Leyland Phillips (Morg),  
19:48.96; 7. Megyn Amsler  
(Morg), 19:50.21; 8. Tumaini  
Yawe (Morg), 19:51.54; 9. Al-  
yssa McCrady (PS), 20:03.84;  
10. Rosalia Biundo (Univ),  
20:19.59

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(Lin), 21:38.02; 3. Hannah Ro-  
berto (BvL), 21:41.40; 3. Park-  
er Sobota (Lin), 21:49.61; 4.  
Taylor Tucker (StC), 22:11.67;  
5. Amelia Kampmeyer (OG),  
22:24.69; 6. Georgie Long  
(BvL), 22:27.16; 7. Teanna Gal-  
berth (Lin), 22:28.44; 8. Lydia  
Krepps (ED), 22:30.64; 9. An-  
nie Board (ED), 22:40.06; 10.  
Leila Cable (ED), 22:53.07

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ry), 19:02.31; 2. Ida Estdt  
(Shen), 19:23.56; 3. Kamdin  
Snider (Bell), 19:32.55; 4. Kay-  
la Edgar (Bell), 20:45.30; 5.  
Lyla Blazek (Bell), 21:52.80;  
6. Madelyn Jackson (Colum),  
22:07.37; 7. Kaitlin Benner  
(Colum), 22:20.96; 8. Liz May-  
er (Bell), 22:34.89; 9. Ireland  
Jennette (Ferry), 22:40.80; 10.  
Addy Reed (Barnes), 23:01.69

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(Shady), 21:05.79; 3. Claire  
Flannery (SCC), 21:32.51; 4.  
Emma Hayes (Cald), 21:42.89;  
5. Jaylynne Johnson (Shady),  
21:55.99; 6. Mara Miller  
(Southern), 22:06.34; 7. Bri-  
anna Blake (TChr), 22:06.64;  
8. Amber Perkins (WCC),  
22:18.96; 9. Lauren Williams  
(TChr), 22:24.80; 10. Mary  
Rohde (SCC), 22:56.59

No. 3 River at No. 2 Clay Battle  
Class 1A  
No. 4 Wood County at No. 1  
Conotton Valley  
No. 3 Heartland Christian at  
No. 2 Madonna  
Consolation Games  
(Triangular Matches)  
Monday

Wheeling Park/Brooke at Indi-  
an Creek  
Buckeye Local/Weir at Bellaire  
Cambridge/Monroe Central at  
Buckeye Trail  
Magnolia/Shadyside at Toronto  
Wednesday

East Palestine/Fort Frye at  
Linsly  
Lisbon/Cameron at Steuben-  
ville Central  
Trinity/Valley at Frontier  
Valley Christian/Bridgeport at  
Leestonia  
Barnesville/Wellsville at Harri-  
son Central  
Thursday

Edison/United at East Liverpool

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL S

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CONFERENCE

West Liberty 47, West Virginia  
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Frostburg St. 33, Concord 7

PRESIDENTS' ATHLETIC  
CONFERENCE

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Grove City 22, Geneva 9  
Washington & Jefferson 70,  
Hiram 13

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Miami 28, Florida St. 22  
Clemson 38, North Carolina 10  
Virginia 30, Louisville 27, OT  
Wake Forest 30, Virginia Tech  
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SMU 31, Syracuse 18  
Duke 45, California 21

BIG TEN

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Northwestern 42, Louisi-  
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Kansas 27, UCF 20  
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Arizona 41, Oklahoma St. 13  
Texas Tech 35, Houston 11  
TCU 35, Colorado 21  
Baylor 35, Kansas St. 34

SEC

Alabama 30, Vanderbilt 14  
Florida 29, Texas 21  
Georgia 35, Kentucky 14  
Oklahoma 44, Kent St. 0  
Texas A&M 31, Mississippi St.  
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EAST

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as a throw on Saturday

## Ids Off 21-14

Bellaire had taken the ball into St. Clairsville territory, lining up at the Red Devil 40 yard-line and lining a fourth-and-eight with the clock dipping under five minutes of game time. St. Clairsville senior offensive end Colten Florio, an all-conference and all-state honoree last season, came through with a big stop, chasing down Bellaire quarterback Michael Dippel from behind to force a turnover on downs. The Red Devils were able to run the ball a couple of first downs, but kneel out the remainder of the clock. There was a lot of strategy going on in this game from both teams offensively and defensively, McLean said. "You know, it's nerve-wracking, but it's fun to coach that strategic battle, back-and-forth."

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# Tipton Takes OVAC Cross Country Title



LEFT: Wheeling Park's Rylan Moore completes Saturday's OVAC Cal Pokas Cross Country Championships at Cambridge High School's sun-covered 3.1-mile course. He placed fifth overall in a time of 16 minutes, 32.75 seconds. RIGHT: Wheeling Park's Brenna Tipton runs to the finish line during Saturday's championships. She clocked out in 17 minutes, 54.31 seconds to win the overall and Class 5A titles.

Photos by Kim North

## Ferry's Alanna Williams Places Third In Cambridge

By KIM NORTH  
Staff Writer

CAMBRIDGE — On a beautiful morning to run, Wheeling Park's Brenna Tipton overcame some nervousness to run away from the 182-runner field in the girls portion of the OVAC Cal Pokas Cross Country Championships at the 3.1-mile Cambridge High School course.

Tipton broke the tape in 17 minutes, 54.31 seconds to beat University's defending champion Abigail Rogers who clocked out in 18:39.41. Tipton, just a sophomore, was also the Class 5A

winner. Martins Ferry's Alanna Williams was third in 19:02.31.

"It feels really good. I was really nervous this morning, more than normal," Tipton said afterwards. "I just told myself at the (start) line 'all I can do is run my own race. That's what I did and it worked out for me.'"

Tipton said she was pretty even with Rogers for the first 800 meters, but then slowly pulled away.

"I haven't run against Abigail or Alanna yet this year. I was really excited today because it was new competition ... good competition ... but I just ran my own

race and it worked out for the best," she said.

Tipton was runner up to good friend Rogers in 2024 in a time of 19:06, but not this year.

"I broke 18 (minutes) for the first time this year last Friday with a 17:58, so it felt really good to beat that (mark) again today. I was very excited to run a minute faster today."

"The cooler temperature made it more enjoyable to run, but you still feel like crap when you're finished," she said with a smile.

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nit Parker Kingston on a screen play and took off for a 54-yard touchdown. The ball was only in the air for two yards.

"They've ran it, but it wasn't identical to the ones that we've seen," Wilson said. "They have every screen in the book

much-needed bye after a physical, exhausting stretch of games against some of the best schools in the Big 12. First, they'll need to get healthy and rest. But, then it'll be time to make changes because the season is spiraling, losing the last three

til the end," Wilson said. "I don't think that these guys give up. I don't think your team gives up. It wasn't perfect and it's not perfect and we need to get closer to perfect. But, I can get behind a bunch of guys who aren't going to quit on each other."

Starks gave St. C. another explosive reception later in the game with a 40-yard haul. His 84 yards receiving led the team.

Ollie Muhly turned 27 carries into 144 yards and two touchdowns as the senior continued his strong campaign.

McLean liked the approach from his offense on Saturday.

"I think we needed to be (balanced)," McLean said. "You know, we had some big plays. The O-line blocked great. Sam and Jaxon hooked up on that long pass. You know, I think we missed a couple things that we wish we had done better. But you know what? I think we settled down and did what we needed to do at the right time."

Muhly burst 69 yards to the end zone on a sweep to put St. Clairsville ahead 14-0 with 4:13 to play in the first quarter.

Bellaire answered back right before halftime, Dippel finding Gonglik on an in-breaking route from six yards out to cut the Red Devil lead to seven points,

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With the clock winding down, Jackson scrambled and launched a deep strike to Hurst, who caught the ball in the endzone as time expired — sending the home crowd into celebration and sealing the 47-41 win.

Defensively, Bre'Andre Horsley led the Hilltoppers with six tackles, while Donovan Elliott added seven tackles and a forced fumble.

The victory also gave head coach Roger Waialae his 99th career win.

The Hilltoppers now head into their bye week before returning to action Oct. 18 at West Virginia Wesleyan. West Liberty's next home game is Oct. 25 when they host Glenville State for homecoming.

### WHEELING UNIVERSITY 40, W.VA. WESLEYAN 14

WHEELING — The Homecoming and Family weekend celebration reached its peak on Saturday afternoon at Bishop Schmitt Field. The Wheeling University Football team (3-2, 2-0) was fresh off its bye week and the team was clicking on all cylinders as they picked up a 40-14 win over West Virginia Wesleyan. It moved the Cardinals

to 2-0 in Mountain East Conference (MEC) play after breaking out of a tight battle early on.

Leading the offensive effort was Ade Olanegan, who finished 16-26, throwing for 234 yards, three touchdowns, and two interceptions. It was the third week in a row that he completed three touchdown passes. As he spread the ball around to seven different receivers, his top target was Alex Godavitarne, who pulled in five catches for 68 yards and a touchdown, while Colin Oberdick added four catches for 71 yards and a score. Dawaun Green led the ground game with nine carries for 60 yards, while O'Marion Taylor added eight carries for 52 yards. On the defensive side Kameron Reynolds led the way with 13 total tackles, seven solo and six assisted, while Leonard Sherrod III added four tackles and two interceptions. Dion McIntosh capped off the big day finishing with five tackles, a sack, and the safety to round out the effort.

The Wheeling University Football team returns to action on Saturday, October 11, when they host the University of Charleston.

## OVAC

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Tipton finished sixth last year in the W.Va. Class 3A state meet.

Rounding out the top 5 overall placers were Morgantown's Lauren Hawkins (19:12.98) and Shenandoah's Ida Estadt (19:23.56) in fourth and fifth, respectively.

Edison's Josie Lesnansky was the top finisher in Class 4A in 20:11.71, while Williams took the top spot in Class 3A. The top Class 1A/2A finisher was Shadyside's Chloe Mehlovitch in 19:41.49.

Morgantown, with five

runners in the top 13, won the Class 5A team title over city rival University, 46-65. Edison (Class 4A), Bellaire (Class 3A) and Shadyside (Class 1A/2A) also won team crowns.

### BOYS

University defended its overall and Class 5A championships with the top three individual finishers and five in the top 32. Ethan Conroy won the race in 15:51.712, while teammates Micah Gainer (16:07.45) and Logan Conroy (16:12.99) were second and third, respec-

tively, out of 209 runners.

East Liverpool's Maddox Roach (16:26.89) and Wheeling Park's Ryland Moore (16:32.75) finished fourth and fifth, respectively.

Joining the Hawks as team champions were St. Clairsville (Class 4A); Bellaire (Class 3A) and Trinity Christian (Class 1A/2A).

Roach was also the top finisher in Class 4A, along with Bellaire's Landen Perdue (Class 3A) and Magnolia's Riley Dennis (Class 1A/2A).

## BROWNS

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Wentz was 9 for 9 on the 10-play winning drive that started on the Minnesota 20-yard line.

The Vikings improved to 5-0 all time in London.

Cleveland's loss also spoiled Dillon Gabriel's first NFL start, as the Browns rookie put his team (1-4) in position to win by throwing two touchdown passes. Fellow rookie Quinshon Judkins rushed for 110 yards on 23 carries.

Wentz shook off a shoulder injury that briefly sent him to the locker room and led two scoring drives in the second half after the Vikings trailed 10-7 at halftime. The veteran finished 25 of 34 for 236 yards and the touchdown pass.

Addison had five receptions for 41 yards to complement Jefferson's big game: 123 yards on seven receptions.

Addison returned last week after serving a three-game suspension for violating the league's personal conduct policy for a drunken driving case last year.

Jordan Mason's 3-yard touchdown run gave the Vikings a 14-10 lead, capping eight-play, 71-yard drive in the third quarter.

Gabriel responded with a 13-play, 69-yard drive and a 9-yard touchdown pass to tight end David Njoku on third-and-goal, for a 17-14 Browns lead. Njoku hurdled linebacker Ivan Pace Jr. on an earlier reception. He finished with six receptions for 67 yards.

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ti 129, Texas 111, Penn St. 97, Utah 84, Nebraska 60, So. Cal 46, UNLV 19, North Texas 16, TCU 14, Washington 10, Mississippi St. 10, Navy 4, Louisville 3, Auburn 1.

4:25 p.m.  
Detroit at Kansas City, 8:20 p.m.  
**Monday, Oct. 13**  
Buffalo at Atlanta, 7:15 p.m.  
Chicago at Washington, 8:15 p.m.  
Open: Houston, Minnesota

## OVAC CROSS COUNTRY

OVAC Cal Pokas Cross Country Championships (at Cambridge H.S.)

### BOYS

#### Team Scoring

##### Class 5A

1. University 53; 2. Morgantown 98; 3. Warren Local 182; 4. Wheeling Park 236; 5. John Marshall 269; 6. Parkersburg South 302; 7. Brooke 485

##### Class 4A

1. St. Clairsville 310; 2. Edison 325; 3. Beaver Local 339; 4. East Liverpool 374; 5. Linsly 386; 6. Union Local 514; 7. Indian Creek 552; 8. Cambridge 614; 9. Weir 693

##### Class 3A

1. Bellaire 222; 2. Martins Ferry 320; 3. Shenandoah 353; 4. Fort Frye 443; 5. Columbiana 491; 6. Barnesville 572

##### Class 1A/2A

1. Trinity Christian 132; 2. Caldwell 428; 3. Wood County Christian 44; 4. Bridgeport 709

#### Individual Top 10

##### Class 5A

1. Ethan Conroy (Univ), 15:51.71; 2. Micah Gainer (Univ), 16:07.45; 3. Logan Conroy (Univ), 16:12.99; 4. Ryan Moore (WP), 16:32.75; 5. Gatlin McLain (PS), 16:39.75; 6. Luke Rettenberger (War), 16:54.82; 7. Joshua Shrewsbury (Morg), 17:12.53; 8. Alex Bishop (War), 17:24.41; 9. James Gipple (Univ), 17:26.84; 10. Timothy Samuel Jr. (Morg), 17:26.99

##### Class 4A

1. Maddox Roach (EL), 16:26.89; 2. Jakob Schmidt-Weigand (Lin), 16:52.60; 3. Connor Bendo (UL), 16:55.20; 4. Luke Warrick (BvL), 17:09.44; 5. Brody Vulgamore (EL), 17:24.66; 6. George Dormas (StC), 17:53.76; 7. Brayden Bidle (Camb), 18:12.30; 8. Aaron Tucker (StC), 18:23.41; 9. Liam Westfall (ED), 18:26.75; 10. Blaine Hoobler (ED), 18:33.86

##### Class 3A

1. Landen Perdue (Bell), 16:35.89; 2. Michael Hutnick (WC), 17:13.84; 3. Brody Griffin (FF), 17:30.18; 4. Kaijon Cwerritos (Bell), 17:44.80; 5. Kai Brehm (Bell), 17:47.96; 6. Nicholas Miller (Ferry), 17:51.09; 7. Emmitt Slevin (Shen), 18:12.36; 8. Noah McElroy (Shen), 18:41.84; 9. Joel Tewksbury (Shen), 18:44.30; 10. Eric Hepner (Colum), 18:46.55

##### Class 1A/2A

1. Riley Dennis (Mag), 17:06.39; 2. Koa Navarro (WCC), 17:12.61; 3. Miles Steptoe (TChr), 17:20.42; 4. Channing Baldwin (TChr), 17:25.61; 5. Harper Jacques (TChr), 17:49.61; 6. Cash Dobson (SCC), 17:49.90; 7. Alex Sheanshang (Cald), 17:58.68; 8. Aiden Danford (Cald), 17:59.20; 9. Jake Stephens

(TChr), 18:03.85; 10. Mason Melohn (TChr), 18:04.78

### GIRLS

#### Team Scoring

##### Class 5A

1. Morgantown 46; 2. University 65; 3. Parkersburg South 152; 4. Warren 199; 5. Wheeling Park 253; 6. John Marshall 311; 7. Steubenville 4547

##### Class 4A

1. Edison 216; 2. Linsly 248; 3. Beaver Local 391; 4. St. Clairsville 428; 5. Cambridge 502; 6. Union Local 566

##### Class 3A

1. Bellaire 152; 2. Martins Ferry 296; 3. Columbiana 331; 4. Barnesville 427; 5. Wheeling Central 517

##### Class 1A/2A

1. Shadyside 185; 2. Trinity Christian 302; 3. Steubenville Catholic 389; 4. Southern Local 438

#### Individual Top 10

##### Class 5A

1. Brenna Tipton (WP), 17:54.31; 2. Abigail Rogers (Univ), 18:39.41; 3. Lauren Hawkins (Morg), 19:12.98; 4. Cara Zundell (Univ), 19:28.55; 5. Zoe Zervos (JM), 19:38.69; 6. Leyland Phillips (Morg), 19:48.96; 7. Megyn Amsler (Morg), 19:50.21; 8. Tumaini Yawe (Morg), 19:51.54; 9. Alyssa McCrady (PS), 20:03.84; 10. Rosalia Biundo (Univ), 20:19.59

##### Class 4A

1. Josie Lesnansky (ED), 20:11.71; 2. Annabelle Holt (Lin), 21:38.02; 3. Hannah Roberto (BvL), 21:41.40; 3. Parker Sobota (Lin), 21:49.61; 4. Taylor Tucker (StC), 22:11.67; 5. Amelia Kampmeyer (OG), 22:24.69; 6. Georgie Long (BvL), 22:27.16; 7. Teanna Galberth (Lin), 22:28.44; 8. Lydia Krepps (ED), 22:30.64; 9. Annie Board (ED), 22:40.06; 10. Leila Cable (ED), 22:53.07

##### Class 3A

1. Alanna Williams (Ferry), 19:02.31; 2. Ida Estadt (Shen), 19:23.56; 3. Kamdin Snider (Bell), 19:32.55; 4. Kayla Edgar (Bell), 20:45.30; 5. Lyla Blazek (Bell), 21:52.80; 6. Madelyn Jackson (Colum), 22:07.37; 7. Kaitlin Benner (Colum), 22:20.96; 8. Liz Mayer (Bell), 22:34.89; 9. Ireland Jennette (Ferry), 22:40.80; 10. Addy Reed (Barnes), 23:01.69

##### Class 1A/2A

1. Chloe Mehlovitch (Shady), 19:41.49; 2. Gabby Kosky (Shady), 21:05.79; 3. Claire Flannery (SCC), 21:32.51; 4. Emma Hayes (Cald), 21:42.89; 5. Jaylynn Johnson (Shady), 21:55.99; 6. Mara Miller (Southern), 22:06.34; 7. Brianna Blake (TChr), 22:06.64; 8. Amber Perkins (WCC), 22:18.96; 9. Lauren Williams (TChr), 22:24.80; 10. Mary Rohde (SCC), 22:56.59

Class 1A  
No. 4 Wood County at No. 1 Conotton Valley  
No. 3 Heartland Christian at No. 2 Madonna  
**Consolation Games (Triangular Matches)**  
**Monday**  
Wheeling Park/Brooke at Indian Creek  
Buckeye Local/Weir at Bellaire  
Cambridge/Monroe Central at Buckeye Trail  
Magnolia/Shadyside at Toronto  
**Wednesday**  
East Palestine/Fort Frye at Linsly  
Lisbon/Cameron at Steubenville Central  
Trinity/Valley at Frontier  
Valley Christian/Bridgeport at Leetonia  
Barnesville/Wellsville at Harrison Central  
**Thursday**  
Edison/United at East Liverpool

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCORES

### MOUNTAIN EAST CONFERENCE

West Liberty 47, West Virginia 41  
Wheeling 40, WV Wesleyan 14  
Glennville St. 36, Fairmont St. 24  
Frostburg St. 33, Concord 7  
**PRESIDENTS' ATHLETIC CONFERENCE**  
Westminster 52, Bethany 0  
Allegheny 21, Waynesburg 11  
Case Western 42, St. Vincent 14  
Grove City 22, Geneva 9  
Washington & Jefferson 70, Hiram 13

### ACC

Pittsburgh 48, Boston College 7  
Miami 28, Florida St. 22  
Clemson 38, North Carolina 10  
Virginia 30, Louisville 27, OT  
Wake Forest 30, Virginia Tech 23  
SMU 31, Syracuse 18  
Duke 45, California 21  
**BIG TEN**  
Ohio St. 42, Minnesota 3  
UCLA 42, Penn St. 37  
Michigan 24, Wisconsin 10  
Washington 24, Maryland 20  
Nebraska 38, Michigan St. 27  
Illinois 43, Purdue 27  
Northwestern 42, Louisiana-Monroe 7

### BIG 12

Kansas 27, UCF 20  
Cincinnati 38, Iowa St. 30  
Arizona 41, Oklahoma St. 13  
Texas Tech 35, Houston 11  
TCU 35, Colorado 21  
Baylor 35, Kansas St. 34

### SEC

Alabama 30, Vanderbilt 14  
Florida 29, Texas 21  
Georgia 35, Kentucky 14  
Oklahoma 44, Kent St. 0  
Texas A&M 31, Mississippi St. 9

### EAST

Bluefield State 35, Shaw 33  
Bucknell 33, Richmond 28  
Buffalo 31, E. Michigan 30, OT  
Carnegie Mellon 56, McDaniel 7  
Coast Guard 28, SUNY Maritime 26  
Colgate 41, Cornell 21  
Cortland 28, Utica 13  
Duquesne 34, Stonehill 14  
Gannon 38, Slippery Rock 35

**Saturday, Oct. 4, 1997**  
Chicago 3  
Monday, Oct. 6: Chicago at Milwaukee, 9:08 p.m. (TBS)  
Wednesday, Oct. 8: Milwaukee at Chicago, 5:08 p.m. (TBS)  
x-Thursday, Oct. 9: Milwaukee at Chicago, 9:08 p.m. (TBS)  
x-Saturday, Oct. 11: Chicago at Milwaukee, 4:38 p.m. (TBS)  
Los Angeles 1, Philadelphia 0  
Saturday, Oct. 4: Los Angeles 5, Philadelphia 3  
Monday, Oct. 6: Los Angeles (Snell 5-4) at Philadelphia (Luzardo 15-7), 6:08 p.m. (TBS)  
Wednesday, Oct. 8: Philadelphia at Los Angeles (Yamamoto 12-8), 9:08 p.m. (TBS)  
x-Thursday, Oct. 9: Philadelphia at Los Angeles, 6:08 p.m. (TBS)  
x-Saturday, Oct. 11: Los Angeles at Philadelphia, 8:08 p.m. (TBS)  
x - if necessary

agent: Dave Sneed, D. Price and Juan Guzman  
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## Young's Big Aces To Win And 2-0 WN

LAS VEGAS (AP) Jackie Young, exhausted from the grueling game semifinal against Indiana, w quite herself when Aces began the WN Finals against Phoenix and even did something rare in the opener.

But after a day of there was no stopp Young on Sunday.

She set a finals record with 21 points in the quarter, finishing 32 to carry Las Vegas a 91-78 victory over Mercury and 2-0 series lead.

Game 3 is Wednesday in Phoenix, where Aces hope to put a stranglehold on the series they chase their third in four years. The Mercury have the talk of needing to win five of five games to cap their fourth championship, which would tie WNBA record.

Young, who tied a career playoff high in points, fell just short the league record of points for any postseason quarter. Three players have accomplished it most recently in 20 when Young's teammate Jewell Loyd, hit that number for Seattle against Mercury.

"We had a couple play calls for her, but was really her being really aggressive and in attack mode," Aces coach Ben Hammon said. "I'm ways spurring her on to in attack mode. ... When she hits the 3-ball and a couple to go down, it comes difficult for her to be defended because she's fast, she's big, strong." Young's performance