Churella cops 3d-straight NCAA mat title

Quick now what Farmington resident has been an NCAA champton as his sport for the past three years." Give my Dor't feel had, because not too many people know the answer. His name is Mark Churella, and his vest is weet tilled.

His name is Mark churella, and his spect is werefulg He won his first two NCAs championships while wrestling in the 150 pounds weight class for Unit versits of Michigan He won his hind in the 151 pound class just trov weeks ago day eye, not namy are aware of his accomplishments.

I find it kind of interesting when people do a story on me, "Churella aware of his accomplishments in the Order of the Property of the New York of the Property of the New York of the Property of the New York of th

And when it does appear, it seems

strange even to Unitella, especially when they refer to him as "Miko". Churella, as they did twently in one of the Detroit daillies. But none of It bothers Mask Churella Ilis goals are established, and he has his own multivating forces. "It's not hard, staying ready for matches," Churella answered whom asaked about how he keeps montally work when he tweethers in militial attention.

"Work is the motivating factor, I put in all that time preparing myself for the NCAA championships, and It's only one eight-minute match."

WORK IS NOTHING new to Church

"I've been taking it easy for the past couple of weeks," he said about his workouts. "Just a couple of hours a

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day. But I'll get back tuto it in about a

week,"
"Back lute II" is in reference to his daily couline of running and excercises, which take up about five hours a day. Churella just completed list last year of wrestling for Michigan. His win in the NCAA's was more than just another champloushly; if gave him the chance

to revenge an onlies delead in the Hig Ten med.

Iowa's Mike DeAnna caught Chu eil-hown the defending champion was re-covering from a vinu, and it still look DeAnna an overtime period to edge Churella. But in the NCAA's, Churella avenged the selfack by pluning DeAn-in in the finals.

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Rob Manilla (light jersey) is about to be swarmed by three Pontiac Central players as he goes up for

It's all over for Rice! **Pontiac Central wins** regional title, 60-55

By BRAD EMONS

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Pontiac Central won its ninth regional championship in the last 10 years by downing Birmingham Brother Rice 60-55 Fiday night before a capacity crowd in Central; gymnasium. Central, leb by speedy senior guard Fred Davis, advances to the Class A quarterfinal Wednesday night at the University of Detroit's Caliban Hall, where they will meet Warrer Coussino. Rice ended its season with a 21-3 mark. Central is now 15-10 overall, a record which is very deceiving. The Chiefs had to forfeit three games because of an ineligible player. They have also lost five other games by three points or less. Central overcame a 26-22 halfilme deficit in gaining the upset victory. The Chiefs outsoord Rice 18-13 in the third quarter to take alim 40-39 advantage going into the last period of control of the control o

vantage going into the last period of play.

Central then controlled the tempo in the final quarter and grabbed an eight-point lead, 54-46, at 1:58 when forward Daryl Taylor snagged a loose rebound and scored.

and scored.

"We are still underdogs," said Central Coach Ralph Grubb, who despite the nine regional titles has never won a state crown.

DAVIS WAS THE key to Central's success in the regional victory.

The 5-8 guard gave Rice fits with quickness and penetrating ability offensively. Davis continually challenged Rice's front line and enjoyed

lenged titles front time and captyre-much success.

In the first quarter, Davis had eight of his team-high 17 points as both teams ended the period tied, 14-14.

Rice began to slow the game down in the second quarter causing numerous Central folis. The Warriors hit on six of six free throws to take the four-point halftime lead.

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Rice center Tim Andree had nine of his game-high 21 points by halftime. Central however made Andree earn most of his points as Grubb ordered his game-high 21 points by halftime. Central however made Andree earn most of his points as Grubb ordered his troops to collapse around the standout 6-foot-10 center most of the night.

"We don't have a lot of size but I thought we did a good job on the big fella," said Grubb.

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In the third period, Central's Free-him Waltims connected on three straight shots to lie the game at 27-27.

Waltims knotted the score at 55-59 of white period when he hit an easy layup third period when he hit an easy layup off a pass from Davis.

Both teams traded the lead in the Both teams traded the lead in the

third period. Taylor gobbled up a missed shot at the buzzer to give Cen-tral a 40-39 lead. Andree kept Rice in the game with eight points in the third quarter.

CENTRAL CONTROLLED the boards and the final quarter as Andree was limited to just two points. Rice made a late rush, cutting the Central lead to three points, 58-55, on a baseline shot by Mike Dietz. But Cen-tral would not fold under pressure Taylor Scored Central's final two

Taylor score of the points.

"We were passive defensively," said Rice Coach Bill Norton.
"We made some questionable passes and missed opportunities inside," Norton said.

Redford wins, 46-39

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Michigan's Darrell Yee

Darrell Yee... the name has a nice ring to it.
Especially to University of Michigan symnastics fans.
Yee, a Farmington Harrison graduate, is a rings specialist on Coach Newt Loken's gymnastics aquad.
The sophomore saved his best performance of the season for last weekend's Big Ten championship meet in Ann Arbor. He posted a 9-475 total in his last effort on the rings to give him an 18-578 total in the event, edging defending champion John Davis of Illibois for the championship. It was the first major title for Yee as a Wolverine, Michigan won three individual events, but placed third to Minnesota in team standings which, despite not have a single champion, managed to the standard of the standard standard standard standard to the rings bested his previous high of 945 in a dual meet against lowa. His ring win at lowa helped Michigan to a victory, glving the Wolvertoes a 5-5 record going into the Big Ten championships.
Yee will get a shot at further acciaim when Michigan's gymnasts travaged to Northern Illinois University in, o DeKaib, Ill. for "he NCAA's Mideast