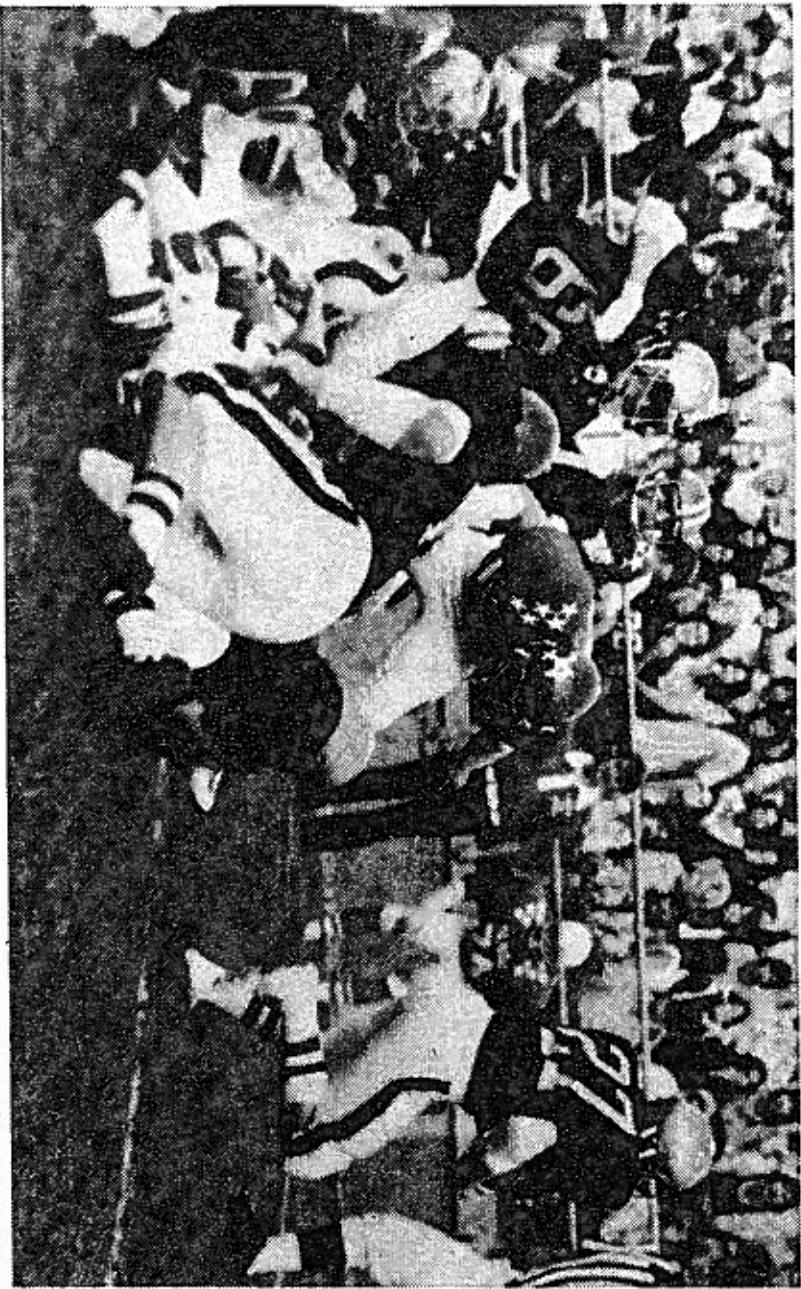


West Virginia All-Stars Blank Buck



Ex-Magnolia High rushing star Greg Babe (27) is on his way to racking up a 23-yd. gain and a first down for West Virginia in the opening quarter of last night's Ohio Valley Athletic Conference-sponsored Ohio-West Virginia Charity All-Star Football Game at Wheeling

Stadium. Babe broke through left tackle to set up a scoring threat which was later thwarted by the Ohio Mountaineers continued their recent mastery in the series by gaining an 8-0 verdict.

(N-R Photo by Don Muhleman)

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On the next play Cain, who was married just a week before the game, fired yards on assessments and quickly through a hole made by the blocking of Linsky guard Ken McNinch and John Marshall center Ed Laurar and zipped into the end zone untouched. The TD came with just 14 seconds left in the third round. The bonus points were added by Babe when he took a pitchout from Hoose and cruised around right end to beat the Ohio defense into the Northeast end zone corner.

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All-Stars Kick Off 1975 Football

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With an expected 50-to-60 college football team representatives on hand, the Ohio Valley's football

Midwinter Saturday night may start off with a bang. The event which kicks off area gridiron action is the fourth annual Ohio-West Virginia All-Star charity tug-of-war sponsored by the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference.

Kickoff at Wheeling Island Stadium is 8 o'clock. With members of both rival coaching staffs hunting at 'surprises' for the cross-river opponent, the interested college ivory hunters may discover what one game aide meant when he opined that "both squads would make some college a fine team."

With most of both 27-player squads committed to college enrollment already, a few haven't decided where, or if, they will perform in the college ranks. Obviously, the college representatives will be objectively viewing the efforts of those All-Stars along with any already committed to their institutions. Included among schools who have indicated they will be represented at the clash are



OVC All-Star Lineups

OHIO

Offense

Split End—John Dobrovich, St. John's Central, 6-0, 170, alternating with John Meadows, Cadiz, 5-6, 145; Tight End—Steve Jeffers, Cambridge, 6-2, 205; Tackles—Joe Kross, Winterville, 6-5, 230, and Dave Liberati, Bellaire, 6-2, 210; Guards—Ernie Andria, Winterville, 6-3, 240, and Mark Bjelac, Steubenville Catholic Central, 6-1, 205; Center—Jeff Tomer, Bridgeport, 6-1, 190; Quarterback—Joe Masciarelli, Bellaire, 6-1, 180; Running Backs—Mike Christian, Steubenville, 6-0, 200, and Keith Goss, East Liverpool, 6-1, 195; Flanker—Ray Gibbs, Buckeye North, 5-11, 178.

Defense

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WEST VIRGINIA

Offense

Split End—Greg Potizan, Wheeling Central, 5-11, 165; Tight End—John Pennie, Weirton, 6-1, 205; Tackles—Bernie Shalvey, Wheeling Central, 6-5, 245, and Bob Glod, Magnolia, 6-1, 215; Guards—Tom Tomlinack, Philadelphia, 5-10, 180, and Ken McNinch, Linsly Institute, 6-0, 220; Center—Ed Lautar, John Marshall, 6-0, 220; Quarterback—Chuck Hooser, Wheeling Central, 5-10, 170; Running Backs—Mike Caine, John Marshall, 5-11, 195; Greg Babe, Magnolia, 5-10, 200, and Richie Thomaselli, Brooke, 6-1, 180.

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Ends—Mike Yankavitch, Warwood, 5-11, 190, and Kevin Beck, Oak Glen, 6-2, 200; Tackles—Shalvey and McNinch; Inside Linebackers—Randy Rodgers, Wheeling, 6-2, 195, and Steve Jeter, Weirton, 6-0, 195; Outside Linebackers—Butch Biondillo, Brooke, 6-0, 185, and Dan Griffith, Brooke, 6-3, 195; Halfbacks—Botizan and Thomaselli; Safety—Paul Kuzio, Oak Glen, 6-0, 175.

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For Ohio, the starting quarterback will be Bellaire's Joe Masciarelli with Shadyside's Hi Paknik available for both signalcalling or running back duties.

The starting Buckeye running backs will be 200-pound Mike Christian of Steubenville Big Red and 195-pound Keith Goss of East Liverpool with Woodsfield's Pat Singleton available for duty along with defensive starters Bob Petrella of Steubenville Catholic and Chuck George of Buckeye West.

Ohio plans to alternate split ends John Dobrovich of St. John's and John Meadows of Cadiz.

While no Ohio gridgers are listed to start both on offense or defense, W. Va. two-way openers include Bolizan, Shalvey, offensive guard-defensive tackle Ken McNinch of Linsly, and Thomaselli.

The only All-Star not expected to perform is John Marshall running back Fred Tweedle, who reported to camp with an ailing knee which failed to respond.

A winner is assured for the clash since tie-breaker rules will be applied in case of a deadlock after four quarters.

Advance ticket sales end at noon Saturday with ducats at the gate costing \$2.50 for students and \$3.50 for adults, 50 cents over the advance price.

Charities benefiting from the contest include the Ostris Shrine Temple of Wheeling, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Anderson School for Special Children in Follansbee and the Golden Rule Special School in Byesville.

Stadium gates and ticket windows open at 5:30 with no reserved seats available. Parking costs will be \$1 with a game program costing \$1.

Past game winners and results:

1974—W. Va. 13-6; 1973—W. Va. 38-20; 1972—Ohio 24-6.
 1969—W. Va. 12-0; 1968—Ohio 6-0; 1967—W. Va. 18-0; 1966—Ohio 26-0; 1965—Ohio 22-0; 1964—Ohio 2-0; 1962—W. Va. 12-6; 1961—W. Va. 13-0; 1960—Ohio 7-6.
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Ohio Boasts Strong Interior Linemen for All-Star Tussle

West Virginia may find it difficult to "go up the gut" against Ohio in the fourth annual OVAAC Charity All-Star Football Game at Wheeling Stadium Saturday night, Aug. 9.

The Buckeyes will boast some strong interior linemen for the all-star encounter that's expected to draw another banner crowd of between 9,000 and 10,000 fans.

Ohio mentor Jake Olsavsky will have these interior linemen in fold when the all-stars convene at West Liberty College on July 28 for nearly two weeks of drills:

Joe Kross (225) of Winterville; John Slevin (205) of St. Clairsville; Craig Corder (245) of Cadiz; Dave Liberrat (208) of Bellaire; and Steve Mabbott (265) of East Liverpool.

The 6 ft. 5 Kross, an outstanding student who's headed for Harvard, was recipient of this year's Morris Plan Scholarship award presented through the OVAAC. He earned All-District honors, was honorable mention on all-state and special mention All-OVAAC.

Kross was more noted for his blocking on offense, but he's an even more imposing figure should Olsavsky decide to make him a part of the defensive front.

Slevin was voted the outstanding senior athlete at St. Clairsville High as he competed in wrestling and track. The 6 ft. 2

Corder started out at Winterville before transferring to Cadiz for his final two years of eligibility. At 6 ft. 4, Corder anchored the Cardinals' defense and surprised opponents with his mobility. Corder was an AP All-District choice and earned honors on several other valley all-star teams.

Liberrat is another of those versatile athletes, having also lettered in basketball and track. He was hurdler, thus indicating his good speed for his size. The 6 ft. 2 lineman, who will attend Brown University, was an All-District and All-Region 12 honoree and earned special mention on the all-conference squad. He also boasted one of the area's top punting averages last fall.

Mabbott will probably be the biggest player in the all-star tussle. He was a two-year grid and wrestling standout for the Poters. The 6 ft. 2 athlete earned All-Area, All-County and All-District honors and was honorable mention all-state. In wrestling last winter, he won 26 straight matches before losing in the state tournament. He's headed for West Liberty College in the fall.

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Queen of Queens Pageantry Featured at All-Star Game

The Bellaire High band will provide the post-game show. All-Star game director Rudy Murnley said the halftime festivities will be limited to 22 minutes.

A number of celebrities, including officials of the Ohio High School Athletic Association and the West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission, will be introduced. Special guests of the OVAC will be the all-star performers from the 1974 game.

Reception Set for All-Stars

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The Stone & Thomas Queen of cheerleaders will represent Ohio, while the Brooke High band and cheerleaders will do the honors for West Virginia. Pre-game activities will begin at 6:40 with the Queens of Bellaire band providing the music. At 7, both squads will begin a 30-minute warm-up period. The Osiris Shrine Color Guard and Legion of Honor will come on the field at 7:32. This will be followed by a prayer by Shriner Harry Hinerman and the Lord's Prayer, to be sung by queen members of her court and the girl voted "Miss Congeniality" by the queen contestants. The Bellaire band will then play the National Anthem and the sponsoring Wheeling department store, is expected to be on hand for the crowning ceremonies. The Bellaire High band and

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Buckeyes Name Five Captains Tie-Breaker Rule Set for All-Star Tussle

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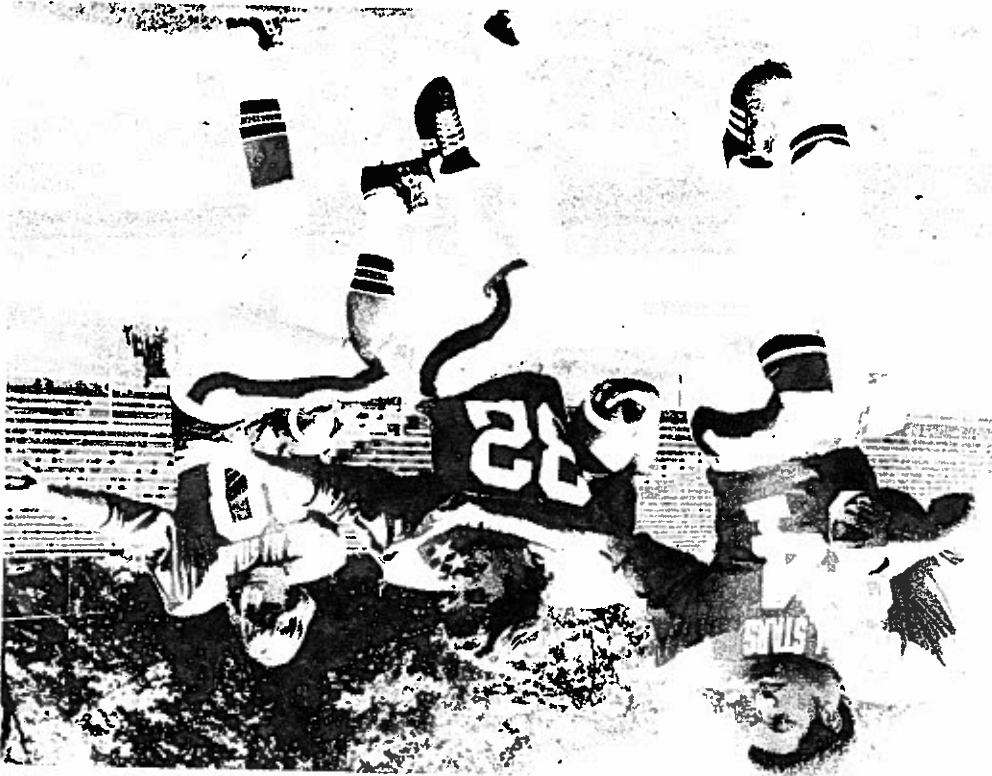
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OHIO WILL depend on the running talents of these three backs in Saturday night's fourth annual OVAAC Charity All-Star Football Game at Wheeling Stadium. From left, are Keith Goss of East Liver- pool, Bob Petrella of Steubenville Central

and Chuck George of Buckeye West. The Buckeyes will be trying to end a two-game West Virginia win skein in the mid-summer grid classic. Kickoff is set for 8 p.m. BOYD NELSON PHOTO

Olsavsky Not Worried About Role; Names Ohio All-Star

By CAL POKAS

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West Virginia has won the last two OVAC Charity All-Star Football games and is favored anywhere from seven to 10 points to maintain its supremacy over Ohio in the fourth edition of the conference-sponsored mid-summer classic at Wheeling Stadium Saturday night.

Ohio head coach Jake Olsavsky of Bellaire High, however, doesn't believe in Jimmy (The Greek) Snyder or any other oddsmakers.

He's not worried.

"I don't know who made these odds, but it doesn't worry me or the kids," Olsavsky said. "Personally, I'd rather go into a game as the underdog."

Olsavsky halted the heavy work for the Buckeyes on Wednesday and said his club was a little banged up. After two light workouts Thursday, the Buckeye mentor plans just one session today, mainly to sharpen the Ohioans on their timing and practice

some specialty team routines.

"I realize West Virginia has an awesome passing attack and some very good runners," Olsavsky said. "But, if we are ready mentally and our defense responds like I think it will, we'll give them a game."

Olsavsky today announced his starting lineups.

On offense, he'll go with John Dobrovich of St. John's Central, John Meadows of Cadiz or Steve Jeffers at the ends. The tackles will be Dave Liberati of Bellaire and Joe Kross of Wintersville.

Offensive guards will be Ernie Andria of Wintersville and Mark Bjelac of Steubenville Central. Starting at center will be Jeff Tomer of Bridgeport.

Joe Masciarelli of Bellaire will get the call at quarterback, although Hi Paknik of Shadyside should see action at that spot. Paknik will start at free safety. If Paknik is installed at quarterback, Masciarelli will take over the free safety duties.

Mike Christian of Steubenville will start at fullback, with Keith Goss of East Liverpool at halfback and Ray Gibbs of Buckeye

North at the flanker spot in Ohio's pro-type offense. Pat Singleton of Woodsfield is certain to see minutes at fullback, Bob Petrella of Steubenville Central will also be used as flanker. Another running back slated for duty is of Cambridge.

Tom Sapp of Jefferson Union and Dan Cernansk will line up as the defensive ends. Defensive tackle Mabbot of East Liverpool and John Stevin of St. Clair the middle guard will be Craig Corder of Cadiz, with Wellsville as the backup.

Sam Reynolds of Barnesville and Mike Doyle of Central are the linebackers, with Sapp also slated for action at this spot.

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Ohio Still Looking for Answer to West Virginia Grid All-Star Domination

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Ohio is still looking for the answer to stop West Virginia's domination in the OVAC Charity All-Star Football Game. The Mountaineers handed the Ohioans their third straight setback in the mid-summer grid spectacle, 8-0, before nearly 10,000 fans at Wheeling Stadium Saturday night.

The weather was perfect, but any hopes by the fans for a wide-open, high-scoring contest were dispelled by two aggressive squads which settled down for a hard-hitting, defensive struggle. Ohio kept the West Virginians at bay with a pair of interceptions and a fumble recovery, while the Mountaineers covered a Buckeye bobble at a crucial point and just proved too tough on any other occasion that the Buckeyes threatened.

This was the fourth all-star game sponsored by the OVAC. The first four years ago was played at Martins Ferry because Wheeling Stadium was heavily damaged by floods that summer. Ohio won that game, but West Virginia has pretty well dominated things since, although the Mountaineers escaped with a victory in 1974 even though the Buckeyes had a wide edge in statistics.

Overall, there have been 30 Ohio-West Virginia All-Star football games since 1940 and the series now stands even at 15 victories apiece.

West Virginia's domination could be even harder to crack next year because the Mountaineers will be getting additional help from Parkersburg and Parkersburg South, two always-strong football

schools, which will become members of the OVAC this fall. Ohio will get additional help with the admission of Marietta to the conference, but it's questionable if this will be enough to offset the balance of power.

West Virginia entered the game between a seven to 10-point favorite and the score proved the oddsmaker right.

The Mountaineers, who scored the game's only TD in the fading seconds of the third quarter, started with a bang.

Cambridge's Steve Jefferts sent the opening kickoff in the end zone, but West Virginia, via a 21-yard scamper by Magnolia's Greg Babe and a 15-yard penalty, moved into Ohio territory. A 13-yard completion from the Wheeling Central duo of quarterback Chuck Hoose to receiver Greg Boltzan gave W. Va. a first down at the Ohio 23 and Babe came back with five more yards on first down. However, a loss, a motion penalty and two incompletions helped Ohio gain control.

Late in the opening period, back-to-back 15-yard penalties against Ohio put West Virginia in Buckeye land again, but Chuck George of Buckeye West, who turned in a fine defensive performance, halted this bid with an interception.

Ohio moved from its 43 to the W. Va. 42, with Mike Christian making the big play with a 12-yard burst, but the offense stalled and Dave Liberati put West Virginia in the hole with a punt downed at the Mountaineers' four by Bob Petrella of Steubenville Central.

Four plays later, Hoose connected again with Boltzan, but the latter was hit hard and coughed up the ball, with Sam Reynolds of Barnesville making the recovery at the W. Va. 33. Three plays netted six yards before Jefferts attempted a 44-yard field goal. The

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After Babe got four and Mike Cain of John Marshall barged off tackle for five, Cain hit the right side quickly and found daylight to go the 15 yards untouched. The score came with 14 seconds left in the third period and West Virginia added the two points when Hoose pitched to Babe, who skirted the right side.

Ohio had two chances in the fourth period, the first coming after the short kickoff following the W. Va. TD. Starting from its 42, Ohio got as far as the Mountaineer 35 where it had a fourth and inches situation. However, the Ohio bench drew a 15-yard penalty to end this bid.

Four plays later, the Buckeyes took advantage of a poor punt to take over at the W. Va. 33. Paknik immediately got 13 on a keeper, but the Buckeyes fumbled, their only turnover of the game, on the next play. With 6:30 left, West Virginia was able to control the ball enough to prevent any more serious bids by the Ohioans.

West Virginia posted a 12-8 edge in first downs and netted 180 yards to 114 for the losers.

The Mountaineers gained 148 rushing, added 69 passing and lost 21. They completed five of 13 aeriats, with two intercepted, lost their lone fumble, were penalized seven times for 45 yards and ran 50 plays, not counting punts.

Ohio gained 113 yards on the ground, added 43 passing, and lost 42 yards. The Buckeyes hit on five of 10 passes, although one completion went for minus five yards, lost their lone fumble, were set back 95 yards on seven infractions and ran 48 plays from scrimmage.



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