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Maddox Twigg
MHS quarterback



MHS Coach
Sean Biser



UHS receiver
Hayden George

UHS Coach
Eric Snyder



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GAME PREVIEW

Top-five showdown the focus of Mohawk Bowl

MHS, UHS in prime playoff positioning

BY MICHAEL GRIFFITH
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In one of the most anticipated games of the 2025 season, Morgantown and University will meet Friday night on Baker's Ridge for the 2025 Mohawk Bowl.

The crosstown rivals are both in the conversation among the top teams in Class AAAA entering the penultimate week of the season, and the latest version of the matchup could have significant playoff implications from the result.

"The best thing about this game is the lack of a need to motivate the kids," UHS head coach Eric Snyder said. "Both schools want the bragging rights. These guys are all friends in a good way, but when it comes to being between those lines, they want to compete the best they can to beat their biggest rival."

The Mohigans have been among the top of the standings in Class AAAA all season and enter this week ranked second at 7-1, while the Hawks have also impressed this season, ranked fourth in the playoff rankings at 6-2.

"This is already a big game, so I don't know that it makes it any bigger than it usually is," MHS head coach Sean Biser said. "Obviously, that's something that a lot of people focus on, and it's great for our community, but for us, we just want to go out there and play football."



Benjamin Powell/The Dominion Post

Morgantown High players celebrate their 49-7 victory against rival University High in the 2024 Mohawk Bowl. The Mohigans are going for their fourth consecutive win in the series on Friday.

The winner of Friday's Mohawk Bowl could secure itself a top-four ranking and home-field advantage through the second round of the postseason.

Both teams field explosive offenses that are capable of putting points on the board early and often. UHS is second in Class AAAA for points scored with 326. The Mohigans aren't far behind offensively, totaling 282 points so far.

The difference between the teams is on defense, where the Mohigans boast the lowest total points allowed to opponents in Class AAAA with 93 (11.6 per game). The Hawks have been fortunate to have their offense succeed because their defense has allowed 205 points (25.6 per game).

"They are a pretty well-balanced machine with the ability to spread the ball all over the field," Snyder said. "We have to be fundamentally sound with what we want to do on defense and fill the gaps well. It's going to be a tough task, but our guys are up for it."

MHS quarterback Maddox Twigg has completed 74 passes for 1,218 yards and 13 touchdowns, while adding 484 yards on 61 carries and seven scores on the ground.

UHS quarterback Harrison Helbig has surpassed 2,000 yards through the air with over 20 touchdowns and a 62% completion rate. His favorite target has been Hayden George with 71 receptions and 934 yards.

While George is undoubtedly the standout receiver for his team, MHS will have multiple players to account for as the Hawks have four athletes on the outside who can make big plays at any moment. Kaleil Lewis, Kyle Weaver, and Glenn Brown all join George at wideout and have the talent to make a difference in the game.

"I don't know that you can truly stop them; they're very talented at every position on the field," Biser said. "They have the ability to make explosive plays at any moment. Hopefully, we can get lucky and slow them down a little bit. We just need to play fundamentally sound football and hope we get a little lucky."

PAST SCORES

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MORGANTOWN HIGH FEATURE

Clifton Shreeves wears two uniforms for Morgantown High

BY MICHAEL GRIFFITH

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If you've attended a Morgantown High School football game in 2025 and noticed the MHS marching band cheering extra loud when the kicker makes a field goal or extra point, that's because they're not only cheering for their football team; they're cheering for one of their own.

Senior kicker Clifton Shreeves takes the field on Fridays as the place kicker for the MHS football team, but when the Mohigans play at home on Pony Lewis Field, Shreeves doesn't immediately go to the locker room with his teammates. He throws his helmet off and dons the tuba as a member of the band.

"I have been in the band since sixth grade and music has just always been a part of my life," Shreeves said. "When I started high school, I was always told that I would have to pick one thing between band and football, so I was determined to prove everyone wrong. I kept trying to figure out how to balance the schedule."

At first glance, it may look odd seeing someone



Photo by Robert Williams

Morgantown High kicker Clifton Shreeves (left) also doubles as a tuba player in the school's band.

in the marching band wearing a football uniform, but for Clifton, that's what brings him

the most pride.

"Taking the field for the halftime show wearing my football uniform

for the first time was amazing for me," he said. "I felt so proud of myself and everyone who

believed in me. I wanted to prove to everyone that you can do both and dedicate the time for both

football and band."

As a kicker, Shreeves is filling some big shoes after the graduation of all-state selection Aidan Stire, who now punts for WVU.

"The main thing I focused on over the offseason was to continue lifting, and I went to some camps over the summer that helped me get a lot of advice from different people," Shreeves said. "I've seen myself grow as a kicker a lot. Especially with all the eyes and expectations that have been set at this position at MHS."

Shreeves says that, like his interest in music, his interest in kicking came early in his life.

"When I was younger, my parents got me a little red kicking tee with a little football," he said. "I would just go outside and kick. Being able to play in a game like the Mohawk Bowl is something I am ecstatic about. I have grown up knowing this rivalry because my older sister went to school at MHS, and having the privilege to play a part in the game is incredible."

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Jeff Bailey's impact on UHS athletics felt greatly over 27 years

Hawks' AD set to retire following 2025-26 school year

BY JUSTIN JACKSON

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The year was 1999. University High athletic director Jeff Bailey remembers it well.

He should, because the 1999 Mohawk Bowl – played at then-Mountaineer Field – may just have been the biggest financial boost to a West Virginia high school athletic department's bottom line in history.

"I remember at the time there were some naysayers," Bailey said. "I heard from so many people how that stadium was going to feel empty and how it wasn't a good idea. I just kind of laugh at that now."

The state record books lists the game's attendance on Oct. 29, 1999 as 17,500, but it's possible the actual number was much larger. Both UHS and rival Morgantown High were undefeated. The Hawks won a thriller, 21-20.

"When you get to half-time and there are people still waiting to get into the game, that's what I remember," Bailey said. "At that time, both schools split the gate of the Mohawk Bowl, and for those who felt it couldn't be done back then, I can tell you both schools ended up laughing all the way to the bank."

That's just one highlight of Bailey's career at UHS that began back in

1994, well before anyone knew what an iPhone or text message was. After stints as the school's head volleyball coach and assistant softball coach, he took over as the Hawks' athletic director in 1998.

Bailey's run at the school, if all goes according to plan, will end at the conclusion of the 2025-26 school year with his official retirement, making this his 28th and final Mohawk Bowl as the UHS athletic director.

"It will be a bittersweet moment for sure," he said. "There will probably be a lot of emotion for me. There've been so many great people, great coaches and great athletes that I've been associ-

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Since Jeff Bailey took over as the University High athletic director in 1998, the school has celebrated 29 state championships across all of its sports.

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UNIVERSITY HIGH FEATURE

Kaleil Lewis evolving into an all-around key factor for Hawks

Impact made at WR and on defensive line

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University junior Kaleil Lewis is securing his spot as one of the top breakout players in the state in 2025.

A true utility piece for the Hawks, Lewis has occupied multiple positions on both sides of the ball this season, most notably on offense as a wide receiver.

"This offseason, I mainly focused on improving my craft overall with my route running, catching ability, and catch radius," Lewis said. "Also making sure that my teammates and coaches knew that they can count on me to show up."

Through eight games (stats do not include Week 9), Lewis had 27 catches for 387 yards and five touchdowns. Two of those scoring receptions came in Week 8 against Spring Mills. Before Week 6 against Butler (Pa.) Lewis hadn't gone over 52 receiving yards in a single game. Since then, he tallied yardages of 71, 88, and 58 (two touchdowns as well). In fact, he caught five touchdowns in four games from weeks five through eight. Lewis is just one of multiple players on the UHS offense who can make a big play at any moment.

"The connection between everyone on offense has grown so much because of the relationship we have off



University High receiver Kaleil Lewis (80, pictured from freshman season) has caught 27 passes for 386 yards and five touchdowns this season. He also has an interception and a fumble recovery on defense.

the field," he said. "We have so many weapons, it really doesn't matter who you try to stop. One of us is going to have a

huge game every week, and none of us cares who that is. We want to work toward our overall goals as a team."

Lewis has made his impact felt on the defensive side, both on the line and in the secondary. He began 2025 on the defen-

sive line for UHS, but an injury in the secondary called for the transition. He has 44 tackles (18 solo) through eight games with

an interception and a fumble recovery as well.

"The transition from the line to secondary has been smooth because I have great coaches and teammates helping me," Lewis said. "They've helped me understand the position more to be able to compete with whoever we come up against."

Arguably, Lewis has played his best games against the Hawks' most formidable opponents so far, as his best performances have come against teams like Spring Mills and Fairmont Senior.

"Having the game we did against Spring Mills and pulling off the win just shows us that we really can compete with anyone in the state," he said. "We should have already had that confidence, but proving to ourselves that we can put that winning product on the field will go far."

The Hawks are 7-2 through nine games entering this week's regular season finale, the Mohawk Bowl. After finishing 2024 at 4-7, Lewis says being able to play a role in turning the team around so quickly is special.

"Making an impact towards the team turning around this season has been an effort from everyone," he said. "Everyone on the coaching staff and the players who returned. From last year to now, we've tried to make sure we understand that last year wasn't our best, and I feel that we can prove that going forward."

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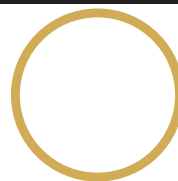
KEYS TO THE GAME

MHS PASSING/UHS PASS DEFENSE:



In its seven wins so far this season, MHS hasn't allowed an opponent within 21 points. On the flipside, UHS has only held its opponent to less than 21 points twice and has relied on its offense to win games in 2025.

Morgantown has the explosiveness to put points on the board quickly, as shown in Week 8 against Parkersburg South, as MHS scored 14 points in the opening 40 seconds of the game. While the Hawks should be able to find success against the running game of MHS, the Mohigans have the ability to make plays happen out of nothing with the talent of Maddox Twigg and his receivers. Twigg has accounted for nearly 1,800 yards of offense and 20 touchdowns this season and could be the key difference maker for the offense of MHS.



MORGANTOWN

WINS IF:

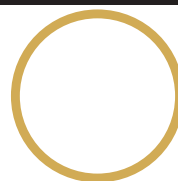
- MHS holds UHS to less than 21 points.
- Maddox Twigg totals 200+ yards of total offense.
- The MHS pass rush is able to disrupt the backfield of UHS.

MHS RUSHING/UHS RUN DEFENSE:



Despite changing its offense to fit more of the passing game in this season, the Mohigans are still a strong running team, with multiple weapons that can do damage with the ball in their hands. Maddox Twigg and Isaiah Thompson are a good 1-2 punch, but other players like Zaiden Lockett can make noise, and Carter Cooper will even take sweeps from the wideout position.

UHS has a good defense, but the MHS offensive line should find success up front and generate some space for the ball carriers.

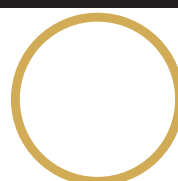


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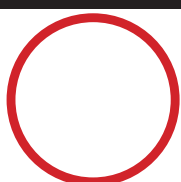


Morgantown may have one of the best front sevens in the state on the defensive side of the ball. Lineman Ze'von Shipman and Chase Travis have shown consistency in stopping the run and pressuring quarterbacks in the backfield. Along with the defensive line, the Mohigans have the three-headed dragon of Rhys Wells, Kane Williams, and Brooks King at the linebacker position, who all bring something different to the field.

The Hawks have had some success on the ground, but the loss of Brody Kehler will be felt in this one, as the Mohigans are quick on their feet and can pursue the ball well.



UHS PASSING/MHS PASS DEFENSE



UHS Quarterback Harrison Helbig and his receivers have continued to make stronger connections each week.

MHS has a great defense and has held opponents to seven or fewer points in five games this season. The difference for the Hawks will simply be the number of options they have on the offensive side of the ball. UHS has four receivers who can all make plays at any moment of the game. Entering Week 8 against Spring Mills, three UHS wideouts had totaled at least 20 catches, with four receivers having at least three touchdowns on the year. The UHS passing game against the secondary of MHS will be a key matchup in the contest.

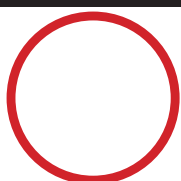


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WINS IF:

- UHS rushes for 100+ yards.
- The UHS defense can generate multiple turnovers.
- Harrison Helbig throws for 3 or more touchdowns.

SPECIAL TEAMS:



In recent seasons, this matchup has been close to even, but with the ability of UHS punter Jimmy Gregg to pin opponents deep in their own territory consistently, that makes the difference here. Both teams have slightly above-average place kickers, and Maddox Twigg hits the ball pretty well as a punter, but Gregg has the ability to change games. 10 of his 27 punts prior to Week 8 had gone inside the 20. Against Spring Mills, Gregg dropped a 48-yard punt on the Cardinals' 2-yard line.

Both sides also have returners who can get free and turn any return into six points.



MORGANTOWN FOOTBALL ROSTER

No.	Position	Name	Grade	Height	Weight
2	QB/DB	Maddox Twigg	10	6'2	200
3	WR/DB	Owen Young	12	6	170
4	WR/LB	Keltin Blunt	12	6'2	190
5	RB/DB	Zaiiden Lockett	12	5'10	180
6	RB/LB	Greyson Prutilpac	12	6	195
8	WR/DB	Teon Scott	12	6'3	155
10	K	Clifton Shreves	12	5'8	140
11	QB/DB	Matthew Hennige	12	6'2	205
12	WR/DB	Tanzer George	11	6'1	170
13	WR/DB	Jayden Smalls	12	6	170
14	WR/DB	Carter Cooper	12	6	170
15	RB/DB	Isaiah Thompson	12	5'9	170
16	WR/DB	Brenden McCutcheon	11	5'7	145
17	QB/DB	Chantz Lenhart	11	6	165
20	RB/LB	Carsin Lawhun	12	6	200
21	RB/LB	Collin Andis	11	6	190
22	RB/LB	Rhys Wells	12	5'10	190
23	RB/LB	Brooks King	10	5'9	165
24	RB/DB	Zachary Estep	11	5'8	175
25	WR/DB	Cole Watkins	11	5'7	145
26	RB/LB	Carson Keeling	11	5'7	180
27	RB/DB	Kooper Sainato	11	5'11	185
31	WR/DB	Boston DeProspero	10	5'11	150
32	RB/LB	Ryan Shreves	10	5'8	140
34	WR/DB	Parker Holder	10	5'10	145
35	WR/LB	Domanic Sellaro	10	5'10	150
36	QB/DB	Ayden Jeffries	10	5'10	160
37	RB/DB	Nathan Ely	10	5'8	155
40	RB/LB	Derrick Turner	10	5'9	155
41	WR/DB	Landon Cook	10	5'10	155
44	TE/LB	Kaden Tolliver	12	6	185
45	RB/LB	Kane Williams	11	5'10	190
50	OL/DL	Ze'Von Shipman	12	6'1	290
51	OL/DL	James Dalton	10	6	200
52	OL/DL	Colton Barr	11	5'11	215
53	OL/DL	Alex Harris	11	6'1	220
54	OL/DL	Bryson Washington	11	6'2	275
55	OL/DL	Chase Travis	11	5'11	235
56	OL/DL	Drew Stahara	12	6'3	245
57	OL/DL	Luke West	11	5'10	225
60	OL/DL	Dustin Preece	11	5'4	185
61	OL/LB	Caleb Everett	10	5'9	190
62	OL/DL	Justin Fridley	11	5'11	260
63	OL/LB	Matthew Feeley-Mack	11	5'10	160
64	OL/DL	Grant Robinson	10	5-11	220
67	OL/DL	Chadwick Sickles	10	6	205
69	OL/DL	Jacob Woodall	12	6	325
70	OL/DL	Blake Buffington	12	6'2	270
71	OL/DL	Cruz Watkins	10	5'10	195
72	OL/DL	Karter Farley	10	6	290
73	OL/DL	Anthony Carr	11	6	255
74	OL/DL	Tanner Tipton	10	5'9	200
75	OL/DL	Konnor Mott	11	6'4	315
77	OL/DL	Brayden Parks	12	6'4	320
81	WR/DB	Joe Basile	11	6'1	172
82	WR/DB	Colton Moran	11	5'7	135
83	WR/DB	Jackson Bredeson	10	6'2	160
83	WR/LB	Cayde McNally	10	6	163
84	WR/DB	Brier Archer	10	5'10	178
85	TE/DL	Peyton Nicola	11	6'3	200
86	TE/DL	Donovin Arrowsmith	12	6'3	218
87	WR/DB	Liam McWilliams	10	6'1	165
88	WR/DB	Waylon Colistra	12	6'6	190
88	TE/DE	Gabriel Fuller	10	6'2	155

UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL ROSTER

No.	Position	Name	Grade	Height	Weight
00	RB/LB	Marcos Kniska	12	6'0	210
1	WR/DB	Glenn Brown	12	6'1	160
2	WR/DB	Kaleil Lewis	11	6'3	200
3	QB/DB	Harrison Helbig	11	6'4	180
4	WR/DB	Khalil Coleman	12	5'9	145
5	WR/DB	Logan Deel	12	5'10	165
6	WR/LB	Roman Konchesky	12	6'0	170
7	QB/DE	Jack Byrer	12	6'3	200
8	P/K/H	Jimmy Gregg	12	6'1	195
9	WR/DB	Kayden Coles	12	5'10	185
10	WR/LB	Easton Runyan	12	6'0	155
11	WR/DB	Hayden George	11	5'9	180
12	WR/DB	Luke Byrer	11	6'3	185
13	WR/K	Jaedyn Katchur	11	5'9	165
14	WR/DB	Michael McKenzie	10	5'10	165
15	WR/DB/KR/PR	Kyle Weaver	11	5'9	170
17	WR/DB	Amir Lewis	12	6'0	160
18	WR/DB	Lincoln Stuart	10	5'10	160
19	QB/DB	Nico Maisel	10	5'9	150
20	RB/LB/KR/PR	Brody Kehler	10	5'10	175
21	RB/LB	Derrick Kosinski	11	5'10	190
22	WR/DB	Colton Lawless	10	5'8	130
23	WR/DB	Samuel Wannemacher	10	5'10	140
24	RB/LB	Elijah Morris	10	5'9	160
25	WR/LB	Cooper High	10	5'10	180
27	RB/LB	Thomas Metheny	10	5'6	165
28	WR/DB	Zayden Burt	10	5'10	165
30	RB/LB	Jace Torres	12	5'10	185
35	RB/LB	Kamari Hives	10	5'8	195
40	RB/DB	Logan Johannsen	10	5'4	155
41	WR/DB	Chase Barbabella	10	5'7	140
44	RB/LB	Buck Jones	12	5'8	180
47	K/P	Evan Christopher	10	5'8	165
50	OL/DL	Jack Gamble	11	6'1	250
51	OL/DL	Devon Williams	11	5'9	180
52	OL/DL	Luke Braham	11	6'5	240
54	OL/DL	Gavin Stone	11	5'10	200
55	OL/DL	Ryder Hastings	12	5'8	220
56	OL/DL	Keenan Brown	9	6'0	240
57	OL/DL	Ethan Landis	10	5'10	175
58	OL/DL	Madan Mayle	12	6'0	250
63	OL/DL	Dylan Clark	10	6'0	265
66	OL/DL	Jackson Clawges	10	5'10	190
67	OL/DL	Aydan Downey	12	5'9	180
68	OL/DL	Caden Larry	10	5'10	310
70	OL/DL	Levi Phillips	11	5'10	225
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ciated with over the years. I'll be thinking about that. There have been so many memories that I'll cherish for the rest of my life."

Athletics was in the blood

Bailey grew up in Princeton, home of former WVU men's basketball legend Rod Thorn. His father was a soccer coach. His mother traveled around the state as the book keeper for the old Bramwell High boys' basketball team.

The mascot for Bramwell – the school officially closed in 2004 – was the Millionaires. Since it was such a small Class A school, it did not field a football team. Homecoming was saved for basketball season and it was a young Bailey who served as the school's mascot.

"I dressed in a little black suit and a top hat," Bailey remembered. "I looked like the Monopoly guy. That's exactly who I was, but I would go out there as a little kid and dance around."

Fast forward to 1996. Bailey had just guided the UHS volleyball team to the state tournament. A year earlier, the school's softball team was in the state tournament. It's possible Bailey

was developing into a hot commodity as a high school coach.

Yet he wanted to make a larger impact. When the opportunity came to become the school's athletic director, Bailey took it.

"I really did a lot of soul searching," he said. "I really kept going back and forth. In the end, it was in my heart that I could put my touch on all of the athletic programs and not just a few of them. I loved coaching, but I felt I could have a larger impact and help put UHS athletics, as a whole, on the map."

Mission accomplished

Prior to 1994, University High had just one state championship plaque on display in the school's trophy case, a Class AA state wrestling title won in the 1950s.

During Bailey's tenure, 29 state titles have been added in sports ranging from boys' basketball to girls' soccer to boys' and girls' cross-country to golf, boys' track, girls' tennis, softball and wrestling.

"Absolutely Jeff should get a tremendous amount of credit for the success of the athletic program," former UHS head football coach John Kelley said. "He's made a major impact on the athletic department as far as the coaches he's hired to being available to every



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Jeff Bailey will be working his 28th and final Mowhawk Bowl as University High's athletic director this season.

single sport and doing whatever was necessary to help every sport grow.

"I can tell you he told me on a number of occasions that there are more sports than just football. He not only makes it a point to help all of his coaches, but he pushes very hard to make sure that all of his coaches have the support they need to have success."

The UHS boys' cross-country program is in the midst of a state dynasty. The Hawks have won six consecutive state titles and eight of the last 11. They are the heavy favorite to make it seven straight in 2025.

"Lots of programs will

lose good athletes and go through rebuilding stages," Bailey said. "Our boys' cross-country team simply reloads year after year. That is a credit to our coaching staff and how they go about developing young runners. It's a credit to their involvement in the youth programs."

"In my mind, I know there are a lot of different schools out there who have had a ton of success in certain sports, but you would definitely have to put our boys' cross-country team on the Mount Rushmore of state dynasties."

UHS wrestling coach Ken Maisel just led the Hawks to a second consecutive state championship last season. When Maisel took over the program in the late 1990s, the sport was dominated by Parkersburg and Parkersburg South, as well as locally by Marion County schools Fairmont Senior and North Marion.

"Ken is the prime example of not only how to build a program, but to do it the right way," Bailey said. "He has built that wrestling program literally from the ground floor. It was 100% Ken's

vision and patience and knowledge that kept that program alive in his early years and it continued to get a little better year after year to finally breaking through and winning state titles."

Over his 27 years as the school's AD, University High also transitioned out of the North Central Athletic Conference and into the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference. The school's football team is currently transitioning into the Eastern Panhandle Athletic Conference.

A Hall of Fame was also established and the school, itself, also moved from its original downtown Morgantown location to its current location on Baker's Ridge.

"The work he did on getting the Hall of Fame started was big," Kelley said. "That's a major part of the school's history he helped preserve. The transition to the new school and into the new conferences, he was a major part of all of that."

"As a whole, the UHS athletic programs became big time and Jeff should certainly get a large portion of the credit."

The next step

Bailey, too, is making a personal transition. He is the owner of Grey Jack Properties, which recently purchased a block of properties near the WVU downtown campus, including the 304 Canteen and he's in the middle of a renovation project to open up a market near the tavern.

He and his wife Barbara are part bar owners, part properties managers, part renovation experts and Bailey simply no longer has the time to be a full-time athletic director.

His Mohawk memories range from that 1999 game to watching his sons Clay and Zeke play against the Mohigans to simply experiencing the rivalry as a behind-the-scenes character over the years.

"I think it's one of the more unique rivalries in the state, because both schools are in the same town," Bailey said. "The kids at both schools grow up with each other. They play sports together as kids. They're friends. They all hang out together."

"It's not like one town is pitted against another town and you can't come over to my side of town. Sure, we want to beat Morgantown and they want to beat us, but then their kids will hang out with our kids. It's very unique in that way."

It's been a unique ride for Bailey, too.

"I'm excited to be able to retire," he said. "But, I will miss the athletes and the coaches. I won't miss the everyday grind, but the relationships you build over the years is something I'll dearly miss. I've been associated with so many good people who care deeply about our young men and women. That's something I'll cherish for the rest of my life."

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