

Shamrocks coast in regional CC pins area foes

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of the match, the latter won a 4-3 decision from CC's Lou Yeager, scoring a pair of escape points and a two-point takedown late in the third period for a 4-1 lead.

"He did a real nice job," Krueger said. "Yeager is a good, strong athlete and so is Brian. There weren't many bright spots for us, but that was one."

It was Martin's pin at 125 that got the Shamrocks fired up, according to Rodriguez. The sophomore, who had been out with an injured shoulder, was taking the injured Mike Gentile's place in the lineup.

Martin "came off his back" to reverse a desperate situation and pin his Salem opponent. That was the first of four straight for CC.

"IT JUST ELECTRIFIED US," Rodriguez said. "It's like your No. 1 quarterback getting hurt, and your second-stringer throwing TD passes."

Despite the score, the Western Lakes Activities Association champions contested the CC juggernaut

every step of the way as expected, Rodriguez said.

"I knew they were going to give us a run for our money, because we're in the same backyard," he said. "They weren't going to give us anything for free."

"(Krueger) has a good squad. He's got spots in his lineup where he's young, and he's going to have an awesome team next year."

Glenn's Dereck Tharp (189) pinned two opponents, and teammates Rob Matigian (193) and Garnett Woody (171) also had two wins, including pins against CC.

Matigian's fall trimmed CC's lead to 28-12, but the Shamrocks picked up three straight pins from Jay Helm, Tully and Rodriguez to make it 44-12.

Buckalew said he was pleased with 112-pound DeJohn Connors, who had the first of four Rocket wins in the final. In the most exciting match which went back and forth with both wrestlers close to pinning the other several times, Connors scored a fall over Mike Sherman with only three seconds left in the match.



Matt Helm (right) of Redford CC tries to lock up Plymouth Salom's Mike Shumate in Wednesday's team regional.

CC swimmers break Arrows

Redford Catholic Central grabbed 10 of 11 events Friday to swamp Dearborn St. Alphonsus 67-16 in a meet at Farmington Hill Mercy High School.

Troy Shumate figured in three first place finishes for the Shamrocks, now 8-3 overall.

He captured the 100 butterfly (54.45) and 500 freestyle (5:01.31), while teaming up with Mike Hoefflein, Andy Jacobs and Jim Kovach to win the 200 medley relay in 1:45.86.

Mike Patrick added wins in the 200 IM (2:21.60) and diving (153.95 points), while Sean Senecal took the 50 freestyle (25.1) and 100 backstroke (1:05.55).

Other CC individual winners included Joe Wing in the 200 freestyle (2:07.27) and John Brogan in the 100 freestyle (55.92).

FARMINGTON WON or tied for first place in seven events Tuesday but came up short in its meet with visiting West Bloomfield, 92-81.

Scott Hawkins had two first places for the Falcons and assisted in winning the 400 freestyle relay. Hawkins went 1:53.5 in the 200 freestyle and led 128.0 in the butterfly. The Falcons were clocked at 3:31.5 in the relay.

Brad Moore and G.T. Mell, also members of the relay team, won solo events, too. Moore captured the individual medley in 2:11.2 and Mell the 500 freestyle in 5:04.01.

Farmington's Brandon Richards had 154.15 diving points, and Brian Riley had the same 2.4 time as West Bloomfield's Matt Garratone in the 500 freestyle.

Vikes topple North

North Farmington remained the first place volleyball team in the Lakes Division despite suffering its first loss Thursday.

The Raiders slipped to 7-1 after host Walled Lake Central rallied to win the last two games and the match, 15-12, 12-15, 11-15.

North remains in control of its own destiny, however. The Vikings are one game back at 6-2.

The Raiders play host to Westland John Glenn today and visit Farmington on Wednesday to close out their division schedule. North is 20-5 overall, Central 21-7.

"It was a tough challenge to go there. They've been hot lately," North coach Sandy Lubieniecki said. "The biggest disappointment was that we played a nice first game and had an 8-1 lead in the second."

"They really got going. We didn't block well at the net, and we let their big hitter get hot."

In the third game, North suffered a letdown in one of its strongest areas - serving. The Raiders missed five first serves.

"That was unlike us," Lubieniecki said.

Vikki Seamonson played a good all-around game for North. She was 27-0 hitting with eight kills and, though she usually doesn't play the back row, led the Raiders with 10 digs.

Courtney Knapp had 28 spikes out of 30 attempts, leading to six kills, and Donna O'Brien had seven kills while going 25-for-29 as an attacker.

Debbie Weintraub had 17 assists and was 12-for-12 serving, and Kelly Coulson was 19-of-20 serving with 11 points.

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• SOCCER CLUB

The Farmington Soccer Club will have walk-in registrations for the spring season on Saturdays, Feb. 25 and March 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Farmington Hills City Hall Council Chambers, 3155 Eleven Mile Rd.

The deadline for mail-in registrations is Wednesday, March 1. Registration forms are available at the Parks and Recreation Department. For information, call Joe Miller at 553-2536.

• SOFTBALL TEAMS

The Farmington Hills Recreation Division is accepting new softball team registrations. The office is at 3155 11 Mile.

The entry fees are: \$370 for men's and women's open; \$330 for men's resident, men's industrial and women's industrial; and \$255 for open co-ed.

All classifications are guaranteed 14 games except for open co-ed, which has 10 games guaranteed. The season begins May 1 and runs through Aug. 27. For information, call 473-9570 weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

• GIRLS SOFTBALL

The Mid-America Mustangs, a slo-pitch softball team playing in the 15-and-under age division, is recruiting 13- to 15-year-old girls for the 1989 summer season.

Two out-of-state trips are planned in addition to league and tournament play. Tryouts will be April 22-23. For information, call Ray Knickerbocker at 455-5889.

• SOFTBALL UMPIRES

The Canton Softball Center's Umpire Association will have an organizational meeting at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at CSC. The meeting is

open to new umpires in the area, anyone wanting to learn umpiring and softball managers. For information, call Bob at 463-5650 between 2-9 p.m. weekdays and noon-6 p.m. weekends.

• EMU BASEBALL CLINIC

The Eastern Michigan University Baseball Clinic, featuring current and former EMU players now in the professional ranks, will be from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 26, at Bowen Fieldhouse.

The deadline for pre-registration, \$10 for coaches and \$5 for students, is Feb. 23. Registration is an additional \$3 at the door.

For more information, write: EMU Baseball Clinic, Ypsilanti, Mich. 48197; or call 487-0315.

• MARATHON DATE

The 13th West Bloomfield Half Marathon will take place Sunday, April 16. The starting time is 12:30 p.m.

To receive an entry form, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation, 3325 Middlebelt 48033. The entry fee is \$10 if runners register on or before Friday, April 7. The registration fee after that date is \$15.

For further information, contact Scott Van Meter of the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Department at 334-5560.

Last year's overall male winner was Paul Aufdenberg, 23, of Detroit, with a time of 1:11:39. The best female finisher was Daine East, 31, of Butler, Pa., with a 1:25:30 time.

High technology offers helping hand to bowlers

What will bowling be like in the year 2007?

Imagine all of the possibilities that lie ahead with the high-technology era upon us? Perhaps a part of it already is here with the advent of the new Brunswick system. Even though there is only one unit in operation, there are plans to expand slowly into other markets.

The product is called BowlerVision, the wave of the future. You will have to go to Woodridge, Ill., to try it out, but it soon will be introduced to other sites around the country. The BowlerVision has a console with two videos, one for the game scoring and one to advise the bowlers of the speed of the ball, the angle at impact, and the ball's position at various spots down the lane.

It also will show the odds on making a score based upon that bowler's average. This is to show the participant exactly what his ball is doing, and may indicate why he is not getting strikes more frequently.

It will give the bowler a chance to make adjustments based on precise information. These machines will work in conjunction with the new plastic coated lanes, another indication of things to come about in the 21st century.



10-pin alley

Al Harrison

• Merril-Bowl in Livonia is well-known for the high scores and last week was no exception as Larry Haag turned in a 704 series and Chris Elliott rolled a 247 game in the Sav-Mar men's League Monday. In the Wednesday men's senior house, Ken Nikkila bowled a 223, 238, 229 for a 790 series, Handy Smith a 734; Gary Krasuski and Tom Fynn, 378.

The K of C State Tournament is going strong at Cloverlanes in Livonia with a recent 299 game from the arm of Steve Gierham, of Tonawanda. His series was a 750. This tournament runs every Saturday and Sunday through April 2.

• Westland Bowl on Wayne Road was the scene of some fine scores, including a 289 game from Dan Kingsbury in the Tuesday Night League. In the Westside Senior House League, Terry Tesaro rolled a 278 game and 733, while Dave Kalluzewski duplicated the score. Some of the scores in the senior house league: Paul Myers, 288; Fred Page, 277; Dave Kowalczyk, 289; and Don Haase, Jr., 278.

In the Sunday Steepers, a 200 game was rolled by Frank Briscoe, while Craig Metzger scored 279 and Tony Cilla Jr., a 277. Steve Fedolich came in with a 276 game while Mark Kozlowski turned a 723 series, Douglas Walls, 716, and Bobby Williams, 705. Westland Bowl will host the Coca Cola Open Tens Tournament on Sunday, March 19 at 1:30 p.m. There are still openings. First place is worth a \$1,500 team prize, and the entry fee is \$100 per team. Call Chuck or Gordy at 722-7500 for details.

• Beech Lanes on Beech Daly near Five Mile Road has started up a new "Bumper Bowling" program for children ages 3-5. They bowl Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday afternoons. Last Wednesday, 4-year-old Tiffany Rose and 5-year-old Jenny Plazencia each bowled 101 games, and this was the first outing ever for each. In the Regular Kid Stuff League, 9-year-old Chris Beal cranked out a 154 game. This league still has some openings. As does the Bumper Bowl program. For more information, call Beech Lanes at 331-3800 and ask for Valerie.

• Tip of the week: The word this week is practice. If you are serious about improving your game, find a bowling center with some open bowling available for you and get in some meaningful practice. By meaningful, try different shots, experiment to see what works best for you, and also shoot at the spares that give you the most trouble. If you find something that seems to work well, repeat it over and over so it will become natural to you. When you practice, do not worry about your score. Just try to improve the delivery and your scores will get better as a result.

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