

# 4 Raiders, 3 Falcons move to regionals

The Temperance-Bedford wrestling team will never win the National Toastmaster Award for the most graceful.

Bedford hosted a state Class A district wrestling tournament Saturday and completely pummeled its 17 guests.

The Mules won eight of the 13 weight divisions Saturday, amassing 244 points. The closest team to the Mules was Plymouth Canton with 102½. Romulus was third with 98½, Belle-

ville fourth with 92½, and Plymouth Salem placed fifth overall, 88 points.

Of the other Overland teams competing, North Farmington placed eighth (81½), Farmington 11th (41½) and Farmington Harrison 13th (0).

Complete results of the tourney are on the Observer stat page.

"I was excited that we could finish second," said Canton coach Dan Greenko. "We didn't figure we could beat Temperance. Our goal was to get as

many wrestlers out of districts as possible."

CANTON HAD four wrestlers qualify for the regional tourney which will take place Saturday at Trenton High School. Todd Gattoni took first at 112 pounds, Tim Collins placed second at 135, Heath Smith was third at 105 pounds, and Jim Mason was fourth at heavyweight for the Chiefs.

"We wrestled well," Chrenko said.

"We went down there with a point to prove. We wanted to show them that we wrestle up here as well. I was encouraged."

Salem, the champions of the Western Lakes Activities Association, produced five regional-bound grapplers: Dave Dameron, at 112, placed fourth; Rick Vershave, at 119, placed second; John Jeannotte, at 132, placed second; Andy Ward, at 145, placed fourth; and Eric Retling, at 167, placed third.

North Farmington will be represent-

ed at the regional meet by four grapplers. Todd Brown placed third at 119, James Benda placed third at 126, Rob Benda was fourth at 167, and Brian Hood was second at 185.

For Farmington, Ab Hazen placed second at 167, Dan Partio third at 198.

and Dave Hovey third at 98. All will compete Saturday.

Harrison will not be represented Saturday.

Wrestling will begin at 10:30 a.m. at Trenton Saturday.

## Ailing Raider gymnasts top Stangs

While most area gymnastics teams were enjoying a week off from competition, No. 1-ranked North Farmington went to battle Monday night.

Missing from the ranks were Sharon Shiffers and Lucie Torony, recovering from illness and injury. Sophomore Eileen Murtaugh made her first appear-

ance in two weeks after a bout with the flu, but wasn't near 100 percent.

Still the Raiders had enough depth to defeat Northville, also without a top performer, 122-114.55.

North's Dona Kebrule won both the vault (8.85) and floor exercise (8.35). She took second in the balance beam

with an 8.1.

Murtaugh captured a pair of thirds, 7.8 on beam and 8.0 on floor.

Lisa Brundie took thirds in the vault (7.7) and parallel bars (7.4).

Marilyn Dunn scored a 7.7 on bars to take second.

Northville's Diane Hale had a big

night winning the beam (8.25) and bars (7.75) and taking seconds in vault (8.4) and floor exercise (8.05).

North coach Mary Johnsen-Gilts hopes to have her troops intact in time for Monday's meet with arch rival Troy Athens.

The Raiders are 11-3 on the season.

## Lutheran NW no match for Eagles

Plymouth Christian coach Butch DeRenzo has tried all season to make his team believe that defense wins basketball games.

The lesson may have finally hit home Tuesday night as the Eagles won their

second straight game, taking Farmington Hills Lutheran Northwest 54-28.

"We've won two straight," said a happy DeRenzo. "That feels nice for a change. The defense held them to 28

points and our offense is predicated on our defense."

The Eagles built up a 27-14 lead by halftime and never looked back. All doubt was erased when Plymouth went

on a 13-4 scoring spree in the third quarter.

"Our full court pressure is paying off," DeRenzo said. "That's the big key for us: using our quickness and limiting the other team to just one shot."

## Kerwin: Mercy gets class act

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"Third, and I'm not so sure this isn't number one, is education. The players have to maintain their educational goals. Girls have excellent opportunities to go to college on scholarships at this time. I would like to see my players go on to get some of those."

Kerwin has been through this process before. He coached the Catholic Central team in 1967, 1968 and 1969 and built that program up virtually from scratch. And his experiences coaching through the Detroit Recreation Department have been fruitful.

He has coached several players, including former Big 10 champion Sue Selke, who have gone on to be teaching professionals.

BILL HALLS, a Detroit News sports-writer, spoke of Kerwin prior to his induction into the Amateur Hall of Fame in 1979.

"For more than 25 years, Kerwin has coached and fostered the game of tennis in the Detroit area. Thousands of youngsters and adults have learned tennis from Kerwin," Hall wrote.

"Kerwin chaired the committee which helped plan the 24-court Baruch complex. It was opened in 1978, fulfill-

ing a lifelong personal dream for a tournament tennis center in Detroit."

Now this Detroitier is spreading his wisdom to the suburbs. But, why did he choose Mercy? One, there was an opening, and two:

"Because I'm dealing with class at Mercy. The people are just so nice and kids seem willing and anxious to work," he said.

Kerwin, who also works as an umpire for SEMTA, has not been totally removed from the Catholic League tennis wars of recent years.

"I know Marion has good teams, and Ladywood. We'll set our sights on La-

dywood for next year, then get Marion the year after. We'll take 'em one at a time," he said with a laugh. Both Marion's and Ladywood's coaches are friends of Kerwin.

"If the kids desire something, I give them the opportunity to go get it. As a coach, I like to provide everyone the opportunity of reaching to the highest potential as their interest allows," he said.

The mad coaches winners, and for the basic minimum coaching salary, Mercy has itself a steal.

## Raider netters fall shy at S'craft

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"We played just a flawless match," said North's Lubienicki. "I really don't think we missed a ball (during the 15-0 game). It was just perfect."

In the semifinals, North beat Bishop Borgess, 15-8, 11-15, 15-2. Borgess had defeated a talented Dearborn Fordson team in the quarters, 11-15, 15-11, 15-13.

Stevenson swept through its pool 8-0. They pounded Livonia Churchill, 15-7,

15-7 in the quarters. Then, for the second time in two weeks, the Spartans defeated highly touted Dearborn, 15-9, 15-12.

Dearborn had advanced by staving off Garden City, 15-5, 15-13. Garden City was the surprise of the tourney,

winning its pool with a 6-2 record, ousting Livonia Bentley.

Stevenson, with a 28-3 record, has not been ranked in the state coaches poll this season.

"I think we should be ranked now. We've beaten Dearborn twice in two

weeks and winning this tournament should help," Cagle said.

North (23-7 overall) left the court with their heads held high.

"We played very well," Lubienicki said. "I'm very proud of them. It was an exciting tournament."

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