

# Falcons have solid start

Coach Al Beyer was pleasantly surprised by his Farmington wrestling team's overall performance in its season debut Thursday.

The Falcons whipped Western Lakes Activities Association opponent Plymouth Canton, 54-24, and tied Monroe, 42-42, at Plymouth Salem.

Tony Lema (130), Jerry Lema (140), Sevan Sahiner (145), Andy Wood (189) and Carl Pridmore (215) wrestled and won two matches each for Farmington.

Matt Krueger (103) and Dean Gozowsky (160) also had two wins apiece, one being a void.

Tony Lema, Wood and Pridmore, wrestling at a weight where Beyer had some preseason concerns, pinned both of their opponents.

Jerry Lema and Sahiner won by pin and decision. Krueger and Gozowsky also had one pin each. "Matt Krueger, Mike Murland and Mike Parley are all freshmen and had real good first matches,"

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Beyer said. "Our returnees did a fine job, also. Jerry Lema had a tough match, and Gozowsky had a real tough one, too."

"We were fortunate our younger people came through in this match and the seniors did the job. It's not going to happen all season, we still have to fill those weight classes (where the Falcons were void)."

"Coach (Barry) Walsh and myself were real pleased with the performance. Nobody gave up; everybody fought hard, and that's not something you can teach. It has to come from within, and they showed that tonight."

Redford Catholic Central opened its wrestling season with a victory Friday by trouncing Hazel Park, 46-21.

Highlights for the Shamrocks were pins by Ed Lendrum and Mitch Hancock. Lendrum (119)

recorded his fall at 1:50; Hancock (135) nailed his opponent to the mat in 1:29.

**FARMINGTON 84, CANTON 24**  
103: Matt Krueger (F) pinned Kyle Pitt, 5:44.  
130: Tony Lema (F) pin. J. Farnsworth, 2:16.  
140: Jerry Lema (F) pin. Steve Allen, 5:35.  
145: Sevan Sahiner (F) won by void.  
160: Dean Gozowsky (F) won by void.  
189: Andy Wood (F) pin. Dan Swain, 5:40.  
215: Carl Pridmore (F) pin. D. McKee, 5:28.  
271: J.P. Demick (F) pin. Ben Luke, 5:28.  
289: Andy Wood (F) p. Rich Hoffman, 1:18.  
215: Carl Pridmore (F) pin. D. McKee, 0:50.  
271: J.P. Demick (F) won by void.

**FARMINGTON 42, MONROE 42**  
103: Krueger (F) won by void.  
130: Ryan Howland (M) p. Mike Parley, 1:14.  
140: Joe Carter (M) pinned Joe Seymour, 1:14.  
145: Kyle Laska (M) won by void.  
160: Tony Lema pinned Scott Larky, 0:37.  
189: Andy Wood (M) won by void.  
215: Jerry Lema (M) won by void.  
271: Sevan Sahiner (F) pinned Adam Peete, 0:17.  
289: Andy Wood (F) p. Mark Cotton, 4:53.  
189: Andy Wood (F) p. Rich Hoffman, 1:18.  
215: Pridmore (F) pinned John Ushman, 3:39.  
271: Larry Johnson (M) won by void.

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presses 350 pounds. "He's going to bully some kids around."

The Raiders have several wrestlers at the same weights, and a new rule on weight reduction limits the ability of wrestlers to drop to lower weights.

Sophomores Trevor Clarke and Lorne Lubin will battle for the 125 spot, and junior Asif Rohela has competition from first-year senior Anna Casadei, the first girl to wrestle for North, at 130. "She's done a great job," Cummulaj said. "She's done everything (the other wrestlers) have. She's work just like any other wrestler; that's the way we treat her. She works hard and doesn't complain."

"We take everybody. We don't

discriminate."

The Raiders have three at 145 — junior Fritz Schultes, senior Sean Matuszak and first-year senior Jon Scherell. One of them will likely move up to 150. Cummulaj is counting on a couple freshmen at 171, and the Raiders are void at 112, 119, 140, 160 and 275.

"We're young; we'll probably have a rough year just because we have quite a few voids," Cummulaj said.

"I think we'll hang in there. If we get some more guys out next year, we could be better, because we only lose a few seniors."

The Raiders, who won one dual meet and were last in the Western Lakes Activities Association meet, began the season Saturday in a round-robin dual tournament at Allen Park.

# Raiders aim for better season

North Farmington didn't have much success in wrestling last season, but the Raiders are ready to have another go at it this year.

North coach Zaim Cummulaj has more people out for the sport and has seen the roster increase to 22 wrestlers.

One of the best is 180-pound senior Mike Stein, who was 22-10 last season.

"I think Mike has a chance, if he puts the effort into it, to get pretty far, as far as he wants to take himself," Cummulaj said.

Junior Brad Rosen (103) also begins his third year on the team and hopes to improve on an 8-13 mark. Senior Sean Clark (215) came out late last season and has the potential to have a good year.

"He's a big, strong kid," Cummulaj said, adding Clark bench

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last year lost recruit Ryan Anderson to the pros, has a bundle of hot prospects in his bid to make the Wolverines a national power in collegiate baseball.

"He's made the recruiting coupe of the century," Ron Trzos said. "He's telling people if football equals Pasadena, baseball equals Omaha (site of the College World Series)."

Among the recruits Zahn has allegedly assembled are Andy Brown, a southpaw similar to Trzos from Bloomington, Ind., and possibly another North Farmington southpaw, Kirk Taylor.

David Parrish, a catcher like his famous father Lance, has a shot to start as a freshman this spring, and the Wolverines reportedly have a hotshot shortstop, Scott Touse, a junior college transfer.

Brighton's Drew Henson signed a football tender, but his pitching and hitting credentials probably will get him drafted in the first round by some team.

"I hope the pros don't get too many of them," Ron Trzos said. "I'd like to see them take Michigan back to its former glory. But the money is just incredible."

Trzos has gotten a lot of help from Jeff Kaiser, former Major League pitcher who now plays ball out of the Downriver Baseball Center.

Kaiser is a left-hander who's seen the ups and downs of major- and minor-league life. He pitched with Oakland, Detroit and Toronto as well as in the Tigers minor-league system.

"He's really a nice guy," Ron Trzos said. "Jeff started seeing him some time ago. He really

made some very demonstrable strides."

"He helped me with my mechanics overall," Trzos said, "my balance, weight transfer, arm motion, making sure I'm square to the plate when I follow through."

Trzos has made the necessary adjustments at every level to get where he is today. Now he's got to push even harder to continue his climb.

Coming from a family of athletes and scholars should help there.

Ron Trzos played baseball as a youngster but couldn't get anywhere with it, because "I ran in the same spot too long, as they say."

Older brother Bill preceded Jeff at North Farmington and is majoring in criminal justice, with an eye on an FBI career, at Michigan State University. An older sister also went to MSU, graduating in microbiology and psychology.

Staying close to family is one of the things that influenced Jeff to stick close to home with his choice of a college.

Michigan won out over UCLA, Pepperdine, Stanford and Florida Atlantic.

"The Florida schools all said, 'You're going to be playing the top teams in the country if you sign with us,'" Ron Trzos said. "The Texas and California schools all said, 'You're going to be playing the top schools in the country if you sign with us.'"

"But Zahn said, 'We're going to play the best schedule we can (in the spring), then come back and play in the Big Ten and try to get to the College World Series.'"

# Coaches say Salem favorite

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The music of choice for area wrestling coaches this year is the blues. Nearly all are singing it, too.

All the members of the Western Lakes Activities Association coaching fraternity must be ex-quartermasters, the way they're handing the ball off to Plymouth Salem as the league favorite.

"Mr. Salem (Ron Krueger); he's got the monkey on his back," said Livonia Stevenson's Don Berg. "I'm predicting right now, he's the front runner. He'll tell you he has holes, but I'd like to have his holes."

"Seriously, he's worked hard. And if you work hard, you'll generally find that it pays off in the end."

"He's got a lineup, that's for sure," agreed Coach Marty Altounian of Livonia Churchill. "You ask him for his key returnees; he'll probably just list his whole team."

Unlike a year ago, no area team is loaded with returning superstars. Most have quality wrestlers returning, but lost

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more than they return or have depth problems.

Outside of Plymouth Salem, the best area team is Detroit Catholic Central, also heavy with returning talent.

Biggest adjustment this year is to the new rules enacted to guard against wrestlers being forced (or forcing themselves) to lose large amounts of weight.

It's caused no small amount of grumbling, but more because of the paperwork involved than the intent.

Slammed down, the rule requires every wrestler to undergo a physical examination which involves weight-for-height and body fat.

The wrestler cannot be below seven percent body fat and is told by the doctor the lowest weight he (or she) can wrestle.

"The state is basically telling us where kids are going to wrestle," Altounian said. "This isn't exactly new, because we had a dry run last year. But I think you'll probably see a few voids in a lot of lineups."

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL

Coach Mike Rodriguez welcomes back a load of talent.

His captain is Detroit Catholic League champion Matt Petersen, who will move from 130 pounds to 145 this season.

Rodriguez expects good things from four other seniors: Andy Lendrum (130), Brendan Burns (140), Jeff Pease (160) and Rob Wentworth (171).

Junior Brock Nalmsin, who placed eighth among state heavyweights, drops down to 215 this year. Junior Casey Grogowski, who was second in the regionals, will wrestle heavy-weight.

Sophomore Mitch Hancock, a Catholic League champion and district runnerup, will go at 135.

The Shamrocks boast two freshmen with older brothers on the team, Chris Peterson (112) and Ed Lendrum (119). Freshman Chris O'Hara's (103) older brother, Dave, was captain last year.

Sophomore Sean Bell (152) wrestled last year while the team should be improved because Andy Conlin (189) has outwrestled John Ashlin for a spot in the starting lineup. Also being counted on is Matt Goward (125).

"We're a pretty solid team," Rodriguez said. "We're heavy at the top. We've got some kids that have been there for awhile, especially in the upper weights."

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