

# Dameron claims national title

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staff writer

His eye was black, blue and bloodied. His leg was scabbed and scuffed. His back ached.

Dave Dameron had been through a war. And he had won.

Dameron, the state champion wrestler from Plymouth Salem, has gone nationwide. Last week, he won the prestigious United States Amateur Grand National Wrestling Tournament at Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Not only did he capture his 132-pound Greco-Roman weight class, but of 742 wrestlers from 48 states, he was named the tournament's most outstanding wrestler.

Dameron is just the second Michigan wrestler to win at the USA Nationals; the other was Andre Metzger in 1977. Dameron now claims the

title all-America, and his name will be engraved on a plaque at the United States Wrestling Hall of Fame in Pennsylvania.

**THE BLOND-HAIRED**, blue-eyed Dameron was rather quiet about his accomplishment, probably because he was in a good deal of pain.

"I should go see a doctor," he said to his mother, Nora Morrell. "My back is killing me."

With good reason. In an 18-hour period on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, Dameron wrestled 10 matches. There were 84 wrestlers in his 132-pound weight class.

"I've never wrestled that much in such a short span. The most I ever did was, I think, six matches," he said.

There were very few, if any, easy matches. He managed six pins in five victories. His one loss came on

a decision, after wrestling the opponent to a tie on points. The wrestler who beat Dameron was disqualified from competition in the next round.

"There was one guy from California who had won four straight titles," Nora Morrell said. "Dave beat the kid who had beaten him."

Dameron also scored a 12-point mercy-rule win over Duane Martin of Nebraska, who was a member of the U.S. High School Dream Team.

In his sixth match of the tournament, Dameron suffered a cut in the corner of his right eye. It required three stitches. Thirty minutes later, Dameron was back on the mat.

**IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP** match Wednesday night, Dameron won a 5-4 decision over Phil Trimble of Indiana.

"The best part of it all was that Steve Fraser presented Dave's

medal," Morrell said. Fraser, an Olympic gold medalist, is a former member of the University of Michigan team. Dameron is headed for U-M next fall.

"Steve said that it was a big thrill to present the medal to a Michigan boy," Morrell said.

Dameron, who compiled a 148-34 record at Salem, plans to take a couple weeks off wrestling. Then, he'll begin taking up the challenge of Big 10 and NCAA wrestling.

"We're going to have a tough team. I'm hoping to make it to the NCAA's (national tournament). That's my goal."

Salem Yaffai, a state champion from Livonia Churchill, also came at the USA Nationals. He is fifth in the 119-pound weight class.

## tennis

CANTON SINGLES  
TENNIS TOURNAMENT  
GIRLS UNDER 14  
July 12-13

Semifinals: Sharon Fitzpatrick (Plymouth) def. Tracy Anderson (Plymouth), 6-3, 6-4; Wendy Shiek (Plymouth) def. Shaka Hapke (Canton), 1-6, 7-6, 6-4.  
Finals: Fitzpatrick def. Shiek, 6-2, 6-0.

GIRLS 15-18  
July 12-13

Semifinals: Tea Heath (Plymouth) def. Janet Turner (Plymouth), 6-1, 6-0; Robin Stuber (Canton) def. Beth Cundiff (Plymouth), 6-4, 6-2.  
Finals: Heath def. Stuber, 6-0, 2-6, 6-2.

WOMENS 19-OVER  
July 19-20

Semifinals: Cindy Hyl (Ypsilanti) def. Audette Palmer (Livonia), 6-2, 6-3; Jenny Yuan (Canton) def. Sherry Chell (Wayne), 6-2, 6-0.  
Finals: Hyl def. Yuan, 6-0, 6-3.

BOYS 14-UNDER  
July 14

Semifinals: Imran Mazhar (Canton) def. Jeff Hines (Canton), 6-1, 6-4; Scott Hobbs (Plymouth) def. Henry Choi (Canton), 6-4, 6-4.  
Finals: Hobbs def. Mazhar, 6-2, 6-2.

BOYS 15-18  
July 14

Semifinals: Dan Orandi (Canton) def. Jim Gasgaher (Plymouth), 6-3, 6-1; Ken Wood (Livonia) def. Rich Cundiff (Plymouth), 6-1, 6-0.  
Finals: Wood def. Orandi, 6-2, 2-6, 6-3.

MENS 19-OVER  
July 19-20

Semifinals: Craig Evans (Plymouth) def. Kort Freiler (Livonia), 6-2, 6-3; 6-2, 6-4; 6-7, 6-4.  
Finals: Evans def. Mazhar, 6-2, 6-3.

Tournament director: Kristen Harrison.

## sports shorts

### HARRISON GIRLS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

Any Farmington Harrison High School girl (grades 9-12) interested in playing girls basketball next fall should report to the Harrison gym at noon Aug. 11.

Tryouts will be held from noon-to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, Aug. 11-15.

For more information, call coach Chris Lessnau at 561-4855.

### FARMINGTON GIRLS SWIM PRACTICE

Ross Bandy is the new girls swim coach at Farmington High. He is inviting all girls interested in swimming with the Falcons to attend a team meeting at 2 p.m., Monday, Aug. 11 at the Farmington pool.

Bandy was the Farmington boys swim coach last year.

### COACHES SOUGHT

The Farmington Public School District is accepting applications for non-teaching coaching positions for the 1988-1989 school year in the following sports:

- Girls basketball (junior varsity, middle school and freshman).
- Boys basketball (varsity).
- Football (freshman).
- Wrestling (varsity and assistant).
- Track (assistant and middle school).

Resumes should be sent to athletic director Ron Holland, 32500 Shilwaukee, Farmington, 48024, or call 471-6337 weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

### GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY CAMP

The Brighton Recreation Area will be the site for a girls cross country camp Aug. 3-9.

The fee is \$75. For registration information, call Gary Servais at 547-3572 weekdays after 3 p.m.

### ROCKETS REGISTRATION

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## No fun in the summertime

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In the summer, though, those proven methods are abandoned. Wandering into the forest, to be one with nature, somehow becomes an attractive alternative.

So what if the comfort of the couch is replaced by the cold, hard earth? And you can live for a couple of days without a hot shower, even if you are covered with dirt from sleeping on the cold, hard earth. Meals — well, there's nothing like cooking over an open fire, even if it takes three hours to get the fire started and you can't see what you're eating (you wouldn't want to anyway — not after it fell on the cold, hard earth).

But television — who could survive without it? Of course, you can always take a portable set with you. No cable hook-up, though. Unless the family camped 10 yards away from your site in the wide-open wilderness here and there.

OK, so the above-mentioned, so-called recreational activities aren't all they're cracked up to be. There are lots of other things to do for fun in the summer. Like taking a walk, in an air-conditioned mall. Or going to a movie, in an air-conditioned theater. Or bowling, in an air-conditioned —

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