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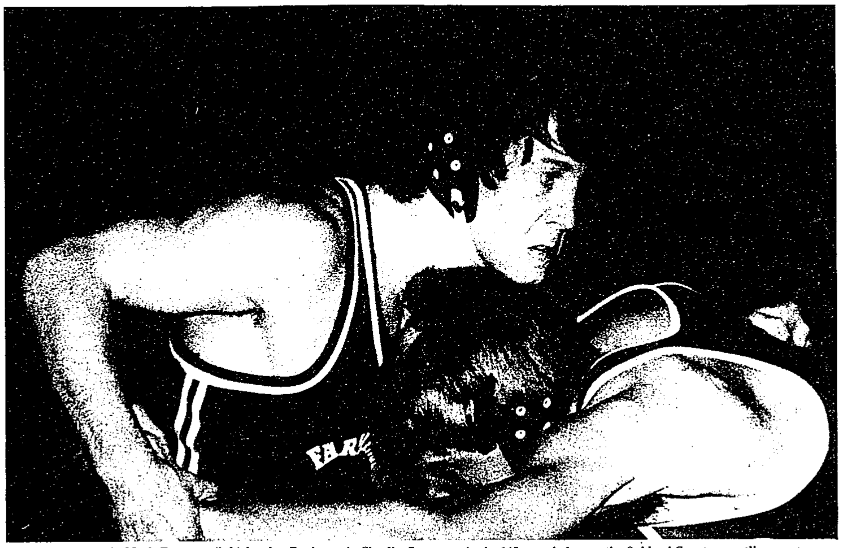

Farmington's Mark Bartram (left) battles Rochester's Charlie Carpenter in the 145-pound class at the Oakland County wrestling meet.

Lake Orion matmen win

Falcons 9th at county meet

Lake Orion won the Oakland County Wrestling Tournament held on Friday and Saturday at Oakland University, finishing with 171½ points.

Millington, a Class B school, finished second with 166 points. Hazel Park was third with 164 points.

Avondale, another Class B wrestling power, was the top local team, finishing fourth with 130 points.

West Bloomfield was seventh with 94½ points, and Farmington tied Walled Lake Western for ninth with 78 points.

Rochester Adams was 13th with 73½ points, Rochester was 15th with 53, North Farmington was 16th with 61½, Southfield was 17th with 61, Birmingham Seaholm was 21st with 56, Troy Athens tied South Lyon for 22nd with 55, Farmington Harrison and Oak Park tied for 24th with 54½, Troy was 26th with 53, Detroit Country Day was 28th with 47½, Walled Lake Central tied Waterford Kettering for 30th with 42, Bloomfield Hills Lahser was 32nd with 41½, Southfield-Lathrup was 33rd with 39½, Bloomfield Hills Andover was 37th with 24 and Birmingham Groves was 41st with 4.

Avondale's Tom Shoan was the only area wrestler to win a championship, taking the crown at 119 pounds. Shoan had to beat another area wrestler to do it, defeating Bloomfield Hills Lahser's Dave Segula, 8-3.

Southfield's Mark Fine finished second at 98 pounds. Other second-place finishers from the area were Dave Denny from Farmington at 112 pounds, Tim Berry of Birmingham Seaholm at 126 pounds, Bob Cushing of Farmington Harrison at 145 pounds, Barry Bausano of West Bloomfield at 155 pounds, Steve Magyari of North Farmington at 167 pounds and Greg Humphries of Avondale at 198 pounds.

Earl Thom of Hazel Park was voted the tournament's outstanding wrestler. Thom pinned West Bloomfield's Bausano at 3:39 of their match.

Bob Cushing of Farmington Harrison has his hand raised in victory after beating Clarkston's Mike Ogans in a semifinal round of the 145-pound class at the Oakland County wrestling meet. (Staff photos by Dick Kelley)

North Farmington's Steve Magyari handles Clarkston's Bruce Burwitz in a 167-pound match.

Area athlete competes in a world of silence

By M.B. DILLON

The world's a soundless stage for Rhonda Abbott, but she sees, feels, tastes and smells all that life has to offer — and more — from its center.

Not only is West Bloomfield's Rhonda Abbott, a deaf 21-year-old, one semester away from a psychology degree, but she's also a runner who qualified for the Deaf Olympics in West Germany this summer.

Of the nation's 250 top deaf tracksters, 22 women and 42 men qualified in the trials last June in Fulton, Mo.

The World Games of the Deaf, or the Deaf Olympics, have taken place every four years in countries around the world since 1924.

Competition varies from track and field to swimming, basketball, wrestling, shooting, cycling, soccer, tennis, gymnastics, table tennis, volleyball, team handball, water polo and judo.

The 1977 Deaf Olympics attracted 1,219 athletes from 33 nations and 35,000 people. Americans claimed 103 medals — 38 gold, 35 silver and 30 bronze — more than any nation since the Games began.

Russia won 98 medals in the 1969 at Belgrade, Yugoslavia for the previous high.

ONE HUGE HURDLE obstructs the road to the Deaf Olympics — money.

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