

# North Farmington matmen win tournament



North Farmington's Ed Scully (left) grapples with teammate Bob Petroff during a recent practice. (Staff photo by Harry Mauther)

## Area spikers falter in Schoolcraft tourney

By KEN VOYLES

Observer-area girls volleyball teams dominated play last weekend in the fourth annual Schoolcraft College Invitational Volleyball Tournament.

In the girls' division, Ligonier had been crowned champion and three other area squads—Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson and Plymouth Canton—had reached the semifinals.

The Bulldogs battled Livonia Franklin in the championship match and won in two games 15-9 and 15-12.

To get to the finals, Bentley defeated Plymouth Canton in consecutive games, 15-8 and 15-12, while Franklin knocked off Stevenson to win its place in the finals.

The Patriots battled the Spartans through three tough games and finally won 5-15, 9-15 and 15-12.

According to Mike O'Toole, tournament director, the Bulldogs were led by Debbie Mays in the spiking department and Beth Burgess in the setting area. For the Patriots, Bea Grecchum and Dawn Muller were the sparkplugs, O'Toole said.

Besides Mays and Burgess, Bentley coach Dana Hardwidge praised the consistent work of Denise Breslin and Denise Plachta. "They were both outstanding in floor play," said the Bulldog coach.

"We had played Franklin earlier in

the year and lost and the girls really wanted to play them. All of the girls played super to win the tournament," Hardwidge said.

Bentley was 53 in its pool competition and was one of the last teams to get into the playoffs.

"I think it was a really well-run tournament and a super day for me," said Hardwidge.

"I think by that time (the final match), the kids were tired and it became a test of endurance. It really was a great game," said assistant Franklin coach Diane Corbett.

Because the day-long tournament was running late, there was no consolation game. Instead, Canton and Stevenson were both awarded third-place honors.

Bentley received a traveling trophy, which will be displayed at the school until the next tournament.

Other area teams also showed well in the tourney. Livonia Churchill went into the playoff rounds with a 7-1 pool record. However, Bentley knocked off the Chargers in the first round.

Garden City East was 3-5 in its pool, which wasn't good enough to advance into the playoffs. Only the first-place team in each of the seven pools and five of the seven second-place teams moved into the playoffs.

The Panthers, however, had the honor of being one of the few teams in

the tournament to defeat Bentley.

The Farmington schools—Harrison, North Farmington and Farmington High—didn't fare well, as none made it out of the pool competition.

Plymouth Salem was third in its pool, while Redford Union was second in its pool with a 5-3 record. Redford Union also had a 5-3 mark but didn't make the playoffs.

Clarencenville was first in its pool and made it all the way to the quarterfinals where Stevenson knocked the Trojans out of the running.

Wayne was first in its pool but fell in the first round of the playoffs.....

"The area teams dominated the tournament. They dominated so much that they were knocking each other out of the competition," said O'Toole.

"I think the real story this year is the tremendous improvement of play on the part of the teams so that it wasn't just a few teams that dominated. All of the squads were strong and that made the competition tough," continued O'Toole.

"It was well organized, the levels the schools were playing at. It was an amazing tournament," said RU coach Jim Gibbons, who is in his first year of coaching volleyball.

"It was just an excellent tournament," said Corbett.



North Farmington volleyballers confer with a coach during the Schoolcraft Tournament.

By TOM BAER

North Farmington coach Jim O'Leary said his wrestlers had been working hard in preparation for the upcoming league meet and state tournament.

And if the Raiders' performance in two recent tournaments is any indication, some of them will do well.

North Farmington won its own invitational tournament on Jan. 14, and then came back to win the nine-school Dearborn Edsel Ford Invitational last Saturday. North compiled 165½ team points, 21½ more than second-place Edsel Ford.

Dearborn Fordson finished third with 101 points, Southfield-Lathrup 92½, Dearborn High 86, Cretwood 80, Melvindale 88, Dearborn High 85½, Garden City East 4½ and Taylor Center 8½.

"Our kids did a great job," O'Leary said. "They're getting ready for the league meet and the state tournament. Three or four of them want to make it all the way to the state finals if they can."

"A lot of our kids have been working hard on their own—running on Sundays and coming in for extra workouts, stuff like that."

North finished the tourney with six weight-class champions and two runners up.

Senior Jim Suckamp upset his individual record to 163 by taking a 5-0 decision from Cretwood's Bob Smith in the finals of the 180-pound weight class. Teammate John Cotter won a 22-3 record after his 6-0 decision over Melvindale's Scott Robinson in the finals of the 140-pound class.

ANOTHER NORTH wrestler, senior Bob Petrucci, has more than 20 match victories thanks to a good showing in the tourney. Petrucci (214) won the 134-pound class, outpointing Garden City East's Ken Hodges, 6-1, in the final.

Jim Cotter, John's younger brother, lifted his record to 163 with a 3-0 decision over Edsel Ford's Jeff Renas in the final bout of the 147-pound class. Mark Schulte and Chris Renz gave North two more championships: Schulte (154) won the 195-pound title, decisioning Dearborn's Mike Koznowski, 8-3, in the finals. Renz (157) decisioned Eric Driscoll, 5-3, in the 167-pound final.

North's John Donovan made the finals of the 107-pound class before dropping a 12-4 decision to Dearborn's Tom Boyea. Ed Scully, also of North Farmington, made the finals of the 114-pound class where he lost, 6-0, to Edsel Ford's Keith Scalza.

Lathrup wrestlers earned two individual championship awards. Rob Parent, who won the 160-pound title, was named most valuable wrestler. Teammate Dave Setzka, who won the 157-pound crown, was given an award for making the most pins in the least amount of time.

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TEAM FINISH — 1. North Farmington, 165½ points; 2. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 144; 3. Dearborn Fordson, 101; 4. Southfield-Lathrup, 92½; 5. Dearborn High, 86; 6. Cretwood, 80; 7. Melvindale, 88; 8. Dearborn High, 85½; 9. Garden City East, 4½; 10. Taylor Center, 8½.

### CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

160 POUNDS — Steve Kremer (Lathrup) decisioned Albert Neal (Cretwood), 4-2. 167 POUNDS — Tom Boyea (Dearborn High) decisioned Jason Renz (Edsel Ford), 12-4. 174 POUNDS — Jim Cotter (North Farmington) decisioned Keith Scalza (Edsel Ford), 5-3. 180 POUNDS — Ed Scully (North Farmington) decisioned Bob Smith (Cretwood), 6-0. 187 POUNDS — Dave Setzka (Lathrup) decisioned Edsel Ford's Ed Driscoll, 5-3. 195 POUNDS — Dave Petrucci (North Farmington) decisioned Ken Hodges (Garden City East), 6-1. 214 POUNDS — Bob Petrucci (North Farmington) decisioned Scott Robinson (Melvindale), 6-4. 147 POUNDS — Jim Suckamp (North Farmington) decisioned Jeff Renas (Edsel Ford), 5-3. 157 POUNDS — Dave Setzka (Lathrup) pinned Tom Boyea (Dearborn High) in 1:30. 167 POUNDS — North Farmington decisioned Eric Driscoll (Edsel Ford), 5-3. 180 POUNDS — Jim Suckamp (North Farmington) decisioned Bob Petrucci (North Farmington), 6-1. 198 POUNDS — Mark Schulte (North Farmington) decisioned Mike Koznowski (Dearborn High), 8-3. HEAVYWEIGHT — Paul Sims (Dearborn High) decisioned Paul Gibbs (Garden City East). 4-3.

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