

Spartan Wrestling Club draws area fans

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The major difference in the styles is the lack of stalling in the Greco-Roman and freestyle forms, said Wiebeck. "There is no stalling allowed in Greco-Roman and freestyle. If two wrestlers hit the mat and nothing happens, the referee will break the action and put them into a standing position again," said Wiebeck. "If a wrestler stalls in freestyle, he can and will be disqualified, whereas in collegiate stalling is a problem."

Wiebeck said that freestyle teaches a wrestler the meaning of aggression. "Not in the negative sense, but to the degree where the wrestler will not let the action stop or slow down," he said. "Greco-Roman wrestling is more punishing than either collegiate or freestyle. The wrestlers always start standing as in the other forms, but a major difference is the wrestlers are unable to wrestle below the waist. Thus, every move must be made to the upper torso. "Greco-Roman can be very rough. At

times it seems like karate. The wrestlers can use their bodies to a much greater degree," said Wiebeck. "We haven't had any major injuries in Greco-Roman, but it can happen." The club's philosophy is to teach these two styles (Greco-Roman and freestyle) so that a wrestler will have all-round experience in the sport. "We are trying, with our club, to break away from the pattern of junior high wrestling, high school wrestling and finally college wrestling," said

Wiebeck. "Our boys wrestle under strict Olympic rules." The club is divided in age classes, starting at 4 or 5 years old through to 18. There are about 30 wrestlers in the club. There are 20 to 30 clubs in the Detroit area, said Wiebeck. These clubs form a loosely-based league and hold tournaments during the season, which starts in January and runs through June with the state, regional and na-

tional tournaments held at the end of the season. Two organizations control amateur wrestling in this country — The United States Wrestling Federation and AAU-Wrestling. Each holds its own state, regional and national tournaments. Recently, the Spartans went to the regional AAU competition and took nine first places and one second.

The seasonal tournaments usually involve 400 to 700 wrestlers, and are held every weekend around the state and region. The basic idea behind the tournament is to give the wrestlers a chance to practice and prepare for the major tournaments at the end of the year. Wiebeck said that goals play an important part in the tournaments. The ultimate long-range goal is the Olympics. In between is the regional, national and other tournaments. "If a wrestler wants to reach that final goal he has to go through every other stage and the tournaments are a part of that," said Wiebeck. "The boys in our club seem to know what they want and when they want it. And a lot of them go after their goals very hard." Some of the Spartans' best wrestlers come from different parts of the Metro area. Toby Heaton and Pat Dudek are examples. Heaton, a Plymouth resident, wrestles in the nine-and-under class.

Last year, Heaton just missed what Wiebeck termed a "grand slam," a series of major Federation and AAU tournaments. Dudek is from Garden City and he wrestles in the 11-12 year old class. He was a state and regional Federation champion last year. Another Plymouth resident, Tim Collins, has qualified for the Federation regionals in the 11-12 class. The club has also turned out many strong wrestlers, some who are moving on to bigger things. Rick and Carl Winecoff of Belleville are examples. Carl received a scholarship from the University of Michigan after proving himself in several national tournaments.

Joe Glass, from Wayne, is a solid Olympic contender in his age class, said Wiebeck. Wiebeck's own son, Jason, is also a top wrestler. He wrestles in the 9-10 age class and finished second in the state and regional last year. "Those are but a few of the Spartans. "After everything has been said, it still leaves the most important fact: and that is the boys wrestle because they want to wrestle," said Wiebeck.

FOOTNOTE: Anyone interested in the Spartan Club can contact Ed Fowler at 728-7468.

Rice trackmen win championship

Birmingham Brother Rice won the Catholic League, Division A and B track meet last Wednesday by topping a field of 12 other schools with 113½ points. Rice's Don Pietrowski took three first-place finishes, one in the 440-yard dash, one in the 880-yard dash (1:58.2) and was a member of the winning mile relay team.

Detroit Catholic Central finished second with 103 points, and Bishop Borgess, which came in first in the regular season, was third with 78 points. University of Detroit High was fourth, Bishop Foley came in fifth, and Devine Child was sixth. Rice had first place finishes by Jim Browne in the shot put (53-14) and in the discus (156-5), which was good for a new school record. Jon English set a school record in the high jump clearing 6-10 and then just missing at seven feet. Tim Sullivan turned in a winning time in the mile run at 4:33.2.

Rice also took first in the 880-yard relay with Mike Neff, Brian Brennan, John Cunningham and Tom Finn finishing with a time of 1:31.2, which set the school record. The mile relay saw

Cunningham, Brennan, Pietrowski and Mike Greenwell finish first with a time of 3:27.8. Other finishers were Sullivan finishing second in the two-mile run, turning in his best time of the year (8:41.3) while Pete Kelley taking sixth. Neff, a sophomore, was third in the pole vault clearing 13 feet. Tom Varley took sixth in the high jump with a height of six feet even. Freshman Mark Lytle took a fourth in the discus, with a 147-7 throw. Browne turned in a time of 16.1 for the high hurdles, good enough for fifth, and John

MacManus had a 2:00.4 in the 880-yard dash to put him fourth. Finn turned in a 2:34 in the 220-yard dash, which put him sixth, and the team of Neff, Brennan, Cunningham and Browne had a time of 44.5 in the 440 yard relay to finish third. Rice's top rated high hurdler, Rod LaRee, pulled a muscle in the preliminaries, which kept him out of action. In the regular season behind Bishop Borgess' 5-8 record, Rice finished second with 4-1 and Catholic Central was third with a record of 3-2.

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Panther softballers advance, 8-5

REDFORD UNION knocked off Garden City West, 8-5, Tuesday in a state tournament pre-district softball clash. RU collected seven hits and West had six.

Margie LaRue was the winning hurler for RU. She went the distance, struck out five and walked six. Sherri Sikes absorbed the defeat for the Tigers. She also went the distance, struck out two and walked seven.

The Panthers scored one run in the

third inning, three in the fourth, one in the fifth and three in the sixth, while West tallied five in the fifth. Micki McLain paced RU with three hits in four trips to the plate. She also had two RBIs and stole two bases. Bet-

ty Owens added a two-run homer for the Panthers. Sikes went 3-4 for the Tigers with one RBI and teammate Rose Verda went 2-4 with three RBIs. "It was a funny game. It went from a pitchers' battle to a hitters' game and then it settled down into a quiet game," said RU coach Bob Green. "We came through when we had to."

RU will enter district play Saturday at McCowan Elementary School, which is across the street from RU at Kinloch and Curtis.

LIVONIA BENTLEY blitzed Southfield-Lathrup, 8-1, also in a pre-district contest. Lathrup out-hit the Bulldogs, 9-8, during the game.

Churchill '9' triumphs

TOM MINER struck out 18 batters and limited Detroit Central to only two hits Tuesday while pitching Garden City West to a 10-0 victory Tuesday in a pre-district baseball game.

The Tigers next swing into action noon Saturday at the Dearborn High District. The school is located on Outer Drive between Michigan Avenue and Cherry Hill Rd.

Miner, a junior lefthander, was at his best against Central. He walked only one batter and, during one stretch, struck out eight in a row. He has won seven of nine decisions this spring.

The Tigers, which tallied 12 hits, produced one run in the third inning,

and three each during the fifth, sixth and seventh frames. The win improved the Tigers' season record to 16-4.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL, Western Six League champion, advanced to the Redford Union District Saturday at Capitol Park by blanking Detroit Redford, 10-0, Tuesday in a pre-district game.

Steve Raymond collected three RBIs with two doubles. Barry Mai doubled and singled for the victors.

Churchill, undefeated in all 10 league games, now sport a 13-2 overall record.

In The Pocket

By W.W. EDGAR

What has all the appearances of a new dynasty developing along the metropolitan Detroit bowling front. With the close of the record books for the 1978-79 league and tournament season, the Bonanza team has moved in to the position of being the winningest group in the entire area.

The first signs of this came when the Bonanza women, with Penny Behn as captain, won the championship of both the Bowlerettes and the Ladies Major Leagues. It was the first time in quite a while that the same team captured both titles.

Now to add to that the men's team, with John Bennett as captain, took the championship in the annual city tournament. To win the title the team bowled a 2,998 series.

In what is now referred to as the "old days," Joe Norris and the Stroh team dominated the game hereabouts. Then fellows like Buzz Fazio and Tony Lindemann kept the Stroh name at the head of the list.

JOHN RUGGERIO, who was also a Stroh captain, got into championship picture again when he teamed with Wayne Dubs to win the city tournament doubles crown. Dubs rolled a 604 and Ruggerio a 620 to give the duo a winning count of 1,224.

The singles title went to Chuck Sursi with a consistent series of 674 and Cory Messer won the all-events with 1,965.

ALTHOUGH ROBERT MAHAZ has always bowled well at Country Lanes, he reached the peak of his career in the Thursday night mixed league when he found the range for a 793 series that is one of the highest ever rolled in the house. To get the big count, he opened with a 258, followed with a 257 and finished with a 278. L.J. Boncher, the manager, said that he couldn't recall a higher series in the past few years.

THE SHARPshooters went on a wild scoring spree last week in the Thursday Trio league at Westland Bowl. When the final pin fell, there were three series above 700 and Walt Arsehouse had rolled a 278 for high game. Frank Muggerdian set the pace in the high scoring battle with games of 241, 268 and 247 for a 735. Right behind him came Rich Bonello with a 708 on games of 277, 255 and 176 and Bob Jawor landed third with a 704 that included games of 255 and 257.

JIM KENYA was the toast of the Father & Son league at MerriBowl over the holiday season. Although he is only 16 years old, he fashioned a 245 in a 633 series to pace the entire loop.

HIGH SCORING also marked the summer bowling campaign at Woodland Lanes. Walt Smith was the big gun

with a 263 that helped him break the 700 barrier with a 703 series. A few lanes away, Rob Tromans, a 174 average bowler, was headed for another 700 series, but slumped in his final game. He opened with a 247 and followed with a 225 but finished with 209 for 681.

ONE OF THE MOST unusual summer leagues is now in progress at Super Bowl. It comprises of 14 teams of men and a like number of ladies combinations. The unusual part of the set up is that the men bowl against the women every second week. Meanwhile every week there is a position night. The league opens its new format last season with great success. And from all appearances another successful season is in the offing.

Meanwhile some of the girls are doing a good job of knocking down the pins. In the Monday ladies league, Mary Bodnar had a 202 in 514 and Roswitha Mann had an even 200.

FARMINGTON LANES — one of the hotbeds of junior bowling in area — now boasts another state champion. The girls bowling in the peanut district of the Michigan YBA championship tournament won the roll-off last week at Taylor Lanes.

The champions — ranging from 9 to 11 years — included Rhonda Bruce, Debra Pearson, Tracy Schonfeld, Kami Munson and Andrea Sulek.

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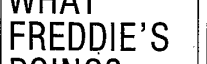
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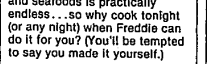
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