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High school football will miss Castignola

ELOST A good one last week.
People in the high school football circle mourn the loss of Jack
Castignola, who died Friday night after a bout with cancer. 'Coach Jack, as he was affectionately known by his students, players and friends, was burled Tuesday morning at Our Lady of Hope Cemetery in Brownstown Township. As a fitting tribute to Conch Jack, his final appearance — at Martenson Funeral Home and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Trenton — was before a standing-room-only crowd.
They pocked the funeral home, which was decked with floral arrangements — including one from his 1985 team complete with wooden goal posts and a blue and gold ribbon with the inscription. 'Coach Jack.'
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Jack." The funeral home was about 350 yards from where Coach Jack did most of his living — the sideline of the football field at Trenton High Soch A little further east was a message on the high school marquee, which read: "Goodbye Coach

Jack."
If you were in one of the cars in the long funeral procession en route to St. Joseph Church, you couldn't miss the touching message. The cars seemed to stretch from one end of Trenton to the other. They had to be parked four abreast on the street outside the church. It was amazing everyone fit into the church for the burial service.

IT WAS SAD, as funeral services are, yet it was heartwarming to see how many people Castignola

touched.

I never met Coach Jack, but I wanted to bid farewell to the man I've read so much about, and the coach I competed against on a couple of occasions. As I looked at those around me, I was amazed at the number of people who were there to

amazed at the number of people who were there to pay their last respects.

There were coaches too numerous too count, and that doesn't even take into account the ones I didn' recognize or those who visited Monday and during

But they came from all directions, not just the communities in the downriver area. There was Bo Schembechler, the ceach in Michigan. On the high school circuit, there were Al Fracassa (Brother Rice), Tom Moshimer (Plymouth Salem), John McIntyre (Dearborn Fordson), Dick Ulrich (former Rochester caach) and Jack Runchey (Rochester Adams).

Adams).

I know there were more because nearly everyon around addressed each other as "caach."
These men attended to pay respect to a man everyone respected. If there ever was an unkind word sald about Coach Jack, it was wispered.

Karl Zlomek, now news editor of the Wyandotte Nows Herald, covered Castignola and his teams since 1979.

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"He was a very complex character," he sald, "He was loads of fun, and he could be a hard guy when it came to losing. He didn't take losing very well. He was a leagend of sorts, had people weren't supposed to beat him.

"HE WAS OLD and he was young. He was serior and he was funny. He was like a father to the kids, and he had a little kid in him himself. He had a lot

and he had a little kid in him himself. He had a lot of Woody Hayes in him.

On a personal level, I remember playing my best football game ever against Trenton as a sophomotor on the junior varisty. Although it wasn't against a Castignola-coached varsity team, it had a special meaning because it was against Trenton.

I played high school lootball at Dearborn Edsel Pord back in the old Suburban at Bearborn Edsel Pord back in the old Suburban at Bearborn Edsel Pord back in the old Suburban at Game and the profile prof. Plymouth Salern and Trenton. If you beat any of those teams, you accomplished something. That was especially true if you beat Trenton.

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It's like beating Brother Rice, Farmington all Parison, Dearborn Fordson or Hedford Catholic Central. Those are great programs with great ceaches.

coaches. Coach Jack put Trenton in that category,

HIS STORY has been told time and time again, but it's well worth repeating.

It coached high school football for 37 years, the last 21 at Trenton. He is the second winningest coach in Michigan high school history. He had nine teams finish the regular season undefeated, and he coached four state playoff qualitiers.

He was an all-state running back from Ohlo, who was coached as a prep by the legendary Woody Hayes. He was an sa United States Marine who was one of a scarce few who survived the Invasion of Okinawa.

of a scarce few who survived the invasion of Okinawa. He died from cancer Friday in Detroit Henry Ford Hospital at age 55. Certiality his record of 228 wins against 88 losses and nine ties speaks for liself. But numbers alone cannot describe a man. Castignola's teams were a reflection of himself. They were successful, they were tough, they were dedicated, they had class, and, as a result, they were respected. "Jack loved football," Ziomek said. "It didn't matter if you were with him or against him, be loved (caching, lie loved his kids and everybody else's kids, and he was well-respected for that. "There was a lot of animostiy toward him and renton, but that's just because they were good. They were just good. Signola has been repeated. He lose thing about Loss and had been a champion in this state. Coach Jack will always be a champion in this state.



Net ball

Thirty volleyball teams gathered at Schoolcraft College Saturday to have a ball at the not — some had more fun than others. Molley Thompson (above)

and her North Farmington team had a rough day, but for Harrison, and espe-cially Livenia Stevenson, it was a splon-did day, See Page 2C.

North romps past Western

Everybody knows about Rick Anderson and Paul Wahrman. But North Farmington basketball teammates Jim Rogland, Mike Rudin and Corky D'Access and the Control of the Control o

Chuck Howard 11.
Eastern Michigan University, Kent
State and Illinois State are among the
many schools bidding for Anderson.
Kevin Walters scored 16 to lead
Western (S-9) in the Western Lakes, 8-11
overall). Jack Uhazle scored 14 and
Frent Kish 10.
The Ralders are 8-7 in the league, 107 overall.

7 overall.

NORTHVILLE 60, FARMINGTON 52: Two things KO'd Farmington Tuesday — both most prominent in a third quarter which saw Northville run off a 16-9 spurt.

No. 1, turnovers: the Falcons made 15 on the night, most in the third quarter. No. 2, sonlor center Kyle Mutz (13 points) (wisted his ankle and sat out most of the third quarter.

Add to that the fact that Northville was on fire from the perimeter and you get a Falcon loss.

Den Norton scored 22 points on 11 field goals to lead the Mustangs (11-4 in the Western Lacks, 12-5 on the season). Matt Hinds added 16.

Bruce Kratt paced Farmington with 18 points. Tony Racks added 10.

Farmington falls to 6-9 in the league, 8-10 overall.

HARRISON 71, W.L. CENTRAL 57: Farmington Harrison snapped a two-game losing skid and won the Western Lakes Western Division title outright

with its victory Tuesday.

The Hawks were sluggish out of the

gate, falling behind 36-28 at the half,

"We decided to play a little in the
second half, 'said Hawks coach Mike
Teachman. "We played a lot harder.
Last week we lacked a little intensity."
The team got back in the game with
a 17-10 third quarter, then buried Central with a 26-11 burs! in the final quarter.

SALEM 68, FRANKLIN 48: All season long, Plymouth Salem coach Bob Brodic has begged Bryan Kearis to shoot the ball, Kearis, a junior, has al-

shoot the ball, Kearis, a junior, has always been bestjant.
Tuesday, he cut loose. He scored 22 points hitting 81 percent of his shots to lead the Rocks past winless Livonia Franklin, 68-48.
"He got into a lull and wouldn't shoot," Brodie said. "Tim not even that concerned about his percentage — although he shot well tonight. He's just got to shoot."
Mike Hale added 19 points and Paul Makara 13 for the Rocks.
Steve Prezracki and Chris Parenti scored 16 each to lead the Patriots (0-16).

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Twenty of Franklin's 48 points were scored at the free throw line.
Salem is 8-7 in the Western Lakes, 9-9 on the season.

PLYM. CHRISTIAN 76, LUTHER-AN NW 57: The Eagles geared up for its Michigan Indopendant Athletic Con-ference title showdown with Oakland Christian Friday with a easy win against Farmington Lutheran North-

against Farmington Lotheran Ivorta-west.
Pat McCarthy led Plymouth Chris-tian with 22 points. Rod Windle added 15 and Jim Stroh 10.
Mike Troup scored 21 to Northwest. The Eagles are 12-1 in the confer-ence and 15-1 overall.

CC wins district; Parilo earns title

By Brad Emons staff writer

Redford Catholic Central's wrestling coach describes the upcoming Class A regional at Gibratiar Carlson as a bunging of heads.

Tenyther of the coach of the coach of the coach of the carl with such formidable foes as Ypalianti district champ. CC and runner-up Plymouth Salem also on hand, it should be a knock-down, drag-out affair.

"CC won the 18-team Ypsi tourney with 216% points followed by Salem at 169% and Ann Arbor Huron with 109. (See statistical summary).

Bedford, which captured its own district last Saturday, will send the largest contingent of wrestlers to Saturday's tourney at Carlson. The Mules have 11 qualifiers in 13 weight classes.

CC will send 10 gropplers to Carlson, including individual district champions Toby Heaton (heavyweight), Mike Gentile (98 pounds). Brendan Rock (105), Jason Wiebeck (119) and Mitch Quilt (138).

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30 would Bedford, too."

OUT OF 10 CC regional qualifiers, only one is a senior, 198-pounder Judd. Snyder. (The top four finishers in each weight division at the district qualify for the regional).
"Our strength is in our young people who can pin," Rodriguez said. "We've got to work on falls right away at the regional to get some momentum."
I feel they haven't done enough, I don't expect too much out of them."
In preparation for the district, regional and state meets, the CC coach has his team rise at 5 am. for a 1½-hour workout followed by a 2½-hour session after school.

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they get up at five in the morning."

CC's biggest lift on Saturday came from Heaton, a sophomore, who may have come of age in winning the heavy-weight division.

"He was a very pleasant surprise," said the CC coach. "He faced all these guys in round-robin and he put it together."

IN ADDITION TO five firsts, CC also IN ADDITION TO five firsts, CC also got a second-place finish from Lee Krueger, son of Salem coach Ron Krueger. Garden City's Tim Howell, a senior, beat the CC freshman on a 2-1 overtime decision.

"Lee lost because of inexperience, but he's really been coming on strong." Rodriguer said. "He's going to be heard from."

Nourigues and from."
Salem's district champions included Kevin Freeman (132) and James Wochuk (185).
Woochuk was particularly impressive in raising his overall record to 35.

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"He (Woochuk) had his finest day,"
the Salem coach said. "He wrestled really well and beat (John) Augustin (of
Farmington) 11-1. That was unexpected because Augustin had beaten him
before."

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Freeman, seeded No. 2 in his class, planed Ypsi's Sean Simpson in 1:28 to gain the 132 crown.
"He was wrestling like himself," Krueger said. "In the (Western Lakes) league meet he had blood poisoning and was running a fewer."
Salem's Dameron brothers also were finalists.
Dave, a 126-pounder, suffered his first loss of the season in 44 matches, iosing to an old nemesis, Andy McNaughton of Huron.

DENNIS DAMERON, a 112-pounder.

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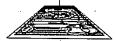
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