

Parilo is regional mat champion

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There were no major upheavals on the high school wrestling circuit last week.

Defending state Class A champion Temperance-Bedford continued to roll, racking up 146 points en route to the regional title at Gibraltar Carlton. The Mules produced two champions and will send a strong contingent of nine to the state meet, which begins at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Grand Valley State College in Allendale.

Redford Catholic Central, the Ypsilanti district champ, was a distant second with 92 points followed by Plymouth Salem (58), Farmington (48), Westland John Glenn (40) and Livonia Churchill (44). (See statistical summary).

CC qualified seven wrestlers for the state meet including regional champions Mike Gentile, a 98-pound freshman, and Jason Wiebeck, a 119-pound junior.

"It was a good regional," said CC coach Mike Rodriguez. "There was no way we could get 10 (wrestlers) through. I'm happy with seven."

"Not too many win state championships when you're so young like we are."

OBSERVERLAND SCHOOLS produced eight regional champions among the 13 weight classes.

Plymouth Salem, which had four state qualifiers, got a lift from Dave Dameron, who took first at 126, and brother Dennis, who was second at 112.

Dave's way to the final was paved when nemesis Andy McNaughton of Ann Arbor Huron, who had beaten Dameron three straight times, was upset in an early round match by a

Grosse Pointe North wrestler. McNaughton still qualified for the state meet by finishing third.

"We would have liked to have had a couple of more qualifiers, but it didn't happen," said Salem coach Ron Krueger. "Realistically our goal this week is to get into the top 10. We still hope we can, but it will have to be a super effort."

The area's only unbeaten wrestler, Churchill's Salem Yaffai, kept on trucking. He won the 112-pound crown when Dennis Dameron defaulted in the final because of an injury.

In a mild upset, North Farmington's Paul Cook avenged a district final loss to CC's Mitch Quint in the 138-pound division, scoring a 10-5 win.

Farmington, a surprising fourth in the team standings, had two wrestlers reach the finals including Dan Parilo, the 198-pound champion, and teammate John Augustin, who was second at 185.

Host Monroe CC won the title with 155 points, while Harrison took 14th with 24½.

Hawks, Glenn duel for crown

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game) will get his 25 and then Tony Boles has become a big-play player for them. They play extremely good defense and they go after the passes well."

But the Hawks aren't exactly bereft of weapons.

Ken George is the key man for Harrison. He can score and he organizes the offense. But most important, he makes every other Hawk on the floor a better player. He gets the ball to the inside players at the right time. He shoots the ball at the right time, and he controls the tempo of a game like a maestro.

He provides both the tangible and intangible ingredients to Harrison's success.

WILL LUND and Rod Sarcevich, two aggressive and muscular 6-3 seniors, have been pleasant surprises inside for the Hawks. The team may get out-sized but rarely outbounced. The two also have shown the ability to score.

Scott Bissell has ruined many a zone defense with his outside shooting ability. He and George have a simple but special chemistry between them: George gets Bissell the ball where Bissell can score.

The Hawks play a scrappy, hell-bent-for-leather style of game. They play an unrelenting, unflinching pressure defense. They display a variety of presses and do not ease up when they fall back into their zone.

The reason they are able to apply pressure for 32 minutes is a bench that goes 11 men deep. Coachman uses virtually everybody on his bench. Players like Jeff Heskow, Bill Otto, J.T. Quarles, Sam Shanborn, Jon Weisberg, Mark Rosen will shuttle in and out of the lineup.

PERHAPS THE Hawks' biggest weapon Friday night, though, will be its home court and its rowdy fans.

"Our team gets charged up by our fans," Coachman has said throughout the season.

Farmington Harrison (14-2 in the league, 16-2 overall, ranked No. 3 in Observerland) vs. Westland John Glenn (13-3, 14-5, ranked No. 2). On the line is the Western Lakes crown — a crown currently owned by Harrison.

"It should be a barn burner," Coachman said.

"It'll probably go right down to the wire," Davis said.

Gentlemen, start your engines.

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BASFORD HEATS UP

Sarah Basford, former Farmington Hills Mercy all-star, has been battling injuries and illness throughout her first two years with the University of Michigan women's basketball team.

But earlier this month, Basford returned to her all-star form in a game against Purdue. Having just returned to action following a thumb injury, Basford hit eight of 11 shots from the floor and scored 19 points in U-M's 68-59 loss.

Basford is third on the team in free throw shooting with an 85.7 percent proficiency.

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