

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 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-Cleveland Invitational.

The Huskies' 174½ points were far ahead of second place Westland John Glenn's 134½. Fenton (129½) placed third, and defending Class C state champ Monroe (125) 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 (78) was eighth and Green City (55) was ninth.

"It was a very, very competitive 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 9-4.

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

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

Glen'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 Ypsilanti's Joe Foster.

CANTON MADE a strong showing,

placing six grapplers in the top four. At 114 pounds, Canton's Todd Gational was second, Dan Dameron 4-3, averaging his losses to Dameron. Canton meet two weeks ago.

Canton's ace Tim Collins, wrestling at 140, was nipped 3-2 in the championship match by Monroe'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 Maisen (heavy-

weight) and Larry Janiga (147 pounds).

The host team, Salem, placed Dameron second at 114, Bruce Zeh third at 157, John Jeannette third at 134, Rick Verhave fourth at 121, and Eric Rettling 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 Bronx bronx Jim Benda was the champion at 125 pounds while brother Rob was third at 162. Brian Hood finished second at 187 and Heath Smith (107 pounds), and fourth place finishers from Jim Maisen (heavy-

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 Amapolla, 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 Jeannette, LOC Performance (who supplied the trophies), 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 Botter, formerly of Bishop Borgess, rolled up 145 points. Walled Lake Westerns and Livonia Bentley were second and third, respectively, with 130 and 134.

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 (198) both placed second, while David Sharpe (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 Yafai (105), Amherst Yafai (112), Amherst Yafai (119), Mark Zenzas (165) and Marty Altomani (198).

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

Farmington was led by Ab Hazen, who won the 187-pound crown with a victory over Mikola. He had the most individual falls, four in total elapsed time of 9:02. Hazen's teammate, Dan Parlo, captured the consolation title at 198.

Clarenceville's Dean Estep was a finalist at 132, as were Churchill's John Part (112) and Dave Scott (185).

Another Clarenceville wrestler, Tony Galoreau, won his consolation final at 112. Franklin's Doug Sutter, meanwhile, was third at 185.

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 13th annual North Farmington Invitational wrestling tournament, which takes place beginning at noon Saturday, to be the best ever to hit the area.

Twenty-four area schools will compete in the 147-pound class. Salem, Clinton and North Farmington will be the top three.

The 147-pound class will feature the same six area wrestlers.

From Walled Lake Western, Chris Miller, Brian Rich and Jeff Turner, all claimants of Schoolcraft, should be among the top seeds in that weight class.

Roundout the field of competitors are Farmington, South Lyon, Dearborn, Franklin, Livonia, Novi, Royal Oak, West Bloomfield and North Farmington.

WAYNE MEMORIAL and Walled

John Jeannette, Nick Verhave, Dave Danvers, and Bruce Zeh.

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.

Salem's seven talented grapplers include Eric Hood (98), 105, and Jim Benda (125). Jim (132) and

John (162) will be the top seeds in their weight classes.

The action begins at noon, with the trials 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 guts 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 84-69 Thursday.

Marycrest went on to capture the 16-team tournament title.

OLSML dropped into the consolation bracket and won its only other tournament game, edging Cardinal Stritch (Milwaukee, Wisc.) 64-63 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 16 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.

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

Performance of three players. Jeanine Ellis did an outstanding job at the net, blocking and spiking for the Marlins. Gale Cerniauskas was strong at the net. Gail Cerniauskas played a solid set game.

The Marlins travel to Ladywood tonight.

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.

"A great deal of the outcome of the game rested with (Kolp)," Conti said.

Kolp'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 29-23 advantage at the half. Kolp, who bagged 20 points in the game, had nine in the first quarter and eight more in the second.

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."

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 Kolp. The senior guard bombarded in 15-20 foot jumpers from the corner and again to keep Rice on top.

That might have been somewhat surprising. Kolp had 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 Shamrocks' coach Bernie Holowicki. "That's a credit to Brother Rice. He adjusted in the second half."

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