

Earning their stripes

Trio of Zebras bolster Observer mat team

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LIVONIA BENTLEY High School is slated to close its doors after this season. That's a tough break for wrestling coach Bill Riddle who has kept the program together at Bentley for the last four years.

But Riddle and his team didn't go out with a whimper. Bentley, a team that won just three dual meets last season and finished sixth at the Western Lakes meet, had enough individual power to place seventh at last weekend's state Class A meet.

It was a triumphant conclusion to what has traditionally been a lackluster wrestling program at Bentley. For that effort, and because he has molded several outstanding individual wrestlers especially in the last two seasons, Bill Riddle has been chosen Observerland Wrestling Coach of the Year for 1985.

He headlines a solid group of All-Area matmen selected by Observerland wrestling coaches. The All-Area team has a new look this year, it should be mentioned. Wayne Memorial has been added to Observerland coverage and, as you'll see, the Zebras have made a definite impact on the wrestling team.

FIRST TEAM

Jim Malson, heavyweight, Canton: The 290-pound senior is making a repeat All-Area appearance. He has been the area's dominant big man the past two years, scoring a 37-12-1 record this year. He took fourth in the regional tournament and went on to win two matches at the state meet. Malson was a clutch dual-meet performer for Plymouth Canton, coming through five times to secure victories by winning his match.

Dennis Dameron, 98 pounds, Salem: To finish with a 34-8 record is a super accomplishment for any wrestler. But when you are just a sophomore the feat takes on added significance. Dameron, obviously, has a bright future in this sport. He was both the Western Lakes and district champion and placed second at regionals. He went on to place in the top eight in the state. In two years at Plymouth Salem, he's compiled a 52-27 mark.

Salem Yaffai, 105, Bentley: There was nothing fluke about this junior's 42-3 record last year. When you pin everyone you face at a state district meet, you're for real. He was also the runner-up at both the regional and the state meet, losing both times to Bedford's Doug Harper, a two-time state champ and a young man who hasn't lost in 102 straight matches. Yaffai pinned 30 of his 42 foes last year and has a 100-15 career record.

Jason Wiebeck, 112, Catholic Central: Another talented sophomore illuminates the Observerland mats. Wiebeck compiled a 43-9 record and championships in both the Catholic League and district. He won one match before bowing out of state competition. He has amassed some impressive accomplishments in a short time: two Catholic League titles, three AAU national titles and three AAU state titles.

Dave Dameron, 119, Salem: This multi-talented junior will rewrite Ron Krueger's voluminous record books at Plymouth Salem before he's

all-area wrestling

through. He was 43-4 last year placing first at the following invitational: John Glenn, Wayne, North Farmington, Monroe and Mount Clemens. He won the Western Lakes, the district, placed second in the regional and fifth in the state. He scored 305 team points this season with 21 pins. He's also a superb soccer player at Salem and maintains a 3.0 grade point average. He's a keeper.

Dan Gibson, 126, John Glenn: His only loss of the season came in the state finals, a heartbreaking 4-3 setback to Warren Lincoln's Sam Amine. He finished 31-1, placing first in the Northwest Suburban League, the districts and the regional. The senior is a three-time NSL champ, two-time district and regional champion. He placed third in the state last year and has compiled a 99-10 career record.

Ed Fowler, 132, Wayne: En route to his 47-6 record this year, Fowler won a district championship, a regional championship and placed fifth in the state meet. He's been a solid performer for the Zebras the past two seasons.

Tim Mitchell, 138, Wayne: Mitchell was a state runner-up this year and compiled a 45-10 record. He was denied a state title by Mount Pleasant's Pat Boyd who pinned Mitchell with just two seconds left in the match. Mitchell placed third at the district and second in the regional.

Dave Shareef, 145, Wayne: Shareef won 40 of his 49 matches for coach John Wood this season. He placed second at both the district and regional tournaments. He won one match at state but didn't gain a place.

Scott Lucas, 155, John Glenn: This talented senior was the victim of some bad luck this season, though he did compile an impressive 25-8 record. He was disqualified from the district tournament on a most controversial slam ruling, thus knocking him out of contention for the state meet. Still, there's no taking away his two NSL titles and his 87-19 career record.

Ab Hazen, 167, Farmington: Talk about an outstanding high school wrestling career. This senior will graduate with a 114-34 record. He was 39-2 this season, winning the Western Lakes, district and regional crowns. He lost the state championship to Brighton's Mike Baker on a close 7-4 decision in the finals. Thirty-five of Hazen's wins were via pins.

Mark Zenas, 186, Bentley: Zenas came as close as any to a state title this year, losing by a point (7-6) to Bedford's Jeff Kaminski in the finals. Still, the bright and personable senior amassed a fine 41-2 record (both losses to Kaminski) and won Western Lakes and district titles. His career record — speaking of fine — was 131-34. He notched 20 pins and 19 superior decisions this year.

Dan Parillo, 198, Farmington: This junior broke his hand while competing in the regional meet and

lost by a close decision — that's the type of competitor we're dealing with here. He amassed a 33-6 record winning Western Lakes and district titles. He was also a national AAU champion last year. As his coach Barry Walsh said: "Watch out for him next year."

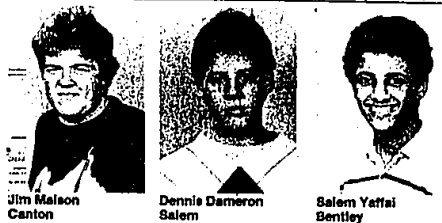
SECOND TEAM

Heavyweight: Ed Miller, Garden City
88 pounds: Brendon Rock, Catholic Central
102 pounds: Dave Hovey, Farmington
112 pounds: Herbie Hodge, Garden City
118 pounds: Brent Yaffai, Bentley
126 pounds: James Banda, N. Farmington
132 pounds: Geno Tokarz, Catholic Central
138 pounds: Dan Schmeckel, John Glenn
145 pounds: Andy Ward, Salem
155 pounds: Eric Fetting, Salem
167 pounds: Tim Hovey, Wayne
185 pounds: Brian Hood, N. Farmington
198 pounds: Chuck Arakelian, Stevenson.

THIRD TEAM

Heavyweight: Dody Shewmaker, Redford Union
88 pounds: Daryl Hovey, John Glenn
102 pounds: Rob Eeles, Wayne
112 pounds: Rob Okurawski, John Glenn
118 pounds: Glen Gomezar, John Glenn
126 pounds: Mike Wiczewski, Catholic Central
132 pounds: Tom Mack, Garden City
138 pounds: Uli Morley, Salem
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155 pounds: Dave Cunningham, Farmington
167 pounds: Tim Hovey, Garden City
185 pounds: Doug Butler, Franklin
198 pounds: Jerry Lipa, Clearcreekville.

HONORABLE MENTION: Bentley: Marty Altounian, Brian Dwyer, Dave Wojchowski; Stevenson: Darryl Quaidon, John Economou, Franklin: Kevin Gibson, Scott Weaver, Chundak, Mike Kroese, John Parr, Dave Dudek; Salem: Tim Ott, Kevin Freeman, Rich Johnson, James Woodcock; Canton: Tim Brady, Dave Duford, Jeff Condit, Todd Cherry, Jim Parks, Mike Graczyk, Eric Kaurer; Redford Union: J.D. Summers, Thurston; Marshall Wapner, Larry French; Catholic Central: Steve Christian, Eric Johnson; Farmington: Bill Critcher, Gerald Tharnish, Mike Stern, Mike Cooy; North Farmington: Greg Collier, Paul Cook, Brian Haack; Farmington: Harrison, Cliff Alcamara, Dennis Rompa, Pat Dugas; Garden City: John Fishback, Mike Pataczek, Roger Oiler, Mike Hovey, Todd Burner, Pat Oles, Scott Parr; John Glenn: Roger Okurawski, David Ossamer, Mark Kropp, Mike Jaszczyk; Wayne: Stan Wilcox.



Coaches Inducted

Four of the most respected football coaches in Observerland have gained a measure of statewide immortality.

Plymouth Salem's Tom Moshler, Redford Union's Harvey Heitman, Livonia Churchill's Ken Kaestner and Livonia Stevenson's Jack Reardon will be among 30 coaches inducted into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame Saturday, April 20.

The coaches will be formally inducted during the Hall of Fame banquet slated for Saturday, April 20, at U-M's Crisler Arena.

Prep cage results

Joe Gregory's 34-point performance was wasted Friday night as Redford Bishop Borgess fell to Detroit Redford in the Class A district cage final at Catholic Central, 67-60.

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