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Farmington matmen find the going rough in Class A state meet

By TOM BAER

Qualifiers from the three Farmington high schools — North Farmington, Farmington Harrison and Farmington High — can testify to the quality of the competition at the state Class A wrestling meet.

Sixteen wrestlers from the three schools had earned places in the state finals, held last weekend at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. Only two of them, Harrison's Fred Blackmer and Farmington's Ron Stern, made their weight-class finals. Both lost in the finals.

Teamwise, coach Barry Walsh's Farmington squad finished 10th with 43 1/2 points. North Farmington took 11th place with 43 points.

"Our kids did a fine job over the course of the season," said Walsh, who had seven state qualifiers. "You can't fault them for losing in the state finals. The competition is super, and the pressure is unbelievable."

Farmington's Ron Stern closed out his high school career with a 26-4 record, including a 12-2 loss to Detroit Catholic Central's Marty Moran in the final of the 89-pound competition. Stern had Moran in the regional meet a week earlier.

En route to the finals, Stern beat four opponents: Plymouth Salem's Jeff Brown (10-3 decision), Grand Haven's Mike Payne (pin in 3:24), Sterling Heights Stevenson's Joe Devauvo (6-2) and Monroe's Boo Pippins (6-4).

HARRISON'S BLACKMER, also a senior, went to the 178-pound final, where he dropped a 1-2 decision to Wayne Memorial's Chris Levenez. Blackmer, who finished with a 41-3 record, had whipped Levenez in the finals of the Schoolcraft Invitational Jan. 7.

Blackmer pinned East Detroit's Jim Beacquisto in 2:38 in his opening round before recording decisions over Midland Dow's Jeff Penzert (3-2), Grand Ledge's Clair Rowland (4-2) and St. Clair Shores South Lake's Joe Valente (6-2).

Farmington had a fourth place finish from Randy Stern, Ron's twin brother. He opened with a 6-4 loss to Tom Olson of Bay City Handy, and then came back to decision Mt. Clemens' Keith Shackelford, Grand Rapids Union's Dan Reatini, Jackson Parkside's Ed Loular and Wayne Memorial's Bo Washburn. Stern, who finished with a 24-7 record, finally lost to Southfield-Lathrup's Rob Parent, 10-4.

Lon Milani, Farmington's 132 pounder, was pinned in 2:40 by Lansing Eastern's Gary Crump in the opening round. Milani came back to decision

Owosso's Jim Harr and Rochester's Rod Gadoua before losing a 4-0 decision to Clarkson's Brad Griggs. Milani posted a 31-12 record.

Jeff Fagan, another Farmington junior, opened with a victory over Claud Gourard of Clarkson in the 128-pound competition. Chris Bachus of Wayne Memorial then pinned Fagan in 2:40. Fagan finished with a 30-12 record.

FARMINGTON'S RANDY ALLAIN, wrestling in the 128-pound bracket, opened with a loss to Dave Johnson of Davison. Allain, who has a 26-12 record, then beat Rick Meyer of Warren Lincoln before losing to Mike Hindmarsh of Dearborn Heights Annapolis.

Farmington's other two qualifiers, sophomore John Murphy and senior Scott Hazen, were both eliminated after first-round losses. Murphy, who finished with a 19-19 record, was pinned in 2:37 by Owosso's Tim Smelser at 105 pounds. Hazen, a heavy-weight with a 32-6 record, was pinned by Plymouth Salem's Bob Dasher in 2:56.

North Farmington's best performance came from senior Bob Petroff in the 132-pound class. He finished sixth, losing an 8-1 decision to Clarkson's Griggs.

Petroff, who compiled a 33-9 season record, beat Annapolis' Gary McDermott (6-3), lost to Grandville's George Portfleet (5-5), beat Swartz Creek's Frank Randall, beat Trenton's John Cortwright (10-8), beat Muskegon Mona Shores' Mike Sarri (1-0 in overtime), and lost again to Portfleet (2-1). Another North qualifier, 191-pound

Mark Schulte, finished his prep career with a 30-7 season record. He was pinned by Monroe's Marcus Johnson after beating Rochester Adams' Paul Cracknel, losing to Ypsilanti's Rodney Holman and beating Crestwood's Larry Gilken.

Four more North matmen — Ed Scully (112 pounds), John Cotter (138), Chris Rentz (155) and Jim Sudkamp (155) — qualified for the state finals only to lose opening-round matches.

CLINTONDALE'S STEVE SAUNDERS decided Scully, who finished with a 19-10 record. Cotter (30-7-1 record) lost a 5-2 decision to Temperance-Bedford's Rick Joseph. Rentz (21-12) was decided by Grandville's Bob Poll. Sudkamp (30-7-1) dropped a 2-1 decision to Westland John Glenn's Jeff Doyle.

In addition to Blackmer, Harrison had two other state qualifiers. Seniors Kevin Suetterlin and Rob Fawcett. Suetterlin, who entered the tournament with a 35-0 record in 105-pound matches, recorded decisions over Mt. Clemens' Richard Henry (9-7) and Sagniau Arthur Hill's Roger Brothers (3-1), and then lost to Lansing Everett's Jeff Henderson (4-0) and Lake Orion's Mike Fallon (5-4).

Fawcett, who finished with a 33-8 record at 191 pounds, was pinned in 18 seconds by Bay City Western's Bill Rubenstein.

Catholic Central, with two weight-class champions, won the Class A team title, scoring 85 points. Temperance-Bedford was second with 84 and Monroe had 79.



Harrison's Fred Blackmer (dark uniform) was the runner-up in the 178-pound class at the Class A state finals.

Raider tankers lose

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Falcons top Waterford

Farmington High, playing without starters Jerry Krist and Greg Kubnstein, defeated Waterford Township 52-41, last Tuesday in an Inter Lakes League basketball game on Waterford's court. The victory lifted Farmington to 8-11 overall and 6-4 in the league.

Both teams sank 19 field goals, but Farmington had more opportunities from the free throw line, making 14 of 23 foul shots to Waterford's three of eight.

Senior Rick McKibben led Farmington with 16 points on eight field goals. Joe Hauska added seven points

and dealt out seven assists. Jim Boby, a 6-foot-4 junior, pulled down 14 rebounds and finished second in 42-29 advantage on the boards.

Neither team had an especially hot shooting night from the field. Farmington hit 19 of 57 floor shots for 33.3 percent. Waterford Waterford shot 29.6 percent, hitting on 19 of 64 shots.

Dan Majors, Tim Reed and Tim Demetrovich each scored six points for Waterford.

Farmington plays next on Friday (Feb. 24) at Farmington Harrison. The non-league game begins at 8 p.m.

Fencer meets challenge

By JOHN BOZZO

Kathryn Bauer of Kingswood School Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills became Michigan's representative to a national fencing tournament last week.

There were no other under 16 year old girl fencers who participated in the state tournament. When she reached the Junior Olympic Championship Tournament of the Amateur Fencer's League of America, which ended Sunday in Houston, Texas, Bauer faced tougher competition.

Bauer, who lives in Lathrup Village, was up to the challenge. When the tournament was over she was ranked 18th in the nation.

She won her first four matches in women's foil, before being eliminated in the quarterfinals by the eventual tournament champion.

representative from the club has attended the national tournament. Club coach Betty Chesna, a Birmingham resident, said Bauer has been working with the club for two years.

"Her brother, Steve, introduced her to fencing," Chesna said. "He was fencing at Cranbrook before there was a team."

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DISTRICT PAIRINGS

Following are the pairings for the state Class A district basketball tournaments involving Farmington high school teams.

AT HARRISON

MONDAY (FEB. 27) - Walled Lake Western vs Farmington Harrison, 7 p.m.
TUESDAY (FEB. 28) - Detroit Grosse Pointe vs Walled Lake Central, 7 p.m.; Detroit Southwest vs the winner of the Western-Harrison game, 7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY (MARCH 3) - District Final, 7:30 p.m. Winner to regional at Ypsilanti High.

AT DETROIT HENRY FORD

MONDAY (FEB. 27) - Detroit Henry Ford vs Detroit Mackenzie, 7:30 p.m.
TUESDAY (FEB. 28) - Detroit Ford vs North Farmington, 7:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY (MARCH 1) - Bloomfield Hills Lakeshore vs the winner of the Mackenzie-Ford game, 7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY (MARCH 3) - District final, 7:30 p.m. Winner to regional at Livonia Franklin.

AT BERKLEY

MONDAY (FEB. 27) - Birmingham Groves vs Farmington High, 7 p.m.; Detroit Mumfords vs Berkley High, 8:30 p.m.
TUESDAY (FEB. 28) - Detroit Kettering vs the winner of the Mumfords-Berkley game, 7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY (MARCH 3) - District Final, 7:30 p.m. Winner to regional at Southfield-Lathrup.

BAUER IS a member of the Cranbrook Fencing Club. This is the second consecutive year that a