## Catholic Central wrestlers steal show in district

An awesome performance such as Catho-he Central wrestlers displayed in last Satur-day's district tournament is nothing new to the Shannrocks. But the ramifications are CC had seven champions in the Plymout Salem district and qualified 10 wrestlers for the Class A regional, also to be contested at Salem, and Saturday. In years past, such overwhelming num-bers would have made the Shannrocks a sol-id contender for the state team champion-sing, also. But that was when individuals wrestled for themselves and the team simul-taneously.

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The two are separate events this year, with Michigan conducting tournaments for individual wrestlers and another for teams. The Shamrocks, rated No. 8 in the nation by USA Today and the top-ranked squad in the state, have made a good start on the road to individual success and should be favored to win the first team title under the new format.

"IT'S HARD TO get accustomed to it, be-

cause you're used to thinking your strength is in the numbers you take up (to state)," said CC coach Mike Rodriguez, a veteran of many seasons under the old combination

system.
"But the dual meet is still to come. You seed to figure it would take 10 to win (the state) and that number would get cut down on the way up."

The team competition began Wednesday with district tournaments, and the regionals will be Wednesday, Feb. 24.
With so many surviving the district, the Shamrocks, who have won nine of 10 tournaments, are certain to have a big impact on the individual tourney, too.

Heavyweight Toby Heaton, Jay Helm (119), Matt Helm (129), Brenden Rock (138), Mike Rodriguez (145), Chris Lemanski (167) and Lee Krueger (188) were the best in their respective weight classes at the district. Kevin Rowe (98) and Mike Gentile (112) were second and Ted Rieple (185) third.

HEATON IS 51-1, Krueger 51-1-1, Matt Helm 47-2, Gentile 43-6-1, Rodriguez 40-5, Rieple 44-10, Jay Helm 40-6, Rock 33-6.

Howe 35-17 and Lemanski 28-3-1.

"It's conceivable seven guys could win it by themselves," said Rodriguer, adding Gentlic has an excellent shot, too. "This year we're very, very strong."

While Heaton is the defending state champlon, Matt Helm was fifth at 126 last year and Krueger stath at 167. Furthermore, CC is a young team; Heaton, Rock and Lemanski are the only seniors among the 10 going of the regional.

Livonia Stevenson will take aix wrestlers of the regional, Salem five, Plymouth Canon three, Redford Union two, Farmington und Livonia Franklin one aplece. In addition, North Farmington qualifled one at the Walled Lake Western district.

Stevenson's Mikke Schrock (119), Kurt Will (145), Mike Farr (155) and Jarrod Wilkinson (167) took second place, Dave Wojciechowski (105) was third and Brandon Mardossian (98) fourth. Six is the most the Spartans have qualified since Don Berg became coach in 1981.

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"I'VE GONE TO a couple regionals with only one kid," Berg said. "It's going to be different being there with so many.

"It was the culmination of a good effort by some boys who've been with me for three years and some newcomers. They decided to wrestle on Saturday."

While the Spartans were excluded from the winner's circle, they had four who took runner-up hanns after close calls against the winner's circle, they had four who took runner-up hanns after close calls against the champtonship round when he lost a 2-decision in overtime to the eventual winner from Southfield Lathrup, Will battled CZs Rodriguez, the Catholic League champ, for three periods in the final before losing a 1-st decision.

"They all could have been flist." said Berg of the four runners-up, "which really would have blown my mind."

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Salem did well in the lower weights, with Jeff Delbeke (105) taking second. Dave

## Harrison gymnasts triumph

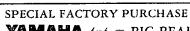
Jenny Rick won three events to pace Farmington Hills Harrison to lits second gymnastics victory of the season Monday.

The Hawks, with Rick winning the vault, uneven bars and floor exercise, socred 8.8 to Bloomfield Hills Lahser's 76.2. Harrison is 2-8 overall. Rick scored 8.0 on vault, 6.5 on bars and 7.0 on floor exercise. She also was second on the balance beam (7.0) and had an alt-around score of 28.5. Harrison's Amy Solomon won the beam competition with a 7.3, placed fourth on vault and bars and took fifth place on floor. Michelle Doepker was fourth on vault and bars and took fifth place on floor. Michelle Doepker was fourth on vault and Julie Robbins third on beam.

## VIk triple winner for Falcons

Farmington's Jim Vlk won two individual events and was on the winning reestyle relay team Tuesday when the Falcons were dealt a 105-60 setback y West Bloomfield. West Bloomfield. Vlk won the individual medley with a 2:09 13 time and the 500-yard free-

style with a 509.46 effort.
Vik, Brad Moore, Adam Krause and Scott Hawkins combined for a just-place time of 335.11 in the relay.
Farmington, 1-6 overall, also captured first in the backstroke with Hawkins winning that event in 101.66.



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