

Hazel Park keeps county mat title

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The scene is becoming all too familiar. Oakland County's top prep wrestlers converge for the two-day Oakland County Tournament, and when it is all over, Hazel Park emerges with the county title.

The Vikings, who produced two tournament champions and four runners-up, made it six straight county titles and eight out of the last 10 as they totaled 220½ points to outdistance second-place finisher Rochester with 198 points.

Millford Lakeland came in third place with 169 points, Avondale put

on a strong showing by accumulating 159½ points to finish fourth, and Pontiac Northern came in fifth with 140 points. The sixth- through 10th-place finishers included Novi (131), Holly (130½), Walled Lake Central (119½), Troy (114½) and Lake Orion (114½). Hazel Park (38th) and Royal Oak Kimball with 99½ each.

Other local teams included West Bloomfield (14th), Southfield (18th), North Farmington (19th), Adams (23rd), Athens (24th), Cranbrook and Farmington (28th), Lathrup (31st), Andover and Farmington Harrison (32nd), Seabolt (35th), Groves (37th), Country Day (38th), Lahser (39th) and St. Mary's (40th).

"THIS TOURNAMENT is probably the biggest one of the year this side of the state tourney," beamed Troy coach Gary Harlin, whose Colt wrestlers stand 6-3 on the season. "You see some good competition there. The kids really get up for it."

Coach Bob Cheney's Falcons did more than get up for the tourney as they threatened to put an end to Hazel Park's reign by having seven wrestlers place in their respective weight classes, including the school's first two champions.

Rochester's Shane Camera and John Coyle each won their respective divisions, while Jim Kacanowski finished second, Dustin Coon third, Kurt Smilke fourth and Shawn Botz and Tony Wuebben fifth.

Camera remained unbeaten on the season as he earned the 167-pound title by downing Walled Lake Central's Chris Pryjowski before recording a 7-3 decision over Ron Fritz of Novi in the finals.

Coyle notched his title at 185 pounds when he beat Darryl Lynch of Pontiac Northern in the semifinals and pinned Mark Dudley of Cranbrook at 3:15 in the finals. Kacanowski was forced to settle for a runner-up finish at 128 when Avondale's Dan Mather scored his 17th consecutive win with a 4-2 decision. John Martuscelli of Athens finished fourth in the same weight class and Country Day's Mark Redman sixth.

TROY WRESTLERS Joe Gi and Chris Scott joined the list of champions by downing their opponents at 98 and 198 pounds, respectively.

Gi, who notched a second place showing last season, captured the title when he pinned Pontiac Northern's Terrant Moore at 2:35. Roel Manuallas of Lathrup finished fourth and Denny Rapal from West Bloomfield came in fifth with a 6-4 decision over Kirk Garne of Holly.

Scott, meanwhile, earned the crown at 198 after scoring a hard-fought 5-4 decision in the finals over Curt Phillips of Lake Orion. Norm Kakes of West Bloomfield finished fifth, posting an 8-0 decision over Doug Calo of Kimball.

"It was kind of what we expected, but we did get a good effort from all

our wrestlers," praised Harlin. "We didn't do well in an earlier tournament at Lahser because we had some kids injured and sick. This will be a big lift for us and hopefully we can stay healthy and be ready to go when we get back."

Avondale coach Ray Went offered similar praise for his charges, who managed to push 10 wrestlers into the tourney's second day of competition.

"FOR A SMALL school going against bigger schools, we did pretty well," Went said. "It wasn't a fluke or anything because we are continuing to get better, but it was a nice Christmas present. It's going to make for some nice holidays."

"We've been wrestling well," continued Went. "We are 12-0 in dual meets and have some fine young wrestlers."

In addition to Mather's victory, Avondale received a second-place finish from Perry Tierman at 132, third-place showings from Rob Campbell at 145 and Chad Wright at heavyweight and a fourth-place effort from Steve Dalton at 105.

Tierman settled for the runner-up spot after dropping a 5-1 decision to Hazel Park's Scott Burger, while Campbell earned third with a 12-3 victory over Jeff Ross of Andover and Wright downed Don Welch of Novi 8-7. Dalton's finish was decided when he was pinned by Harrison's top performer Cliff Alicantana at 1:41. Adams' Allan Garvin finished sixth at 105, winding up on the short end of a 7-2 count to Ron Nutt of Novi.

OAKLAND COUNTY PREP WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS (At Oakland Community College)

TEAM RESULTS: 1. Hazel Park, 220½; 2. Rochester, 198; 3. Millford Lakeland, 169; 4. Auburn Hills Avondale, 159½; 5. Pontiac Northern, 140; 6. Novi, 131; 7. Holly, 130½; 8. Walled Lake Central, 119½; 9. Troy, 114½; 10. (tie) Lake Orion, Royal Oak Kimball, 99½; 12. (tie) Clarkston, Walled Lake Western, 99; 14. (tie) West Bloomfield, Waterford Kettering, 89; 16. Millford, 83½; 17. South Lyon, 82; 18. Southfield, 78; 19. North Farmington, 64½; 20. Pontiac Catholic, 62; 21. Pontiac Central, 61½; 22. Waterford Mott, 61; 23. Rochester Adams, 61½; 24. Troy Adams, 60½; 25. Madison Heights Bishop Foley, 53½; 26. Orionville-Brandon, 50; 27. Ferndale, 49; 28. (tie) Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, Farmington, 48½; 29. Clawson, 45; 31. Southfield-Lathrup, 42; 32. (tie) Bloomfield Hills Andover, Farmington Harrison, 38; 34. Oak Park, 37; 35. Birmingham Seabolt, 36; 36. Oxford, 29½; 37. Birmingham Groves, 28; 38. Detroit Country Day, 26; 39. Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 18; 40. Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 11; 41. Farmington Lutheran Northwest, 9; 42. Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, 8.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

HEAVYWEIGHT: 1. Gary Brown (Oak Park)

placed Herman Goodman (Hazel Park) at 4:30; 3. Chad Wright (Avondale) dec. Don Welch (Novi), 8-7; 3. Keene Watkins (W. Western) pinned Cliff Senica (Millford) at 1:16.

88 POUNDS: 1. Joe Gi (Troy) pinned Terrant Moore (Pontiac Northern) at 2:35; 2. Tom Manuallas (M-Lakeland) dec. Roel Manuallas (Lathrup), 5-1; 3. Denny Rapal (West Bloomfield) dec. Kirk Garne (Holly), 6-4.

105 POUNDS: 1. Tyrone Logan (Pontiac Northern) dec. Jamie Mabey (Hazel Park), 5-0; 2. Cliff Alicantana (Harrison) pinned Steve Dalton (Avondale) at 1:41; 3. Ron Nutt (Novi) dec. Allan Garvin (Adams), 7-2.

112 POUNDS: 1. Mike Sanderson (M-Lakeland) dec. Jeff Saferian (Hazel Park), 7-4; 3. Dwayne Travis (W. Kettering) dec. Dave Zander (W. Western), 9-1; 3. Shawn Botz (Rochester) dec. Joe Went (Southfield), 10-4.

119 POUNDS: 1. Dave Saylor (Hazel Park) dec. Anthony Scigliano (West Bloomfield), 7-1; 2. Bill Grae (Kimball) dec. Kurt Smilke (Rochester), 9-1; 3. Chris Perkins (Millford) pinned Dave Lagros (Lathrup) at 1:35.

128 POUNDS: 1. Dan Mather (Avondale) dec. Jim Kacanowski (Rochester), 4-2; 2. Ken Bowen (Hazel Park) dec. John Martuscelli (Athens), 10-2; 3. Keith Kirk (W. Central) dec. Mark Redman (Country Day), 7-4.

132 POUNDS: 1. Scott Burger (Hazel Park) dec. Perry Tierman (Avondale), 5-1; 3. Sam Ballo (S. Lyon) dec. Rob Woodcock (Farmington), 9-2; 3. Tony Wuebben (Rochester) dec. Tim Devine (Bishop Foley), 4-1.

138 POUNDS: 1. Les Scane (M-Lakeland) dec. Carl Saylor (Hazel Park), 6-3; 3. Dustin Coon (Hochester) dec. Larry McBee (Pontiac Northern), 13-5; 5. Matt Boyd (Orionville) dec. Brian Harville (W. Western), 5-1.

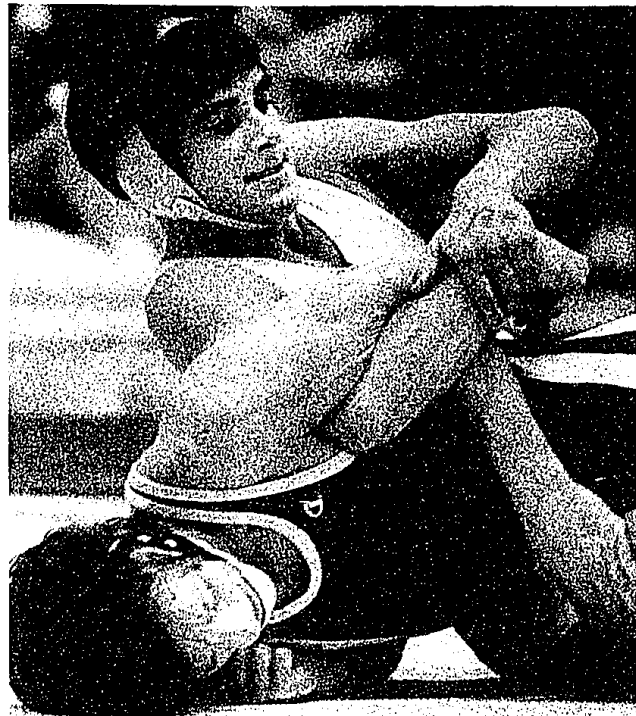
145 POUNDS: 1. Steve Yobuck (Holly) dec. Joe Scane (M-Lakeland), 11-3; 3. Rob Campbell (Avondale) dec. Jeff Ross (Andover), 12-3; 3. Paul Cook (North Farmington) dec. Jim Mironov (Hazel Park), 9-2.

155 POUNDS: 1. John Cody (Pontiac Central) dec. Kurt Schuster (Novi), 7-4; 3. Dan Cavely (Kimball) dec. Stan Jody (Holly), 8-4; 3. Dick Papadakis (W. Western) dec. Mike Cicciarelli (Lake Orion), 9-4.

167 POUNDS: 1. Shane Camera (Rochester) dec. Ron Fritz (Novi), 7-3; 3. Chris Pryjowski (W. Central) dec. Curtis Yenshaw (Kimball), 8-2; 3. Bob Calderon (M-Lakeland) pinned Mike Wolvie (W. Western) at 4:55.

183 POUNDS: 1. John Coyle (Rochester) pinned Mark Dudley (Cranbrook) at 3:15; 2. Darryl Lynch (Pontiac Northern) pinned Dave Brownlee (Novi) at 1:48; 5. Tim Conley (Troy) pinned Rajko Bjelica (Clawson) at 3:18.

198 POUNDS: 1. Chris Scott (Troy) dec. Curt Phillips (Lake Orion), 5-4; 3. Brian Trachadi (Pontiac Catholic) dec. Greg Walter (Holly), 7-5; 5. Norm Kakes (West Bloomfield) dec. Doug Calo (Kimball), 8-0.



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Paul Cook of North Farmington (top) placed fifth in the 145-pound weight class at the Oakland County wrestling meet last Saturday.

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