

Harrison's spikers fall in district finale

The Farmington Harrison volleyball team made a strong run at a Class B district title Saturday at Center Line, but fell short to the No. 3-ranked team in the state.

Madison Heights Bishop Foley dented Harrison in the district finale, 15-5, 17-15.

The Hawks had burst into the finals beating Royal Oak Shrine in a pre-district, 15-6, 15-6, then Clawson (15-9,

15-11) and Detroit Benedictine (15-0, 15-3) in the district tournament.

"The team finished the season off nicely," said Harrison coach Ron Shortt. "I'm not displeased at all."

The Hawks finish with a 20-13 overall record, the best in the school's volleyball history.

North Farmington and Farmington were ousted from Class A district competition Saturday as well.

CC 4th, Salem 7th on state mat

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Two state champions, two teams among the top 10 and 10 wrestlers in the top four — Observersland did mightily fine at the state Class A wrestling tournament at Grand Valley State College Saturday.

As expected, Temperance-Bedford won the title with 110 points. Hazel Park was second with 80 and Lansing Eastern was third with 62. (See statistical summary.)

Redford Catholic Central, the No. 1 team in Observersland, placed fourth with 60 points and Plymouth Salem (No. 2 in Observersland) placed seventh with 54.

Others placing were Westland John Glenn (16th with 30 points), Livonia Churchill (19th with 26) and

Farmington (tied with Brother Rice for 24th with 24 points).

"We're really pleased," Salem coach Ron Krueger said. "Our goal was to get back up into the top 10 and we did that. We were only a point out of fifth and six out of fourth."

THE MAIN man for Salem was 126-pounder Dave Dameron. Ranked No. 1 throughout the season, Dameron made good on the rating by topping Holt's Mark Smith 4-2 in the finals. Dameron was 50-1 on the season with 41 falls.

Brother Dennis also had a successful meet. At 112, the junior placed third, beating Hazel Park's David Saylor 1-0 in overtime.

"Our goal for Dennis was third or better," Krueger said. "He was sensational. I had been

thinking about retiring from coaching after this year, but Dennis told me if I stayed, he'd win it all next year. I've got to stay at least one more year."

Salem's Jamie Woodchuk placed fourth at 155.

The other Observersland state champion was Churchill's 112-pounder, Salem Yaffal. He finished off his undefeated season with a 7-1 decision over Lansing Eastern's Tom Morris.

For CC, Mike Gentile was runner-up at 98 losing to Hazel Park Jeff Saferian 10-7. At 119, Jason Wiebeck placed third, topping Gibraltar Carlson's Mark Stalter 11-3.

John Glenn's Dan Schimansky (145) and Chris Zimmerman (heavyweight) each placed fourth. Farmington's Dan Farlio placed fourth at 198.

volleyball

4 area spike squads go on to regionals

Four Observersland volleyball teams have advanced to regional play on Saturday.

Three area Class A teams — Garden City, Redford Bishop Borgess and Westland John Glenn — all captured districts and will converge on Wayne Memorial High School, along with Trenton, in a four-team regional.

Another area team, Livonia Ladywood, advanced by winning the Class B district at Allen Park, defeating Southgate Aquinas in a mild surprise, 16-4, 15-13.

Catholic League champion Borgess (36-5), survived the stiffest test, winning its own district by defeating two-time state finalist and Schoolcraft Invitational champion Livonia Stevenson, 14-16, 15-11, 15-5.

"It was a great match against a great team," said Borgess coach Jerry Abraham of the finals. "It was a power game all the way and we were fortunate to stick it out and win the match."

STEVENSON COACH Lee Cagle said fatigue may have led to his team's undoing. The second game lasted 45 minutes.

"It was one of the most outstanding matches of the season," he said. "It was a great match even though we lost. The girls came out with their heads held high."

"When we got down to the end I think we were too tired. We didn't have everybody for a full practice during the week because of various ailments."

The match pitted two of the area's strongest hitters, junior Kristine Bailey of Stevenson and Debbie McDonald of Borgess.

"I'm not sure we stopped Bailey all day," Abraham said.

McDonald, meanwhile, had 17 ace spikes in 28 attempts and got strong hitting support from teammates Beth Zacharski and Cherlie Johnson.

Defensively, Cheryl Livingston and Stephanie Kiehl stood out for Borgess along with setter Anne Torski and reserve Kathy Stabler.

Stevenson, which bowed out at 32-7, advanced to the district finals with straight-set wins over Redford Union and Farmington Mercy.

Borgess, meanwhile, defeated Livonia Franklin (15-5, 15-7) and Livonia Churchill (15-10, 15-5).

GARDEN CITY had little trouble winning the Dearborn Fordson district, defeating the host school, 15-3, 15-12.

The Cougars, who rearranged their defense and used a key dink shot from Mary Hebert, rallied from a 12-9 deficit in the second game to beat the Tractors.

Earlier in the day, GC whipped a pair of Detroit teams, Northwestern (15-3, 15-7) and Chadsey (15-0, 15-1).

"Our strongest match was in the pre-districts with (Dearborn) Edsel Ford," said GC coach Tom Teeters, whose team is 43-5 overall. "Then we played two weak teams and that put us asleep for the Fordson match."

Hitters Missey Ward and Marla Evans controlled play against Fordson, while Mikey Gorak (defense), Denise Kokowicz (blocking), Amy Thompson (serving) and Nikki Stubbs (setting) also stood out in the Fordson victory.

SATURDAY'S REGIONAL pairings at Wayne pits Garden City against Wolverine A Conference champion Trenton, while Glenn, a member of the Western Lakes circuit, takes on Borgess in the other semifinal. Both matches start at 2 p.m., followed by the finals at 3:30 p.m.

Glenn (30-10) captured the Ypsilanti district tourney by beating cross-town rival Wayne for the third time this season, 15-15, 15-5, 15-4. It was also the Rockets' second straight district crown.

In the semifinals, Glenn beat host Ypsi (15-5, 15-12), while Wayne toppled Adrian (15-11, 15-5). The Rockets also defeated Plymouth Salem (15-4, 15-12).

"The regional well balanced and it's going to be a challenge," said Glenn coach Wendy Reynolds. "We split with Borgess earlier in the season."

Senior co-captains Carol Hall and Kelly Watts shined for Glenn, along with Karen and Kristi Crechiolo, Jeanine and Kristy Ross, Jenny Okon, Karen Galea, Jenny Okon and Stacy Graham.

LADYWOOD ADVANCED to the Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher regional by winning the Allen Park district with the win over Southgate Aquinas. The Blazers also defeated host Allen Park (15-7, 15-8) and Inkster (15-0, 15-1).

Seniors Cathy Schram and Darlene Delonis provided strong all-around play for Ladywood, while junior Michelle Plonka, a back row specialist, and sophomore middle hitter Jenny Belcher also stood out.

Setter Dawn Slevert, meanwhile, returned to mid-season form.

Ladywood takes on Richmond in the semifinals at 10 a.m., followed by the Gallagher-Madison Heights Bishop Foley match at 11 a.m. The finals are slated to start at 1 p.m.

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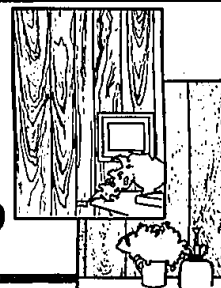
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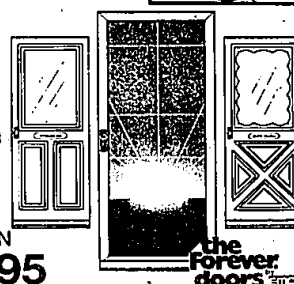
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