



High school football will miss Castignola

WE LOST 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.

As a fitting tribute to Coach Jack, his final appearance — at Martenson Funeral Home and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Trenton — was before a standing-room-only crowd.

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

But they came from all directions, not just the communities in the downtown area. There was Bo Schembelcher, the coach in Michigan.

These men attended to pay respect to a man everyone respected. If there ever was an unkind word said about Coach Jack, it was whispered.

"He was a very complex character," he said. "He was loads of fun, and he could be a hard guy against it came to losing. He didn't take losing very well.

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

On a personal level, I remember playing my best football game ever against Trenton as a sophomore on the junior varsity.

I played high school football at Dearborn Edsel Ford back in the old Suburban 8 days. At that time, there were three powers in the league — Edsel Ford, Plymouth Salem and Trenton.

It's like beating Brother Rice, Farmington Harrison, Dearborn Fordson or Redford Catholic Central. Those are great programs with great coaches.

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

He coached high school football for 37 years, the last 21 at Trenton. He is the second longest coach in Michigan high school history.

He was an all-state running back from Ohio, who was coached as a prep by the legendary Woody Hayes.

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, he loved teaching. He loved his kids and everybody else's kids, and he was well-respected for that.

One thing about Castignola has been repeated. He never won a state championship as a coach.

But 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 net — some had more fun than others. Moley Thompson (above) and her North Farmington team had a rough day, but for Harrison, and especially Livonia Stevenson, it was a splendid 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'Acenzo were unknown commodities.

Anderson, who's college stock increases with every game, scored 19 points and grabbed nine rebounds for the Raiders.

Eastern Michigan University, Kent State and Illinois State are among the many schools bidding for Anderson.

Kevin Walters scored 16 to lead Western (5-9 in the Western Lakes, 6-11 overall). Jack Uharzle scored 14 and Brent Kish 10.

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.

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

Bruce Kratt paced Farmington with 18 points. Tony Racka 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.

SALEM 68, FRANKLIN 48: All season long, Plymouth Salem coach Bob Brodie has begged Bryan Kearis to shoot the ball. Kearis, a junior, has always been hesitant.

PLYM. CHRISTIAN 76, LUTHERAN NW 57: The Eagles geared up for its Michigan Independent Athletic Conference title showdown with Oakland Christian Friday with a easy win against Farmington Lutheran Northwest.

Mike McCarthy led Plymouth Christian with 22 points. Rod Windle added 15 and Jim Stroth 10.

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CC wins district; Parilo earns title

By Brad Emons staff writer

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

With defending state champion Temperance-Bedford there, and with such formidable foes as Ypsilanti 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 1/2 points followed by Salem at 169 1/2 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 grapplers to Carlson, including individual district champions Toby Heaton (heavyweight), Mike Gentile (98 pounds), Brendan Rock (105), Jason Wiebeck (119) and Mitch Quint (138).

"We'd like to have all 10 of our kids go (to the state meet), but realistically we have to have eight to 10 to have a chance at winning it," said Rodriguez, who guided CC to the Class A crown in 1985. "I'd like to have them all go, but so would Bedford, too."

OUT OF 10 CC regional qualifiers, only one is a senior, 198-pound 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 a.m. for a 1 1/2-hour workout followed by a 2 1/2-hour session after school.

I feel it's important, but they want it bad, too," Rodriguez said. "I know Bedford works hard, but I don't think

wrestling

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 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.

Salom's district champions included Kevin Freeman (132) and James Woodchuk (155).

Woodchuk was particularly impressive in raising his overall record to 35-4.

"He (Woodchuk) 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."

Freeman, seeded No. 2 in his class, pinned 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 fever."

Salom's Dameron brothers also were finalists. Dave, a 126-pounder, suffered his first loss of the season in 44 matches, losing to an old nemesis, Andy McNaughton of Huron.

DENNIS DAMERON, a 112-pounder, Please turn to Page 6