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Falcons place 6th at county meet

Pallo's win at 160 pounds paces Farmington; Raiders place 20th

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What a difference a week makes. After Troy's wrestling team was unable to defend its Eccentric Wrestling Tournament title last week (Rochester Adams won the championship) Troy coach Gary Harlan admitted, "Everybody needs a knock-down now and then to help them continue to work hard and improve."

The Colts got up from that knock-down and improved enough over the course of the week to give defending Class A state champion Clarkson a run for its money in the 31st Annual Oakland County Wrestling Tournament Friday and Saturday at Oakland Community College. The Colts finished with more individual champions (three to Clarkson's two), but the Wolves repeated as Oakland County champs by edging Troy by three points. The Wolves finished with 211.5 points while Troy was second with 208.5. Hazel Park was third with 188.5 followed by Rochester Adams with 175, Lake Orion with 148 and Farmington with 141.

"I'm ecstatic," Harlan said after the tournament was completed late Saturday night. "The kids did a good job today. I was talking to (Rochester Adams coach) Pat Milkovich and said I had to give him some of the credit because (Adams) gave us a wake-up call last week in the Eccentric tournament."

"I told the kids I just wanted them to wrestle with some intensity and they did. I don't think we had that intensity last week. That's not to take anything away from Adams."

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they wrestled real well last week and they deserved to win."

CHRIS VELUZ, Kat Hara and Jesse McMahon paced the Colts as each wrestler won an individual Oakland County championship.

Wrestling in the 119-pound bracket, Veluz improved his personal record to 8-1 and won the championship with an 8-6 decision over Walled Lake Central's Chris Diehl (8-2).

Hara improved to 10-0 on the season in winning the title at 140 pounds. In the championship match, Hara jumped out to a 7-0 lead over Clarkson's Jason Roughton (8-2) and won an easy 11-5 decision.

McMahon improved his personal record to 8-1 by winning the championship at 189 pounds. McMahon took a 5-1 lead over Lake Orion's Jim Fry in the championship match and was leading 8-5 late in the third period when Fry retired from the match with an ankle injury.

Three other Troy wrestlers advanced to the final round of competition. Mike VanPatten (7-3) placed fourth at 113 pounds, Terry Coleman (7-3) placed fourth at 135 pounds, and Jason Witt (8-3) placed fourth at 160 pounds.

ANTHONY SABER was the only Oakland County champion from Farmington, but the Highlander senior won his title in high-style and was selected the tournament's Most

Outstanding Wrestler. Saber (10-0) opened Saturday's final round of competition with a 15-1 major decision over Oak Park's Dellonzo Horne. He stuck Nov's Mike Borashko in 3:25 in the semi-finals then pinned Walled Lake Western's Travis Hlaquet in 2:41 in the championship match.

Matt Olson and Doug Lacouwer each dropped their bid for a county title. Olson (9-1) placed second at 125 pounds and Lacouwer (8-1) placed second at 152 pounds.

Adams' Mike Terry (8-2) earned fifth-place honors at 112 pounds while Nathan Cobb (8-4) and Mike Ehlinger (7-4) placed sixth at 103 pounds and 140 pounds, respectively. "I'm a little disappointed," Milkovich said. "I thought we could have done a little better. We made a few changes in the lineup from last week and some of them didn't work out like we had hoped. Overall, we didn't do too bad, but we have some room for improvement."

FARMINGTON'S MIKE PALLO won a county title at 160 pounds and led the Falcons to an impressive sixth-place finish.

"Pallo came through for us. He did a nice job," said Farmington coach Al Beyer. "He's a senior and he's put in a lot of hard work and effort. He deserved to win it."

Pallo improved to 7-1 on the season after earning a 15-3 decision over West Bloomfield's Brian Mancini (7-2) in the championship match.

Three other Farmington wrestlers placed in the finals. Jon Duff (6-5) placed fourth at 125 pounds, Jason Holliday (7-3) placed fifth at 145, and Matt Sikosky (6-4) placed sixth at



JERRY ZOLYNSKY/staff photographer

Mike Pallo (background) battles West Bloomfield's Max Mancini in the championship of the 160-pound weight class. Pallo decisively Man-

cini, 15-3, to win the weight class and help Farmington take sixth place in Saturday's Oakland County Wrestling Tournament.

275 pounds. "We thought we could finish in the top 10," Beyer said. "It was real close coming into the championship round. No team really dominated it."

TWO OTHER area wrestlers returned home with individual county titles. Bloomfield Hills Lahser's Luis Ortiz (9-0) emerged victorious from the

125-pound bracket. In the final round, Ortiz stuck Hazel Park's Gary Harrison in 1:50, earned an 11-9 sudden death decision over Walled Lake Central's Ralph Hale and out-pointed Adams' Olson, 12-9, in the championship match.

Rochester's Darin Wicklund (8-1) led his team to an 18th-place finish (82.5 points) by winning the championship at 152 pounds. In the final

round, Wicklund earned a 3-1 decision over South Lyon's Jason Brown, beat Novi's Tony Scappalacci, 1-0, then edged Adams' Lacouwer, 7-5, in sudden-death overtime in the title match.

"Darin had a good tournament," said Rochester coach Bob Cheney. "We figured he would place, but we didn't know about winning a championship. He wrestled well."

1st place, at last

Farmington swimmers capture Titan Relays

Farmington High's boys swimming team won its first tournament in Ross Bandy's eight years as coach of the Falcons Friday at Warren Tower High School.

The Falcons won seven events and took second in another to capture the Titan Relays with 296 points. Taking second place in the nine-team tournament was Warren Tower with 256 points, followed by third-place Romeo, 230.

"It's an outstanding achievement, a nice trophy, about three-feet tall and a great boost for our boys' morale," Bandy said. "Our league (Western Lakes Activities Association) is a lot stronger than where we swam but it was real nice for the Warren School District to invite us. It was a well-run meet and a lot of fun for everybody."

The Falcons might have won by an even bigger margin were it not for

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being disqualified for an illegal touch in the 400-yard Individual Medley, which they had won.

The Frump and Scario brothers led Farmington's charge. Scott Frump and Chris Frump were on three separate winning relays, while Steve and Mark Scario combined to win three as well.

SCOTT FRUMP, Kevin Yoder, Mark Scario and Dave Kandt got the Falcons off to a fine start, winning the 200 medley relay in 1:49 seconds. Don Boyer, Mike Enberg, Scott Brown and John Reed took the 800 freestyle relay in 8:16.04, while Brandon Richardson and Chris Mart-

ing combined to win the diving with 286 points.

Mark Scario, Steve Scario, Boyer and Yoder won the 200 butterfly in 1:54.58; Scott Frump, Kandt, Enberg and Reed won the crescendo in 8:53.43.

The winning 200 backstroke team (1:59.14) consisted of Scott Frump, Brown, Chris Frump and Steve Scario. Yoder, Mark Scario, Jim Pollard and Jeff James took the 200 breaststroke championship.

The 400 Individual Medley team of Boyer, Reed, Steve Scario and Brown finished second to clinch the meet title.

"We don't have as many horses as far as top quality goes, but this is the most well-rounded team I've had," Bandy said. "I have more kids that are able to swim more than one event and it is the hardest working group."

Mercy wins Madonna tourney

Ann Kolynits' debut as Farmington Hills Mercy's volleyball coach was a success as the Marlins won Saturday's 10-team Madonna University Tournament.

Mercy, playing the comeback role most of the day, swept four pool matches before beating Dearborn Divine Child in the semifinal and Trenton in the championship round.

"They played well," Kolynits said. "It took us a while to pull things together but the end it was a total team effort. A lot of games the other team took a big lead, but we got a lot of points in return, which is a good sign because they can come from behind."

"I don't go into any match expecting to lose. I expect them to play hard and whatever happens, happens."

Mercy trailed Divine Child, 12-2, in the first game of the semifinal before tournament Most Valuable Player Shannon Goff served six serving aces and recorded 13 digs in a 16-14, 15-15 victory.

The Marlins fell behind 5-0 in the first game of the final against Trenton but again Goff came through with 15 straight service points for a 15-3 win. The Marlins won the second game, 15-8, to assure the championship.

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Goff finished the day with 25 service aces, 21 kills and 24 digs.

"Shannon had a very fine tournament but she can improve," Kolynits said. "She's not at the top of her game, and although she led the team, I expect more."

Karen Pinkerton and Jill Jarosz also made the all-tournament team. Pinkerton had 44 kills to lead the Marlins and Jarosz had 83 assists to kills.

During pool play, Mercy beat Walled Lake Western, 15-9, 15-5; Detroit Renaissance, 15-1, 15-3; Rochester Adams, 15-9, 19-17; and Monroe, 15-6, 15-4.

Mercy trailed Adams most of the way before battling back, Kolynits said.

Editor's note: The North Farmington volleyball preview does not include in Monday's preview of Farmington schools.

NORTH FARMINGTON

North's 14-year-coach Sandy Lubienicki believes she has as fine a

group of senior leadership as she's ever had.

Tri-captains Sarah Lungren, Karen Seremet and Karen Miller return for their third year on the varsity as North tries to improve on last year's 13-12-8 overall record. The Raiders, who were third in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division, already are 4-1 in 1991-92 with a third place finish at the Farmington Hills Harrison Tournament.

North also played "flawless," according to Lubienicki, in a 15-5, 15-2, dual meet win over Milford Lakes.

"(Lungren, Seremet and Miller) give us tremendous leadership, depth and experience," Lubienicki said. "I think in my 14 years I haven't had any better leadership — equal to it, maybe — but not any better. Any one of these are capable of having tremendous seasons."

Lungren and Miller are outside hitters while Seremet is a setter. Miller and Seremet also are 1-2 as servers in the Raiders lineup, with Seremet already converting 63-of-63 serves and Miller leading the way with 24 aces.

The Raiders lost four seniors to graduation, including all-league

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