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## Why is it that ...

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That very few high school girls seem to want to compete in sports nowadays when institutions from the federal government to individuals such as local physical education teachers have fought so long for the opportunity?

That some coaches at the high school level and below tell players that a major purpose of sports is to build character, then act like jacksasses on the bench?

That some professional, collegiate and high-school football coaches call all the offensive and defensive plays? Don't athletes have the capacity to understand a situation, consider alternatives and make a decision?

That athletes and coaches are sometimes puzzled and disappointed when fans boo? What non-violent alternative measures do fans, who must pay their way into an event, have to show their displeasure?

That most baseball movies seem sad? Most football movies seem emotionally uplifting? There are few basketball, hockey and soccer movies?

That superstar players rarely make good coaches and a great majority of successful coaches were

rarely exceptional players?

That kids playing a pick-up baseball game on neighborhood sandlots always seem to be having more fun than those involved in highly-structured little-league programs?

That professional hockey seems to be less violent this season?

That except for a very few highly successful teams, attendance appears to be decreasing at high-school athletic events across the board?

That standings are more important to parents than participants in junior athletic programs?

That the public continues to accept higher ticket prices for mediocre or inferior athletic performance?

That more and more coaches at all levels are complaining about the quality of officiating in sports?

That so many big-name tennis players are bores?

That people get so worked up over results of college football bowl games when such contests are played as long as six weeks after a team's final regular-season outing?

That skiers spend as much money as they do on their sport for a couple of runs down a crowded slope in such gosh-awful cold weather?

## G.C. West matmen whip city rivals

The big Garden City West-Garden City East wrestling meet Tuesday was really no contest, as host West swamped the Panthers 56-11.

West won all but three matches to push its season record to 3-0. The Tigers pulled off eight wins, three of them in less than a minute. One match ended in a tie.

George Millan's 126-pound match barely had a chance to get going before he pinned East's Gary Derr in just 25 seconds. Mark Bostwick got rid of Randy Fernandez in the 132-pound class in 58 seconds, the same time that it took John Wheeler to pin Doug Mizek at 155 pounds. Kevin Smith nailed Eugene Kouowski at 167 pounds in 50 seconds to complete the "minutemen."

Bob Zeuner pinned Ray Dugyard in 1:27 in the 112 class. Also, Joe Vella pinned Bill Hylton at 119 in 5:07. Dave Gregerick felled Jim Demsky in the 185 class after 5:08 and heavyweight Keith Smith stopped Bob Hartbarger in 5:15.

Tom Fisher declared Mark Jung at 105, 6-3. John Kerstetter won his 98-pound match for West on a valid.

East won both of its matches on decisions. Eric Riebschreit beat Tom Shinsky in the 145-pound class 6-5. Stan Symanski was an 8-1 victor over Mark Zettie at 195.

The Dave Mack-Ron Fernandez 138-pound match ended in a 7-7 tie.

EARLIER, the Tigers took care of Taylor Kennedy 46-24. West opened the

season by swamping Livonia Churchill 42-12.

Things didn't start out so well against Kennedy, as West lost the first two matches. Then the Tigers got serious and won the next six in a row, the last five by falls.

After Joe Vella won a 9-0 decision in the 112-pound class, the Tigers got down to business.

Zeuner pinned his 119-pound opponent in 1:07. Millan ended his 126-pound bout in 1:14. Bostwick felled his opponent after 4:10 in the 132 class. Mack scored the fastest fall of the evening, pinning his 138-pound opponent in 51 seconds. Shinsky finished things up at 145 pounds with a 3:37 fall.

Other West winners were Gregerick, with a pin in 3:19 at 185 pounds, and Pete Smith, with a pin at 1:57 in the heavyweight division.

Kerstetter at 98, Fisher at 105, John Wheeler at 155, Smith at 167 and Zettie at 195, all were defeated.

Westland John Glenn improved its regular-season dual wrestling record to 3-0 with a 40-22 win Tuesday over Monroe.

Rocket matmen won seven of 13 matches and tied two others. Five of the seven victories came on pins.

Pete Bologna pinned John McCaffrey in 1:40 at 98 pounds; Duane Gibbs pinned Zubin Misteey in 1:09 at 165 pounds; David German pinned Jeff Berns in 1:27 at 185; Gary Black pinned Mark Weyer in 1:26 at 198; and Mike Stebbins pinned Mark Farnsworth in 1:49 at heavyweight.

Glenn's Wade Tipton decisioned Kevin Carr 4-1 at 138 and Keith Zimmerman decisioned Brian Harwood 8-4 at 167.

Mark Demers, from Glenn, drew with Bob Yates 3-3 at 112 and Guy Haggard tied Jeff Kirk 2-2 at 126.

AN OUTBREAK of flu hurt the Rockets over the weekend. With several starters ill, Glenn was unable to place in the Trenton Dual Meet Invitational Tournament.

Glenn was sitting pretty after the first round by clobbering Fraser 42-12. But the Rockets ran into some tough luck, lost a couple of close ones and were knocked out.

Host Trenton eked out a 31-26 victory over Glenn. The Rockets were then eliminated by Rochester Adams 33-28. Grandville won the team title; Trenton finished second.

In team tournament play, all wrestlers from one squad wrestle against respective opponents from another as in dual-meet format. The team with the most points advances to the next round.

"There were some real good teams there," said Glenn coach Bob Lusk. "Filial Northwestern was there. Grandville, Ypsilanti, Trenton, Wayne."

"When you lose a couple of matches by just one bout, you're not doing bad at all. We're rebuilding. We had some of our kids out, sure, but I guess this flu bug has hurt a lot of teams in the state."

Glenn is hosting a tournament of its own this weekend, and it's a biggie. The

John Glenn Tournament will involve 16 teams. Action will take place on Saturday, beginning at 11 a.m.

Plymouth Canton and Salem, Garden City East and West, Livonia Stevenson and host Glenn will all be represented. The tournament will have two sessions. Individual championships will take place 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Tickets, at \$1 per session, will be available at the gym door.

Livonia Stevenson, spurred on by a school assembly in attendance, trounced Redford Bishop Borgess 57-12 Tuesday. The Spartans lost only two of 13 matches.

Four Stevenson grapplers pinned their opponents. At 105 pounds, Ken Byrnes felled Borgess' Steve Ruby in 3:20. Dave Resetter pinned Dan Gaffney in 2:14 at 132 pounds. Jamie Bettaso scored a fall of Mark Jaskin in 1:51 at 145 pounds.

Alex Rahill had the fastest match of the evening, disposing of John Graczyk at 198 pounds in 59 seconds.

Jim Cousins at 112 pounds decisioned Borgess' Mike Colton 5-4. Mike Petouhoff beat Larry Johnson 12-5 in the 167-pound class. Scott Lowes followed with the final decision of the day, beating Paul Malinowski at 185 pounds 9-3.

Stevenson won four matches on voids (forfeits). Troy Cowden at 98 pounds, Ted Canty at 138, Wayne Hoppe at 155 and heavyweight Kevin Niedwiecki all did not have opponents and won on forfeits.

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