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Falcons, Hawks, Raiders shine in regional

16 Farmington wrestlers headed for finals

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They'd better make room in the athletic trophy cases at Farmington High, North Farmington and Farmington Harrison.

A total of 16 wrestlers from the three high schools are headed for the state Class A finals this weekend at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo — and some of them look like good bets to bring back weight class titles.

The 16 matmen qualified for state by finishing in the top four in their respective weight classes at the Class A Walled Lake Western regional tournament last Saturday.

Coach Barry Walsh's Farmington High team did the best, qualifying seven men and finishing second with 97 team points in the 22-school regional. North Farmington, with six qualifiers, finished fifth with 61 points, and Harrison qualified three with 52-point, seventh-place finish.

Farmington had regional champions in 98-pound Ron Stern and heavy-weight Scott Hazen. Other Falcon qualifiers: Randy Stern (second at 119 pounds), Randy Allan (third at 126), Lou Milani (third at 132), Jeff Fagan (third at 138) and John Murphy (fourth at 105).

Ron Stern, who has a 33-3 individual record, won the 98-pound title with a 5-1 decision over Hazel Park's Tom Devis in the regional final. Hazen, a 25-0-pound junior, has a 32-5 record after taking a 6-2 decision from Redford Thurston's Matt Barbour in the heavyweight final.

"I think Ron Stern has the best shot at going all the way at state," Walsh said. "He's been at the state meet before, and lost. He wants it bad this time."

NORTH FARMINGTON'S best regional finish came from senior Mark Schulte, who finished second at 191 pounds. Brian Davis of Ferndale pinned Schulte, now 28-6, in 4:56 of the final.

North had five more qualifiers, all

fourth-place finishers in the regional. They are Ed Scully (112 pounds), Bob Petroff (123), John Cutler (128), Chris Renta (155) and Jim Suckamp (165). All North Farmington qualifiers are seniors.

"You get up there (at the state finals) and you never know what's going to happen," said North coach Jim O'Leary. "I think Petroff, Schulte and Suckamp have good chances to place in the state meet. A lot depends on who they'll face in the opening rounds."

Harrison came out the regional with two champions and a fourth. Kevin Suetterlin, who is 35-0 in 105-pound matches, won the title with 1-0 decision over Thurston's Brian Galdes. Fred Blackmer, now 24-2 at 170 pounds, won the title, pinning Ferndale's Chris Reeves in 3:56. Harrison's Rob Fawcett finished fourth at 191.

Harrison coach Dick Cook has high hopes for both Suetterlin and Blackmer.

Regional mat summary

WALLED LAKE WESTERN REGIONAL

TEAM FINISH — 1. Hazel Park, 110 1/2 points; 2. Farmington High, 97; 3. Detroit Catholic Central, 96; 4. Redford Thurston, 89; 5. North Farmington, 61; 6. Ferndale High, 50; 7. Farmington Harrison, 52; 8. West Bloomfield, 49; 9. Southfield-Lathrup, 41; 10. Highland Park, 35; 11. Walled Lake Western, 30; 12. Royal Oak Kimball, 17; 13. Birmingham Groves, 15; 14. Millard High, 12; 15. Hazel Park, 10; 16. Walled Lake Central and Bloomfield Hills Lahar, 10; each; 17. Madison Heights Langhorne, 10; 18. Royal Oak Dordos, 4; 19. Livonia Sherman, 4; 20. Birmingham Seaborn, 3; 21. Westland Bishop Rogers and Redford Union, 3 each.

STATE QUALIFIERS

98 POUNDS — Ron Stern (Farmington) defeated Tom Devis (Hazel Park), 5-1; Harry Moore (Catholic Central) defeated Tom Anagnost (Thurston), 4-0.

105 POUNDS — Kevin Suetterlin (Harrison) defeated Brian Galdes (Thurston), 1-0; John Segala (Lahar) defeated John Murphy (Farmington), 3-1.

111 POUNDS — Pat Williams (West Bloomfield) defeated John Craig (Hazel Park), 4-0 in overtime; Bob Seymour (Kimball) defeated Ed Scully (North Farmington), 4-0.

119 POUNDS — Rob Fawcett (Southfield-Lathrup) defeated Randy Stern (Farmington), 4-3; Rudy All (Thurston) pinned Scott Ferndale, 4-39.

126 POUNDS — Joe Craig (Hazel Park) defeated Jeff Perillo (West Bloomfield), 5-2; Randy Allan

"I'd be very surprised if anybody beat Fred (Blackmer) at the state meet," Cook said. "He's got to be one of the strongest wrestlers in the state at that weight."

"And Kevin (Suetterlin) is a good leg wrestler. He also has good balance and good strength in his hands, which is important. He's a very cagey wrestler, probably one of the smartest I've ever had."

HAZEL PARK, a wrestling powerhouse from the Southeastern Michigan Association, won the Western regional, scoring 110 1/2 team points. Detroit Catholic Central finished third with 96 points, Thurston was fourth with 89, and Ferndale was sixth with 50.

The Class A finals begin at 11:30 p.m. on Friday at WMU. The competition continues on Saturday, beginning at 8 p.m. Saturday with the finals set to begin at 6:45 p.m.



North Farmington's Bob Petroff (top) struggles with Southfield-Lathrup's Rob Parent during a recent scrimmage.

Farmington finishes 11th in county swimming meet

Rick Rossin finished third in diving, and Terry Inch took a fifth in the 500-yard freestyle to help Farmington High finish 11th with 35 points in the Oakland County swimming and diving championships last Saturday at Pontiac Central High.

Birmingham Groves topped the 21-school points with 271 team points. Birmingham Seaborn was second with 179 points, and Bloomfield Hills Andover had 136. Farmington Harrison finished 13th with 29 points, and North Farmington scored five points to tie for 19th place with Royal Oak Kimball.

Rossin compiled 399.40 points for his third in diving. Inch went 5:08.5 in the 500 free for his fifth, and logged a 1:54.9 in the 200 freestyle for an 11th-place finish. Farmington's 200-yard medley relay (Inch, Brian Gore, Matt Ratliff and Dave Flours) finished eighth. Dave Uzalez of Farmington finished 12th in the 100 freestyle with a time of :52.1, a Farmington varsity record.

Harrison's best showing came from Jay Emerson, who finished fourth in the 100 backstroke (:59.2), and 11th in the 100 butterfly (:59.1). Harrison's medley relay (Emerson, Charlie Osterdale, Al Loford and Karl Heiss) finished seventh at 1:50.0. John Rudel gave Harrison a 10th in the 500 free with a 5:15.5 clocking.

"For eight weeks, these times are pretty good," said Mark Boerner, Harrison's first-year coach. "We'll get shaved and tapered for the league meet (Western Six League), and we'll be there then."

North Farmington's lone scoring performance came from Doug Campbell, who went 1:06.9 to finish eighth in the 100 breaststroke. Clay Scowcroft, North's good freestyler, didn't participate because of an injured knee.

Three individual awards — Best Individual Swimmer, Most Valuable Swimmer and Best Diver — were given after the competition.

Groves' Dave Erickson won the Individual Swimmer award, setting meet records in the 200 freestyle (1:45.512)

and the 100 free (1:48.4). Teammate Scott Tyler won the Most Valuable tribute by establishing a meet record in the 500 free (4:46.57) and winning the 200 individual medley (2:03.90).

West Bloomfield's Kevin Schmidt, who won diving with 427.50 points, was given the Best Diver award.

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County meet summary

OAKLAND COUNTY MEET

TEAM FINISH — 1. Birmingham Groves, 271 points; 2. Birmingham Seaborn, 179; 3. Bloomfield Hills Andover, 136; 4. (tie) Rochester Adams and Pontiac Central, 10 each; 6. Troy Athens, 72; 7. Southfield-Lathrup, 71; 8. Berkeley High, 59; 9. West Bloomfield, 52; 10. Birmingham Brother Rice, 34; 11. Farmington High, 35; 12. Bloomfield Hills Lahar, 30; 13. Farmington Harrison, 29; 14. Ferndale High, 28; 15. Hazel Park, 27; 16. Royal Oak Dordos, 17; 17. Walled Lake Western, 17; 18. Troy High, 8; 19. (tie) North Farmington and Royal Oak Kimball, 5 each; 21. Southfield High, 3.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY — 1. Birmingham Seaborn, 1:43.84; 2. Birmingham Groves, 1:44.49; 3. Rochester Adams, 1:46.82; 4. West Bloomfield, 1:48.36; 5. Troy Athens, 1:57.64.

50-YARD FREESTYLE — 1. Dave Erickson (Groves), 1:45.51 (meet record); 2. Mike Dave (Pontiac Central), 1:48.82; 3. Mitch Ferguson (Andover), 1:50.40; 4. Matt Martin (Berkeley), 1:50.75; 5. Eric Overhaidt (Seaborn), 1:51.29.

100-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY — 1. Scott Tyler (Groves), 2:08.36; 2. Dave Uzalez (Seaborn), 2:08.41; 3. Clay Miller (Lahar), 2:07.1; 4. Rick Coon (Livonia), 2:08.8; 5. Mark Thieleke (Andover), 2:08.8.

50-YARD FREESTYLE — 1. Bill Dunn (Southfield-Lathrup), 22.3; 2. Karl Heck (Groves), 22.49; 3. Mark Heasbun (Groves), 22.7; 4. Steve Schmidt (Seaborn), 23.1; 5. Doug Agnew (Groves), 23.6.

DIVING — Kevin Schmidt (West Bloomfield), 427.50 points; 2. Tom Thummeier (Brother Rice), 418.50; 3. Rick Renta (Farmington), 399.40; 4. John Howard (Seaborn), 388.70; 5. John Ling (Seaborn), 388.50.

100-YARD BUTTERFLY — 1. Mitch Ferguson (Andover), 1:50.75; 2. Mark Heasbun (Groves), 1:50.84; 3. Jordan Kieber (Andover), 1:50.84; 4. George Jordan (Pontiac Central), 1:50.84; 5. Eric Overhaidt (Seaborn), 1:50.84.

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NF gymnasts topple Harrison

Suanne Castillo and Diane McLean each won two events to pace North Farmington's 81-77 victory over Farmington Harrison in a non-league girls' gymnastics meet last Monday.

Castillo won vaulting (8.1 points) and uneven parallel bars (7.55), and also

took a second place in balance beam (7.30). McLean won the beam (7.55) and the floor exercise (7.70). Harrison's Janet Thibodeau won the all-around competition (29.6), and finished second in vaulting (7.55), bars (6.9) and floor exercise (7.5).

Flipper tankers top W. Oakland

The Farmington Flippers, a YMCA-sponsored swimming team, won their third-straight meet last Saturday with a 324-270 decision over West Oakland

in Walled Lake Western high's pool. Janine Whittemore and Catherine Tucker were outstanding for Farmington.