

# CC runner-up at Salem mat tourney

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Ron Krueger was not surprised after Eaton Rapids won its second consec-

utive Plymouth Salem Invitational Wrestling Tournament Saturday. He predicted it a week ago. He also predicted that Montrose, Redford Catholic Central and his Salem team would be



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Paul Cook scored points for North Farmington Saturday, placing second at 140 pounds at the Salem Invitational. North placed sixth.

in the chase.

The man knows a little something about wrestling. Eaton Rapids, defending Class B state champs, placed first in four weight classes and accumulated 213 points to win the 13th annual Salem mat war with relative ease.

"They pretty much had it wrapped up going into the evening (consolation and final) matches," Krueger said. But the battle for second and third place raged until the final weight class. Catholic Central won that battle scoring 187½ points to Salem's 172. Montrose placed fourth (103½). See statistical summary for complete results.

"I'm happy, I guess," Krueger said of the outcome. "Although, I feel there were times when we went head up with Catholic Central and should have beaten them. Our kids weren't ready, though. I don't want to take anything away from CC. We have some room for improvement."

A BIG swing between the two teams, according to Krueger, came in the last two weight classes. At heavyweight, CC's Toby Heaton placed third, beating Salem's Richard Johnson who placed sixth. Salem also lost key points at 200 pounds where the Rocks didn't enter a wrestler.

"That's about a 34-point swing," Krueger said. Several other Observerland teams made strong showings in the 16-team meet. Garden City placed in a sixth-place tie with Portage Northern, each amassing 60½ points. Wayne Memorial placed eighth (51½) while North Farmington and Westland John Glenn tied for ninth with 48 points.

"Hey, we even had a celebrity in the stands," Krueger said. "Dale Barr, the University of Michigan wrestling coach was there. That's a first, I think."

Barr had to like what he saw; the

weight classes were clustered with all-state talent. At 134 pounds, two-time Class B state champ Scott Bolan from Eaton Rapids won on a 15-6 decision against Salem's Kevin Freeman. At 157, three-time state champ Mike Murdoch from Montrose defeated Bellefonte's Darrel Elder 4-2 for the title. At 187, Montrose's Noel Dusan, a state champ, pinned North Farmington's Brian Haack in 1:05 of their final match.

BUT, AS he has in two other tournaments this season, Salem's 128-pound Dave Dameron stole the spotlight from all the state champions. With four consecutive victories, including a pin in 3:44 of the championship match over Wayne's Rich Mella, Dameron was voted the meet's most outstanding wrestler by the 16 coaches.

"With all the people in this tournament, to have your kid chosen as the creme de la creme, well, I feel pretty good about that," Krueger said. Ironically, Krueger didn't vote for Dave Dameron; he voted for Dave's brother Dennis, champion at 114 pounds. Dennis Dameron scored a 10-7 championship decision over Ann Arbor Pioneer's Ryan Palmisano in one of the event's most dramatic matches.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL, a young team featuring four freshmen, produced two champions. Mike Gentile, one of the four freshmen, won at 100 pounds with a 11-3 decision against Eaton Rapids' Jason Matteson. Jason Wiebeck won the 121-pound title with a 4-1 victory against Fenton's Conrad Allison.

The Shamrocks, who placed in the top four in all but four events, got a key second place finish from Judd Snyder at 200 pounds. Snyder was pinned in the finals by Montrose's Brent Dornine. Eaton Rapids, like CC, placed a wrestler in the final four in nine of the

13 events. Along with Bolan, Robin Eldred (107), Nick Lyon (140) and Doug McVicker (147) scored first-place points.

Other champions were Larry Luce of Portage Northern, who defeated Redford Union's Bob Shumaker 13-4 at heavyweight, and Tim Howell of Garden City, who scored a 1-0 decision against Fenton's Ken Brant at 169.

SEVERAL AREA wrestlers not previously mentioned figured prominently in the meet. Salem's Fred Calma placed second at 107; North Farmington's Paul Cook placed second at 140; and, Glenn Dan Schimmsky placed second at 147.

"The meet was run super-smooth," Krueger said. "There were no problems at all. Larry Phillips (meet director) and Gary Balout (Salem assistant athletic director) deserve a lot of credit. And there was good competition throughout the tourney. Every class was a dogfight."

Krueger had one final prediction to make before leaving. "You wait and see, Eaton Rapids will be the state's Class B champion."

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TEAM RESULTS: 1. Eaton Rapids, 213 points; 2. Redford Catholic Central, 187½; 3. Plymouth Salem, 172; 4. Montrose, 103½; 5. Fenton, 100; 6. (tie) Portage Northern and Garden City, 60½; 7. Wayne Memorial, 51½; 8. (tie) North Farmington and Westland John Glenn, 48; 9. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 47½; 12. Bellefonte, 42; 13. Ypsilanti, 40; 14. Redford Union, 36; 15. Plymouth Canton, 32½; 16. Farmington, 19.

## CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

Heavyweight: Larry Luce (P. Northern) dec.

Don Shumaker (RU), 13-4.  
100 pounds: Mike Gentile (CC) dec. Jason Matteson (E. Rapids), 11-3.  
107 pounds: Robin Eldred (E. Rapids) dec. Fred Calma (Salem), 10-1.  
114 pounds: Dennis Dameron (Salem) dec. Ryan Palmisano (Pioneer), 10-7.  
121 pounds: Jason Wiebeck (CC) dec. Conrad Allison (Fenton), 4-1.  
128 pounds: Dave Dameron (Salem) pinned Rich Mella (Wayne), 3-4.  
134 pounds: Scott Bolan (E. Rapids) dec. Kevin Freeman (Salem), 15-6.  
140 pounds: Nick Lyon (E. Rapids) dec. Paul Cook (N. Farmington), 2-0.  
147 pounds: Doug McVicker (E. Rapids) dec. Dan Schimmsky (Glen), 11-0.  
157 pounds: Mike Murdoch (Montrose) dec. Darrel Elder (Bellefonte), 4-2.  
169 pounds: Tim Howell (Garden City) dec. Ken Brant (Fenton), 1-0.  
187 pounds: Noel Dusan (Montrose) pinned Brian Haack (N. Farmington), 1-00.  
200 pounds: Brent Dornine (Montrose) pinned Judd Snyder (CC), 2-50.

## CONSOLATION MATCHES

Heavyweight: Toby Heaton (CC) pinned Kevin Squire (E. Rapids), 50.  
100 pounds: Todd Butler (Salem) dec. Don Keys (P. Northern), 11-1.  
107 pounds: Mike Palazzola (Garden City) pinned Scott Christie (CC), 4-27.  
114 pounds: Steve Boll (E. Rapids) dec. Charles Fritz (Ypsil), 17-3.  
121 pounds: Dave Dunford (Canton) pinned Cory Rosenzweig (Farmington), 4-30.  
128 pounds: Tim Howell (Garden City) dec. Matt Heim (CC), 4-1.  
134 pounds: Chris Lemanski (CC) dec. Sean Simpson (Ypsil), 5-0.  
140 pounds: Mitch Quint (CC) dec. Kirk Renz (Salem), 6-4.  
147 pounds: Jody Lambert (Montrose) dec. Joe Young (Fenton), 11-4.  
157 pounds: Stacy Verheke (Fenton) dec. Joey Carvina (Wayne), 12-4.  
169 pounds: Troy Dean (E. Rapids) dec. Lee Krueger (CC), 11-3.  
187 pounds: James Woodchuck (Salem) defeated Warren Danner (E. Rapids), default.  
200 pounds: James Quinn (Fenton) dec. Don Giese (Garden City), 4-1.

## Stat page comes back

The Observerland winter season statistical page will be featured every Thursday beginning Jan. 16.

The page will feature boys swim times, area rankings, basketball scoring, assists and rebound leaders, and gymnastics leaders.

Coaches, as always, we rely on your cooperation to compile these statistics. Here's how you can help.

Basketball coaches should update statistics weekly with North Farmington coach Tom Negoshian by calling him between 7-9:30 p.m. Monday nights at 363-4284.

Boys swim coaches should report their times to

Livenia Churchill coach Manse Tian between 2:30-4:30 p.m. Friday afternoons by calling 923-9231.

The gymnastics stats will be compiled by Observer sports editor Chris McCosky. High scores should be reported to him Monday afternoons at 591-2300.

Any wrestling coach interested in compiling wrestling leaders per weight class should also call McCosky at 591-2300 as soon as possible.

Coaches, please begin calling in your stats by Thursday, Jan. 9. Your help is greatly appreciated.

—Observer sports staff

## Salem favored on North mats

Plymouth Salem will be out to defend its title in the annual North Farmington Invitational Wrestling Tournament Saturday.

The Rocks, who won the tournament last year, will be favored to win again.

"Salem and Milford will be the favorites," said North Farmington coach Dick Cook. "But everybody has individuals that should be there in the finals. Everything should be pretty balanced."

The tournament, which Cook estimates to be some 20 years old, will feature eight teams. Besides Salem, Milford and North, Plymouth Canton, West Bloomfield, Farmington, Dearborn Edsel Ford and Wayne Memorial will compete.

Wrestling starts at 11 a.m. All-day tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

## Knee injury slows Austin

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Austin, a mechanical engineering student with a 3.39 grade point average, isn't enamored with the red-shirt idea.

"They have changed the (engineering) curriculum so that you can finish in four years," Austin said. "I had planned on getting done in four years. I've got to make some money."

AUSTIN CAME to U-D after a sterling high school career at North where she starred in basketball, volleyball and softball. She was offered college scholarships in all three sports from various schools.

Though she saw limited playing time at U-D last year, she has never second-guessed her decisions to attend U-D or play basketball.

"I really enjoy playing basketball. I never realized how much I enjoyed it until I had to sit out and watch," she said. "I like U-D, too. I like being close to home. A lot of the girls get home maybe three days the whole year. I can go home whenever I want."

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