

# Rockets win WLAA title

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Westland John Glenn added another chapter to its storied wrestling season Saturday by winning the Western Lakes Activities Association meet at Walled Lake Western.

The Rockets, getting places in all 14 weight classes, captured their first WLAA title since 1988 with a team-high 187 points.

Two Lakes Division members, Walled Lake Central and Plymouth Salem, took second and third, respectively, with 149.5 and 140.5.

Western Division champion Livonia Churchill, which lost last week to the Rockets in the WLAA dual meet championship, boasted four individual winners en route to a fourth place finish with 137.5.

Glenn's lone individual champion was freshman Rex Cox at 130 pounds.

Cox defeated Canton's Doy Demack, the top seed, in the final, 6-3, after shaving Northville's second-seeded Matt Doyle in the semifinal, 3-2.

"Rex had a great day," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "He wrestled three quality kids. He wrestled under control."

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Runner-ups for the Rockets included Kofontas Mandias (119), Phil Perry (136) and Nick Wroblewski (160).

Mandias lost a close 4-2 decision in the final to defending state champion Ryan Beech of Western.

"It was a very close, a good match that could have gone to overtime," Polk said. "Hopefully that may be a state final match."

Glenn piled up more points by taking five third places.

Among those winning the consolation finals included Nick Naber (103), Shawn Parker (126), Daron Cruickshank (145), Jack Seros (171) and Eric Schumbers (189).

Fourth went to Enrique Garcia and Tonio Schombri (215). Drew Conner (112) and Brad Gregory (152) took fifths, while heavyweight Herbert Reodas was sixth.

"With only one champ in one tourney, that's what it takes," Polk said. "That's been our story all year long. We're doing things we haven't done before."

Glenn, 16-2 in dual meets, returns to action tonight at home

in the Division I team dual district which includes Livonia Franklin, Churchill and Garden City.

"We had some upsets, we had some kids who didn't do as well," Polk said of the WLAA tourney.

"But I reminded them it's next week that counts. We rebounded well from some of those losses and won the tourney."

Churchill got championship victories from Lev Merjian (140), Brian Jones (160), Jay Abshire (171) and Alex Murray (189). Brian Clement was runner-up to Salem's Mike Goethe at 125.

Missing from the lineup were two key players: Spencer (125), Danner, Danny Clement (119) and Thom Vandembosche (215), both out with injuries.

Vandembosche was the defending champion at 215.

Other area individual winners included Salem's Tony Kennard (145), Livonia Stevenson's Matt Radley (162), Plymouth Canton's Phil Rothwell (215) and Franklin's Tony Martinez (275).

Successfully defending individual titles included Northville's Ravi Saran (112), Beech (119), Goethe (125), Central's Craig Aubry (135) and Kennard (145).

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## WESTERN LAKES WRESTLING

- WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSN. WRESTLING TOURNAMENT**  
Feb. 9 at Walled Lake Western
- Team standings: 1. Westland John Glenn, 187 points; 2. Walled Lake Central, 149.5; 3. Plymouth Salem, 140.5; 4. Livonia Churchill, 137.5; 5. Walled Lake Western, 123.5; 6. Plymouth Canton, 107; 7. Livonia Stevenson, 94.5; 8. Northville, 89; 9. Livonia Franklin, 48; 10. Farmington, 41.5; 11. North Farmington, 27; 12. Farmington Hills Harrison, 15.
- INDIVIDUAL RESULTS**
- 103 pounds: Roy Setuda (WLC) dec. David Murphy (WLV), 4-2 (overtime); Nick Naber (WJC) dec. Steve Hogg (PC), 8-0; 8th: Dan McAlliff (LS) dec. Brian Meyer (PS), 6-3; 7th: Justin Smith (LC) dec. Joel Schanne (H), 4-2 (overtime).
- 119: Ravi Saran (H) won by technical fall over Ramis Darjani (NF), 18-3; 3rd: Rob Schmetter (PC) dec. Charlie Rabaut (LS), 10-8; 8th: Drew Conner (WJC) dec. Tyler Richards (WLC), 10-2; 7th: Rich Gravel (PS) dec. Andrew Anderson (F), 8-7.
- 125: Ryan Beech (WLV) dec. Kalenise Ngandu (WJC), 4-2; 3rd: Para Bobbe (PS) dec. Josh D'Anna (H), 4-3; 8th: Rye Stratos (LF) pinned Lance Dawson (F), 2-50; 7th: Corey Bratmyer (PC) dec. Mike Bell (WLC), 11-1.
- 130: Mike Goethe (PS) dec. Brian Clement (LC), 8-0; 3rd: Shawn Parker (WJC) dec. Chris Ferris (WLC), 10-1; 8th: Dan Bergman (PC) won by injury default over Jared Seaman (WLV); 7th: John Schwartz (F) dec. Pat McAlliff (LS), 4-4 (OT criteria).
- 136: Rex Cox (WJC) dec. Doy Demack (PC), 6-3; 3rd: Steve Lenhardt (LC) dec. Matt Doyle (H), 3-1; 8th: Jeff Clark (WLV) dec. Brandon Sarratt (PC), 9-5; 7th: Braden Mathis (WJC) p. Chris Opatowski (F), 3-42.
- 145: Craig Aubry (WLC) dec. Phil Perry (WJC), 11-8; 3rd: Nathan Ollard (PS) p. Derek Robinson (PC), 4-24; 8th: Jared McClellan (LS) dec. Kendrick Peterson (NF), 7-0; 7th: Chris Yezbick (WLC) dec. Bob Easterday (F), 8-2.
- 152: Lev Merjian (LC) dec. Chris Hoxey (PC), 6-1; 3rd: Justin Nazareff (WLV) dec. Enrique Garcia (WJC), 10-2; 6th: Ryan Drolewski (WLC) won by injury default over Sean O'Halloran (LS); 7th: Will Schultz (PS) p. Dave Caroli (H), 0-46.
- 160: Tony Kennard (PS) p. Dave Willard (WLC), 5-17; 3rd: Daron Cruickshank (WJC) p. Rich Ringier (H), 4-53; 8th: Aram Markosian (LS) p. Dan Garthe (LC), 4-47; 8th: Cam Murtland p. Justin Zoma (WLV), 0-20.
- 162: Matt Radley (LS) dec. Mark Stewart (WLC), 9-1; 3rd: Jeff Koenig (WLV) dec. Adam Schafer (PS), 5-2; 6th: Brad Gregory (WJC) dec. Mike Spagnol (PC), 6-4; 7th: Steve Miller (H) dec. Manuel Schubert (LC), 7-2.
- 171: Brian Jones (LC) dec. Nick Wroblewski (WJC), 6-0; 3rd: Craig Blair (PS) dec. Dario Malinella (LS), 4-3; 8th: Ryan Sufjanin (FHH) p. Chris Tague (F), 2-30; 7th: Jeff Goodman (WLV) p. Jeff Ponder (H), 2-49.
- 175: Jay Abshire (LC) dec. Casey White (WLC), 10-8 (OT); 3rd: Jack Seros (WJC) dec. Nick Delaty (F), 8-3; 6th: Pete Busciglio (WLV) p. Richard Martinez (LF), 3-08; 7th: Brian Schultz (PS) p. Mike Morrissey (LS), 0-58.
- 189: Alex Murray (LC) dec. Shaheen Rajeev (PC), 5-2; 3rd: Eric Schumbers (WJC) p. Mark Ruggias (WLC), 1-31; 8th: Steve Cain (H) p. Mike Boyden (F), 1-58.
- 215: Phil Rothwell (PC) dec. Zack Jensen (PS), 13-3; 3rd: Lance Shumla (WLV) dec. Tonio Schombri (WJC), 13-0; 6th: Eric Shapiro (NF) won by injury default over Brian Doughty (FHH); 7th: Max Mayer (H).
- Heavyweight: Tony Martinez (LF) p. Jeremy Walker (PS), 5-48; 3rd: Brandon Duris (WLV) p. Brent Lange (WLC), 3-52; 6th: Mike Robinson (LS) p. Herbert Reodas (WJC), 1-35; 7th: Mike Subo (H) p. Adam Harlow (F), 1-28.

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