

Wrestling

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there," he said, adding Salem will have to get past Temperance Bedford on its side of the bracket to do the same.

While the Rocks had more individual champions (5-4) and defeated the Mustangs in four of five head-to-head meetings for first place, Northville pushed ahead of Salem by scoring points in more weight classes.

The Mustangs scored in all but one of the 14 divisions, the Rocks 12. Northville also had eight wrestlers in the championship matches, Salem seven.

In addition, the Mustangs had three third-place finishers, one fourth and a fifth; the Rocks had two thirds and one each of fourth, sixth and seventh.

"We had guys step up," Northville coach Garret Potter said. "Guys who did lose didn't get pinned; guys who should have won did."

"I can't think of a match we lost that we should have won, and that's the key to winning a tournament."

There were five repeat champions — Stevenson's Katahiko Sueda (112), Northville's Rick Torrence (119), Westland John Glenn's John Fedulchak (152) and Salem's Anwar Crutchfield (160) and Teono Wilson (189).

Wilson is the only one of the five to win again at the same weight. The others competed a weight lower in 1997 except for Fedulchak, who won at 140.

Northville winners included Ted Bowersox (275), Anant Saran (125) and Reggie Torrence

(130).

In a bout between unbeaten wrestlers, Saran won by technical fall over Walled Lake Central's Scott Aubry to push his record to 32-0.

Bowersox, who lost to Salem's Charlie Hamblin in the dual 11-4, reversed that decision with a 2-1 victory in overtime.

With his team behind in the dual, Bowersox had to pin Hamblin. He was forced to be aggressive from the start and attempt all throws, according to Potter.

"He couldn't just wrestle; he sold out for the team," he said.

Salem's other winners were John Mervyn (103), Dan Hamblin (140) and James Greene (145). Also winning were Stevenson's Dan Seder (135), Walled Lake Western's Dan Thompson (171) and Farmington Harrison's Chris Gadjev (215).

"At 10 weights, we get good points and four we don't," Krueger said. "Northville got points at 13 weights. At nine weights, we can beat Northville when we wrestle head up."

Gadjev, who was fourth at 215 last year, won needed No. 1 and pinned all three of his opponents to push his season record to 28-4.

Furthermore, he took less time to pin his opponents as the tournament progressed.

Gadjev stopped North Farmington's Mike Stein (3-44), Walled Lake Western's Tony Morano (1-00) and Walled Lake Central's Joe Higgins (0-52).

"I only got all-division in football, and I really wanted to be

all-league in something," Gadjev said. "I'm hoping to take this to state. It's just the beginning, hopefully."

"Pinning all three was an accomplishment," he said. "Last year I had trouble pinning people, and it was the same way at the beginning of this season. I usually take them through three periods and win on points."

Gadjev believes he is beginning to peak at the right time, late in the season.

"Toward the end of last year I was really focused on wrestling, and I think that's what I'm doing now," he said. "Coach (Dave Glozier) said I was in a zone last year, and I think I'm getting there again this year."

Gadjev worked hard last spring and summer to become a starting offensive tackle in football, and his training is paying off in wrestling, too.

"Since summer it's been non-stop in the weight room and running," he said. "My weight coaches, Bill Slobin and Steve Weiss, were just killing me in the weight room, and that's a big part of it. I got bigger and stronger for football, and that helped me in wrestling."

Farmington's Jerry Lema made it to the finals at 135 and was the runner-up, but he made Seder work for his victory.

Lema trailed 4-1 after one period but made a comeback and nearly pinned Seder in the third period. Seder managed to escape and ride out the remaining time for a hard-earned, 8-7 win.

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Team scores: 1. Northville, 249.5; 2. Plymouth Salem, 221.5; 3. Walled Lake Western, 196; 4. Uvora Stevenson, 145.5; 5. Walled Lake Central, 99; 6. Farmington, 93; 7. Westland John Glenn, 88.5; 8. Livonia Churchill, 83; 9. Plymouth Canton, 75; 10. Farmington Harrison, 65; 11. Livonia Franklin, 61; 12. North Farmington, 25.

278 pounds: Ted Bowersox (NV) defeated Charlie Hamblin (PS), 2-1 in overtime; third: Nick Wilson (WLV) pinned Paul Linckey (WLC), 4-37; fifth: A.J. Masoni (PC), uncontested.

183: John Mervyn (PS) dec. Matt Tarrow (NV), 6-4; third: Joe Moraw (LS) dec. Brian Schwalzer (WLV), 3-0; fifth: Dale Zarnick (WLC) pinned Lee Warren (LF), 3-21; seventh: Kyle Pitt (PC) dec. Matt Krueger (F), 7-0.

132: Katahiko Sueda (LS) by injury default over Rob Ash (PS); third: Kevin Artucchio (NV) dec. Jesse Purdon (JG), 12-4; fifth: Justin Gatter (FH) by injury default over Justin Hyatt (WLC); seventh: A.J. Lee (WLV) pinned Jason Farnsworth (PC), 2-53.

119: Rick Torrence (NV) pinned Chris Gonn (LS), 0-59; third: Dan Morgan (PS) dec.

Jon Taylor (FH), 15-1; fifth: Jeff Albrecht (JG) pinned Joe Mattilla (WLS), 2-25; seventh: Nick Jaska (WLV) pinned Joe Seymour (F), 2-53.

128: Anant Saran (NV) by technical fall over Scott Aubry (WLC), 23-6; third: Josh Henderson (PS) dec. Trevor Clarke (NF), 8-2; fifth: Derick Smith (WLV) dec. Eric McMichael (JG), 6-0; seventh: Steve Vassioff (LC) dec. Chris Audette (F), 10-2.

130: Reggie Torrence (NV) pinned Josh Bagley (WLV), 3-52; third: John O'Brien (WLC) dec. Derek Azzopardi (LF), 4-2; fifth: Jon Pocock (PC) pinned Tony Lema (F), 4-30; seventh: Greg Petrovitch (PS) dec. Justin Rossi (JG), 11-7.

135: Dan Seder (LS) dec. Jerry Lema (F), 9-7; third: Chad Neumann (NV) dec. Sam Boyd (PS), 4-1; fifth: Jake Taylor (FH) dec. Geoff Zilan (WLV), 9-2; seventh: Ian Huff (WLC) dec. Chris Weingard (JG), 6-1.

140: Dan Hamblin (PS) dec. Dan Scappatucci (FH), 15-4; third: Imad Kharbush (LS) pinned Travis Moore (FH), 14-8; fifth: Brian Musser (PC) by injury default over Martin Spinks (F); seventh: Nick Lincoln (WLV) pinned Ryan Cannon (LC), 0-40.

145: James Greene (PS) dec. Jeff Birch (LS), 5-2; third: Ryan Shiplett (LF) dec. Mike Carter (LC), 2-1 in double overtime; fifth: Sean Schinner (F) pinned Jim Shelton (PC),

3-23; seventh: Justin Aldea (WLV) dec. Fritz Schuette (NF), 11-7.

152: John Fedulchak (JG) by technical fall over Norm Wroblewski (WLV), 18-3; third: Brandon LaPointe (LC) pinned J.D. Ziarkowski (WLC), 4-54; fifth: Jason Dowdell (NV) dec. Eric Greene (PS), 12-2; seventh: Mark Ostich (F) dec. Sean Matuzak (NF), 12-10.

160: Anwar Crutchfield (PS) dec. Ryan McCracken (NV), 7-0; third: Brian Panchayatz (LC) dec. Brian Barker (LS), 4-3; fifth: Dean Gotowsky (F) by injury default over Mark Fanni (WLV); seventh: Brian Zaid (WLC) by injury default over Eric Tanka (LF).

171: Dan Thompson (WLV) dec. Vinnie Ancone (LC), 7-2; third: John Demick (PC) pinned Ryan Giles (NV), 0-33; fifth: Steve Mylinski (LF) by default over Pete Langer (JG); seventh: Mike Radley (LS) dec. Ben Lukos (F), 6-5.

189: Teono Wilson (PS) dec. Bryan Grider (NV), 7-1; third: Tim Dziurzynski (WLV) dec. Andy Wood (F), 4-3; fifth: James Fowler (WLC) dec. Waleed Haddad (LS), 0-8; seventh: Mike Gaffa (LC), uncontested.

215: Chris Gadjev (FH) pinned Joe Higgins (WLV), 0-52; third: Mike Uvanos (NV) dec. Tony Morano (WLV), 14-0; fifth: Jared Chapman (PC) pinned George Tzoukias (LS), 4-03; seventh: Kyle Domagowski (F) pinned Mike Stein (NF), 4-14.

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