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Ex-Tyger Draws Accolades

BALDWIN-WALLACE College has tabbed Mansfielder Paul Petrella as a man to watch in its athletic program. Last fall the 180-pound, six-foot Yellow Jacket was one of the top members of the freshman football team and dressed for several varsity contests.

However, he came into his own in wrestling. Third in Class AAA state competition in the 167-pound class for Mansfield Senior High in 1975, Petrella was fourth in the 177-pound division in the Ohio Athletic Conference meet. He had wrestled only twice at that weight before the OAC meet.

For the season, Petrella won nine, lost four and drew once at 167 and finished at 3-3 at 177. He had four pins which tied him for the team lead.

"Paul possesses a tremendous amount of ability and is extremely aggressive and quick," said Coach John Summa, who has guided Baldwin-Wallace wrestlers for 28 years. "Once we polish up a bit more on the technique, he should be a great one."

WHO SAYS IT TAKES time to get used to a new sailboat? Former Mansfielder Mersh Merschdorf owned his 27-foot "Reflections" just one week when he won the Class A division of the Gulf Coast Sailing Club five-hour regatta off Naples, Fla.

Merschdorf, who was graduated from Senior High, has been a dental technician in Naples for the past four years. He was credited with a fine sailing job in his first outing with his new boat. At times the wind reached 12-15 knots and for a 30-minute stretch there was no wind. He had been successful in events in a boat called "Family Affair," before shifting to his new craft.

DON LUCKIE, who prepped at Mansfield Malabar, is a member of the varsity track-field team at Capital University in Columbus. The five-foot-eleven sophomore runs the dashes and competes on the sprint relay team. Sophomore Gary Feagin of Mansfield has been awarded a junior varsity letter at St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Ind. A 1974 graduate of Mansfield Senior High, Feagin was a member of the basketball squad.

AFTER HEARING a writer moan about a tight deadline during his post-game interview, Princeton Basketball Coach Pete Carril quietly replied: "All my life I've gotten along without looking like Clark Gable. Do you realize what a loss this has been to me? You will have to handle one tight deadline as calmly and bravely as I've handled my problem."

Reds Make Crime Pay

THE CINCINNATI REDS are one major league club that makes crime pay. The Rhinelanders have led the National League in steals in three of the last four years. The Reds got a good start towards another title when they swiped 11 straight bases in their opening series against Houston and then were 16-of-17 steals in the first eight games.

"That's not a baseball team," said Astros' first baseman Bob Watson. "It's a track team."

Cincinnati stole 198 bases last season, the most by a Reds' team since way back in 1954 when 224 bases were pilfered.

Cincinnati's emergence as the No. 1 base stealing team in the National League is concurrent with the arrival of Joe Morgan from Houston. His presence in the Cincinnati lineup has changed things for the Reds. Morgan, who stole six bases in his first eight games this year, had 350 stolen bases with Cincinnati in his first four years.

The Reds are now in their second era of base stealing domination in the National League. Cincinnati led in 1975, 1973 and again in 1972. Their No. 1 ranking in 1972 was the Reds' first time they led the league since 1940 when 72 stolen bases were enough. Between 1969 and

1972 the Reds and New York Giants were baseball's speediest teams. The Reds led three of four years, including 1970 when they set a club record with 310 steals. The No. 1 base stealer on that club was Bob Bescher, who holds the individual season Cincinnati mark of 80 in 1971. The Reds' 310 total has been surpassed in National League history only by the Giants' 348 stolen bases in 1971.

Morgan, Dave Concepcion and Ken Griffey figure to be the Reds' top stealers this year. Morgan twice has swiped 67 in a season. Concepcion is one of the best percentage stealers in the game. During the past two years he has stolen 74 bases in 86 attempts, but ironically, he was the only Reds' baserunner to be thrown out in the first 17 attempts in 1976.

Griffey came into the stolen base spotlight during the Championship Series last year when he stole three bases in one game and he got off to a quick start this year, stealing two on Opening Day. "When Griffey starts getting picked off," Anderson explained, "he will be a good base stealer. You know, a lot of guys are afraid of getting picked off. When he realizes he won't get shot for it, he'll start taking a better lead and stealing a lot more bases."

Oklahoma Game Site

OKLAHOMA CITY (UPI) — The Cleveland Browns will play the Atlanta Falcons at Oklahoma State University's Lewis Field Aug. 7 in a preseason game believed to be the second professional football game played in Oklahoma. Browns' owner Art Modell and OSU Athletic Director Floyd Gass announced.

"We hope to start a growing trend around the country," Modell said. "This is a great football country. Ohio is a strong football state, but it might rank second to Oklahoma in college football."

Two former Browns players who have become Browns starters, Greg Pruitt and Tony Peters, joined Modell at a press conference.

All-Pro wide receiver Paul Warfield and offensive tackle Doug Dieken also were present.

The Browns will begin their pre-season schedule with a game in Lincoln, Neb., July 31. Afterwards they will fly to Stillwater and work out for a week before playing the Falcons.

Starting time of the game will be announced later and ticket information is available through the OSU ticket office.

Former OSU star Jerry Sherk, who won the Bulldog Award last season, is Cleveland's starting defensive tackle. National Football League offensive line

men gave him the Bulldog Award last year as the league's best defensive line man.

Sherk, drafted second in the Browns' 1970 selections, won a starting spot in last year's Pro Bowl and the Third Down Trophy, an award from teammates for "the player the team depends upon in crucial situations."

Pruitt was the first Cleveland player to gain more than 1,000 yards rushing in a season since 1968 and is one of three Cleveland players to win the honor. The running back gained 1,067 yards last year.

Pruitt led the Browns in punt returns and touchdowns and was second in pass receptions and kickoff returns.

Peters joined the Browns after his All-Star game camp last summer and became the Browns' regular cornerback with the start of the regular season.

Warfield has been All-Pro six times and has played in the Pro Bowl seven times. He was Cleveland's top draft pick in 1964 and was traded to Miami. He joined the World Football League in 1975 and was reacquired by Cleveland two weeks ago.

Dieken, a tackle who was a tight end at Illinois, was named Offensive Player of the Year last season.



SCHMIDT SWINGS — Philadelphia Phillie Third Baseman Mike Schmidt comes around with the bat after clouting a George Medich pitch for a home run in the eighth inning Wednesday afternoon in Pittsburgh. It was the seventh homer in four games for the former Ohio University slugger. The Phillies won the game, 3-0. The catcher is Manny Sanguillen and the plate umpire is Paul Pryer. (AP Photo)

Phillies' Schmidt On Homer Parade

By Bill Madden, UPI Sports Writer

The Philadelphia Phillies, winter book favorites to displace Pittsburgh as National League East champions this year, completed a two-game sweep of the Pirates in Three Rivers Stadium Wednesday, and once again it was Mike Schmidt providing the damage.

Schmidt slammed his seventh homer in four games to ice the Phillies' 3-0 win over the Pirates. Only the day before, he had tied the major league record of six homers in three games during Philadelphia's 5-1 victory. The latest Schmidt homer, however, was still one shy of

Hall of Famer Kiner's little-known record of eight in four games.

"First thing they said was you didn't get the record," said Schmidt, who hit a solo shot in the eighth inning off loser Doc Medich. "I didn't realize what record I was shooting for."

Schmidt's homer, his eighth, helped pad the victory which was really sewed up by the combined seven-hit pitching of left-handers Tom Underwood and Tug McGraw. The Phils had scored twice earlier on a run-scoring single by Greg Luzinski in the first and a sacrifice fly by Bob Boone in the sixth.

High School Data . . .

WEDNESDAY RESULTS	FRIDAY EVENTS
BASEBALL Bucyrus at Willard, ppd. Clear Fork at Lexington, ppd. St. Peter's at Lucas, ppd to May 5	BASEBALL Mansfield Christian at Madison Malabar at Ontario Ashland at Hillsdale Danville at Lucas Mt. Gilead at Fredericktown Crestline at Northmor Galion at Bellevue Upper Sandusky at Willard Tiffin at Shelby St. Peter's at New London Wynford at Colonial Crawford Pleasant at Buckeye Central
GIRLS TRACK-FIELD Crestline 66, Lexington 53 Crestview 14, Mansfield Senior 13 (ppd after three events) (rest Friday)	GIRLS TRACK-FIELD Mansfield Senior at Lorain Senior Lexington at Loudonville Norwalk at Shelby Clear Fork at Crestline Mapleton, Plymouth at New London Hillsdale at Crestview Donix at Highland Ashland at New Philadelphia Mini-relays Northwestern at Black River Buckeye Central at Mohawk Bucyrus at Tiffin Colonel Crawford, Marion Pleasant at Ridgedale Bellevue at Willard Elgin at Wynford
TENNIS Malabar 4, Wooster 3	TENNIS Plymouth at Ashland St. Peter's at Lexington Bucyrus at Willard
THURSDAY EVENTS	GIRLS TRACK-FIELD Shelby at Madison Ontario at Malabar Galion at Ashland
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Tarkenton Signs

MINNEAPOLIS (UPI) — Fran Tarkenton, the National Football League's all-time passing leader, has extended his contract with the Minnesota Vikings another two years.

Under the new agreement plus the option year, the 36-year-old Tarkenton is now under contract to the Vikings through the 1979 season.

Reds' Wagner Gets Promotion

CINCINNATI (UPI) — A second title promotion in three years has been accorded Dick Wagner, who ranks behind only Cincinnati Reds President Bob Howsam in the ballclub's executive hierarchy.

The Reds' board of directors have re-titled Wagner "executive vice president." Wagner, 48, came here in 1967 as assistant to the president and in 1973 his title was upped to administrative vice president.

In 1947, at the age of 19, Wagner had the distinction of being the youngest general manager in professional baseball history — heading a minor league club in Thomasville, Ga.

The Reds' board of directors also have added a new director, Robert C. Hunt, the Indianapolis, Ind., contractor who headed the construction of Riverfront Stadium.

Girls Track-Field . . .

Crestline 66 Lexington 53

CRESTLINE — Crestline got a sparkling performance from Regina Harney in a high school girls track-field victory over Lexington here yesterday, 66-53.

Harney won the 100-yard dash and the long jump, was anchor on the winning 440-yard relay team and tied for first place in the high jump.

In addition, Crestline won three of the four relay events.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD
At Crestline
Score: Crestline 66, Lexington 53.
TRACK EVENTS
80-yard low hurdles — 1, Vickie Rose (C) and Webster (L), 3:14. Time: 14.6.
80-yard medley relay — 1, Lexington (Huffman, Long, Jackson, Sims), Time: 2:02.2.
100-yard dash — 1, Regina Harney (C), 2, Volks (L), 3 (tie) Cynthia Price (C) and Sims (L), Time: 13.4.
100-yard relay — 1, Block (L), 2, Debbie Underwood (C), 3, Draper (L), Time: 6:58.6.
80-yard relay — 1, Crestline (Karen Mangrum, Cindy Amick, Lola Musick, Karen Davis), Time: 2:15.2.
440-yard dash — 1, Sisco (L), 2, Kathy Amick (C), 3, Wierick (L), Time: 1:29.4.
440-yard relay — 1, Crestline (Pam Cordray, Cynthia Price, Vickie Rose, Regina Harney), Time: 58.5.
880-yard run — 1, Reemer (L), 2, Pruitt (L), 3, Linda Horning (C), Time: 3:03.0.
700-yard dash — 1, Jackson (L), 2 (tie) Connie Finch (C) and Brinkley (L), Time: 3:18.
1 mile relay — 1, Crestline (Pam Cordray, Kathy Amick, Vickie Rose, Debbie Underwood), Time: 3:07.5.
FIELD EVENTS
Long jump — 1, Regina Harney (C), 2, Jackson (L), 3, Kathy Amick (C), Distance: 12 feet, 9 1/2 inches.
High jump — 1 (tie) Karen James (C) and Regina Harney (C), 3 (tie) Cindy Amick (C) and Falde (L), Height: 4 feet, 4 inches.
Shot put — 1, Cynthia Price (C), 2, Cooper (L), 3, Barb Kemle (C), Distance: 31 feet, 7 inches.
Discus throw — 1, Shaw (L), 2, Pam Cordray (C), 3, Linda Horning (C), Distance: 71 feet.
Softball throw — 1, Barb Kemle (C), 2, Cynthia Price (C), 3, Swartz (L), Distance: 147 feet.

Mile run — 1, Patty Kempf (B), 6:21.2 (School record, Old mark of 6:24.1 set earlier this season by Kempf); 2, Janet Tucker (P), 6:24.8; 3, Beth Barth (B), 6:40.3.
880-yard relay — 1, Plymouth (Kathy Dent, Cathy Hall, Dawn Kaib, Cathy Brown), 2:02.2.
440-yard dash — 1, Connie Steele (P), 75.4; 2, Robin Roush (B), 76.5; 3, Karen Gutfenberg (B), 79.5.
440-yard relay — 1, Plymouth (Kathy Dent, Dawn Kaib, Cathy Hall, Cathy Brown), 58.4.
880-yard run — 1, Peg Lewis (P), 2:55.2; 2, Kathy Swartzlager (B), 3:09.6; 3, Melanie Shibly (P), 3:14.7.
220-yard dash — 1, Lori Niese (B), 28.7 (School record, Old mark of 28.9 set in 1975 by Angel Wechter); 2, Cathy Brown (P), 29.3; 3, Anita Wurm (B), 30.6.
1 mile relay — 1, Buckeye Central (Sandy Coons, Merica Johnson, Deb Clady, Deb Kalb), 5:04.5.

Aeros Blitz San Diego

United Press International
Calling the Houston Aeros greedy might not be inappropriate.

Lusty in anticipation of their third straight World Hockey Assn. championship, the Aeros banged in six goals in the first period to defeat the San Diego Mariners, 8-6, in the opening game of the WHA West Division play-offs Wednesday night.

Rich Preston, Gordon Labossiere and Terry Ruszkowski each scored twice for Houston in the first period while John French and Andre Lacroix tallied for San Diego.

One of Labossiere's goals came on a penalty shot at 17:55 when a San Diego player gloved the puck in his own goal crease, and the veteran center beat Mariner goalie Ernie Wakely.

Alan Hangsleben scored a pair of goals to lead the New England Whalers to a 3-0 WHA playoff victory over the Indianapolis Racers Wednesday night. The Whalers now lead the best-of-seven division play-off title series two games to one.

National Hockey League playoff activity resumes tonight with three games scheduled. Philadelphia is at Toronto, Buffalo at the New York Islanders and Boston at Los Angeles.

The defending champion Flyers lead Toronto, 3-2, in their best-of-seven series. Boston also holds a 3-2 edge over the Kings and the Islanders a 3-2 advantage over Buffalo.

Borg Victorious
STOCKHOLM (AP) — Second-seeded Bjorn Borg of Sweden scored a hard-fought 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 victory over unseeded Australian Bob Giltinan to move into the quarterfinals of the Stockholm World Championship Tennis Tournament.

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