

Nichols, Reyes win state AAU wrestling titles

Two Birmingham-Bloomfield youths won the AAU Wrestling State Championships June 19, at Waller Lake Central High School, and qualified for the Eastern Nationals next weekend at Northern Illinois University.

Ron Nichols, competing in the 143-pound division, and Dave Reyes, competing in the 154-pound division, won State titles. Ron will be a senior next year at Lahser High School. Dave will be a senior at Seaholm High School. Although the boys go to different schools, they have been friends since the seventh grade at Derby Junior High School. Ron became interested in wrestling first and got Dave to go out for wrestling at Derby. Since Ron moved to Bloomfield, the boys have been close friends and have been working out together ever since the regular high school wrestling season finished.

Both boys had outstanding junior seasons at their high schools. They both won their League Championships, and in the prestigious County Meet Dave placed third, and Ron fourth, at different weights. In winning their state titles, both boys won five matches and had to beat boys they had previously lost to. Ron got three falls en route to his championship. When Ron pinned Len Ziegler of Troy in 5:30, he revengeed a loss to Len in the regular season.

In both of his round robin wins, Ron had to come from behind. Ron was losing 4-4 to Tony DiMaggio of Warren in the last period, when he scored six straight points to win 10-7. Tony eventually placed third in the final match. Ron was losing 3-1 to Jim Simmons of Farmington, when he put him on his back and pinned him in 3:12. Jim went on to place second.

Dave only had one fall but had all top-sided except in the final match. Dave's first victory was a 15-1 win over Russ Kalos of Lake Orion. It was particularly satisfying because he had lost twice previous to this summer to Kalos. Dave then defeated Steve McPherson of Mount Park 13-1, pinned Doug Johnson of Garden City in 2:51, decimated Bill Dushane of Drayton Plains 8-1 and held on in the final match to beat John Beck of Clare 9-4.

Lynch strokes low gross at Western

Kevin Lynch, of the Birmingham Country Club, carded a 74 to earn low gross honors in the championship flight of the Junior District Golf Association Tournament, Monday at Western Golf and Country Club in Detroit.



Dave Reyes won a Michigan Amateur Athletic Union wrestling title in the 154-pound weight class. He will be a senior at Seaholm High School next fall.

Ron Nichols competed in the 143-pound weight division at the Michigan Amateur Athletic Union wrestling tournament, winning top position in his class. He will be a senior at Lahser High School next fall.

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