

# Bendas, Hood shine in Rock tourney

Portage Northern is wearing out its welcome in Plymouth.

For the second time in two weeks, the Huskies' wrestling team has won a Plymouth-Canton School District wrestling tournament.

Last Saturday, Portage Northern led a field of 15 teams to win the 10th annual Plymouth Salem Wrestling Tournament. On Dec. 29, the Huskies won the Canton-Civilian Invitational.

The Huskies' 174 1/2 points were far ahead of second place Westland John Glenn's 134 1/2. Fenton (129 1/2) placed third, and defending Class C state champ Montrose (123) placed fourth. (Complete team and individual results on Page 4C.)

THE FIFTH and sixth places went to Plymouth Canton (118) and Salem (109). Of the other area teams that competed, North Farmington (79) was eighth and Garden City (55) was ninth.

"It was a very, very successful tournament," said Salem coach Ron Krueger. "It always seems like the best wrestlers get beat in our tournament. That was true again this year."

Krueger was referring to the stunning upset victory by John Glenn's Mike Rossi in the 121-pound class. Rossi went up against the No. 2 wrestler in the state last year, Clarkston's Greg Ellis, and pinned him in 3:45.

Rossi was named the tourney's most outstanding wrestler for his efforts.

## wrestling

Portage Northern placed eight wrestlers in the top four en route to the win. Dave Hutton (heavyweight), Bill McLaughlin (98 pounds), and Andy Latorra (134 pounds), were the Huskies' champions.

Glenn's champions were Rossi, 107-pounder Rick Gillies, who pinned Portage's Chris Nohava in 2:21, and 157-pounder Tom Forchione who won a 9-4 decision against Yellanti's Joe Foster.

CANTON MADE a strong showing,

placing six grapplers in the top four. At 114 pounds, Canton's Todd Gattioni edged Salem's Dave Dameron 4-3, averaging his loss to Dameron in the Canton meet two weeks ago.

Canton's ace Tim Collins, wrestling at 140, was nipped 3-2 in the championship match by Montrose's Mike Murdoch, a defending state champion.

The Chiefs got third place finishes from Jeff Condit (98 pounds) and Heath Smith (107 pounds), and fourth place finishes from Jim Malson (heavy-

weight) and Larry Janiga (147 pounds).

The host team, Salem, placed Dameron second at 114, Bruce Zak third at 137, John Jeannotte third at 154, Rick Vershave fourth at 121, and Eric Rietling fourth at 169.

"I'm pretty pleased with my kids," said Krueger. "You can tell because my voice is hoarse. If my kids are doing well, I do a lot of yelling. If I'm not hoarse, we didn't do well."

NORTH FARMINGTON was paced by the Benda brothers. Jim Benda was the champion at 123 pounds, while brother Rob was third at 169. Brian Hood finished second at 187 pounds to another defending state champion, Montrose's Dave Dean.

Garden City got a third place at 121 from Herbie Herge and a fourth from 128-pound Tom Mack.

The tournament was supposed to feature a 16-team field. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, however, could not attend because of a schedule conflict.

"There are a lot of people and groups who deserve a lot of credit for this tourney," Krueger said. "All the parents, Larry Phillips and Danny Ross (tournament directors), Bob Jeannotte, LOC Performance (who supplied the awards), and the Plymouth Elks — the tournament could not have happened without the help and donations of all these people."

## Farmington's Hazen pins 4 at Schoolcraft mat invitational

Wayne Memorial's depth proved too much Saturday as the Zebras won their first wrestling invitational of the season in a 17-team field at Schoolcraft College.

The Zebras, coached by Joe Botzel, formerly of Bishop Borgess, rolled up 163 points. Walley Lake Western and Livonia Bentley were second and third, respectively, with 150 and 136.

Other area schools in the top 10 included Southfield-Lathrup, fourth; Redford Union, fifth; Farmington, seventh; Clarenceville, ninth; and Livonia Churchill, 10th. See statistical summary page.

Ed Fowler was Wayne's only individual champ. He captured the 132-pound

crown to raise his season record to 15-2. Teammates Rich Malta (98) and Mike Foley (108) both placed second, while David Shareef (138) and Don Lynn (155) each took third for the Zebras.

Bentley recorded the most falls as a team (14) and the most individual champions (five).

Grabbing titles for the Bulldogs were Salem Yaffai (105), Anwar Yafai (112), Abe Yaffai (119), Mark Zenas (135) and Marty Altomian (108).

RU SPORTED a pair of second place finishers, Ron Fox (155) and Dave Mikols (167), and third, Greg Bower (105). The Panthers also had three wrestlers place fourth.

Farmington was led by Ab Hazen, who won the 167-pound crown with a victory over Mikols. He had the most individual falls, four in total elapsed time of 9:02. Hazen's teammate, Dan Parlo, captured the consolation title at 118.

Clarenceville's Dean Estep was a finalist at 132, as were Churchill's John Parr (112) and Dave Scott (183).

Another Clarenceville wrestler, Tony Galoreau, won his consolation final at 112. Franklin's Doug Sutter, meanwhile, was third at 165.

Farmington and Western recorded 12 team falls each to finish behind Bentley in that category.

## Area's best at North

Jim O'Leary expects his 19th annual North Farmington Invitational wrestling tournament, which takes place beginning at noon Saturday, to be a two-man fight to the finish.

O'Leary, the Huskies' wrestling coach, figures that of the 19 teams fielded, Plymouth Canton, Wayne Memorial, Walley Lake Western, Milford, Farmington and Plymouth Rock all have a legitimate shot at the crown.

Floundering out of the field of competitors are Dearborn-Hazel Ford, Dearborn Heights, Dearborn-Hawthorne, Dearborn-Rockwood, Adams, West Bloomfield and North Farmington.

WAYNE MEMORIAL and Walley

Lake Western finished one-two, respectively, at the Schoolcraft Invitational last weekend. Farmington placed seventh.

Salem, Clinton and North Farmington all took part in the Plymouth Eastern Invitational. Canton placed fifth and Salem sixth. North was eighth.

The Hazen tourney will feature some top area wrestlers.

From Walley Lake Western, Chris Thompson, Bryan Rich and Matt Turner, all champions at Schoolcraft, would be among the top seeds in their weight classes.

Canton is led by talented Tim Collins who is 23-3 this season and Rick Gattioni, who was the champion at 114 pounds last weekend. Salem is led by

John Jeannotte, Rick Vershave, Dave Dameron, and Bruce Zak.

Ab Hazen has been a terror for Farmington. At Schoolcraft last weekend, he pinned all four of his opponents in the 147-pound class. Hazen is 16-1 this season.

And don't leave out the home team. O'Leary has some talented grapplers, namely, Brian Hood who is 15-0, and Vira Benda, who took first at 123 at Salem last weekend. Jim's brother, Rob, is also wrestling well for the Huskies.

The action begins at noon, with the finals beginning at 7 p.m. North Farmington is located on 18 Mile, just west of Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills.

## Tourney bid eludes OLSM

Orchard Lake St. Mary's college basketball team just didn't have the guns to stick with Marycrest College (Davenport, Iowa) in the opening round of the National Catholic Basketball Tournament at Dubuque, Iowa, last weekend.

The Eagles managed to stay within a few points into the second half before Marycrest pulled away to win handily 64-49 Thursday. Marycrest went on to capture the 16-team tournament title.

OLSM dropped into the consolation bracket and won its only other tourney game, edging Cardinal Stritch (Milwaukee, Wis.) 64-53 Friday.

Against Marycrest, the Eagles trailed by just three (39-36) at the half but could not keep pace with the eventual tournament champs. David Howard's 18 points was best for St. Mary. Greg Baker contributed 14 and Steve Kopicki, making his first appearance after transferring from San Diego State, netted 12 and nabbed seven rebounds.

Dave Smith's 23 points was high for Marycrest.

DAVID JAMES HIT one of two free throws with just three seconds remaining to boost OLSM past Cardinal Stritch Friday.

Stritch had tied it at 63-all a minute earlier on Dave Johnson's basket.

The Eagles trailed 33-29 just before half-time but Tony Scott sent a 65-foot desperation shot at the buzzer through the net to narrow the gap to four.

Baker led OLSM with 14 points, with Scott adding 12 and Joe Warrington 11. Johnson tallied 11 for the losers.

The split left the Eagles at 8-8 for the season, with a long stretch of home games on tap. OLSM hosts Spring Arbor Thursday (8 p.m.), Siena Heights Saturday (7:30 p.m.) and Wayne State Monday (7:30 p.m.).

## Mercy netters off to fast start

Farmington Hills Our Lady of Mercy volleyball team began its 1984 campaign with a hard-fought win against Harper Woods Regina. The Marlies won two of the three games, 15-10, 7-15, 17-15 to take the match.

The third game was a thriller. Mercy's

Betsy Eads served six straight winners to tie the game at 14. Regina went ahead, 15-14, but Mercy rallied to win it. Sarah Mikula served the game-winning point.

Mercy coach Cindy Assemany praised the

performance of three players. Jeanine Ellis did an outstanding job at the net, blocking and spiking for the Marlies. Laurie Huston also was strong at the net. Galle Cernuska played a solid set game.

The Marlies travel to Ladywood tonight.

## Rice guns down Shamrocks

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If the Shamrocks' zone defense frustrated Rice, it was a good thing the Warriors had a zone buster like Kelp. The senior guard bombed in 15-20 foot jumpers from the corner time and again to keep Rice on top.

That might have been somewhat surprising. Kelp has certainly shown his ability to score this season, but it was CC's John McIntyre who had the reputation as the downtown shooting artist.

"HE GOT OUT of his range in the first half," said Shamrock coach Bernie Holowicki. "That's a credit to Brother Rice. He adjusted in the second half."

The Rice defense Holowicki credited was applied by — who else — Kelp, who drew the assignment of one-on-one coverage against McIntyre. The rest of the Rice team sat back in a box zone that pretty much throttled CC.

A great deal of the outcome of the game rested with Kelp. Kelp's hot hand, combined with McIntyre's cold shooting in the first half (three for nine from the floor), enabled the Warriors to take a 17-14 lead after one quarter and a 23-25 advantage at the half. Kelp, who bagged 20 points in the game, had nine in the first quarter and eight more in the second.

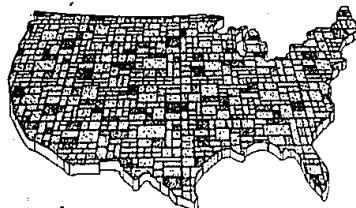
McIntyre, a 6-3 guard who is CC's tallest starter, found the target in the third quarter. The junior connected on five of eight from the floor, but Tavares' two free throws were the only other CC points as CC fell back by seven, 42-35.

THE SHAMROCKS' pressure defense forced some Rice errors in the last period and CC closed to within five early in the quarter following a pair of McIntyre baskets. But despite some successful defensive pressure, CC could not get the points it needed to overtake Rice.

"We needed about two more steals," said Holowicki. "They were ready to be rocked."

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