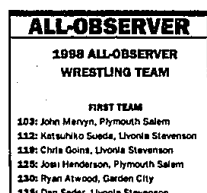
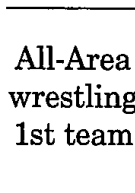


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ALL-OBSERVER

1998 ALL-OBSERVER WRESTLING TEAM

FIRST TEAM

- 103: John Mervyn, Plymouth Salem
102: Katsuhiko Sueda, Livonia Stevenson
138: Chris Goins, Livonia Stevenson
135: John Henderson, Plymouth Salem
130: Ryan Atwood, Garden City
134: Dan Seder, Livonia Stevenson
140: Mitch Hancock, Catholic Central
148: James Greene, Plymouth Salem
182: John Fedulchak, Westland John Glenn
180: Anwar Crutchfield, Plymouth Salem
172: Brian Hinzman, Garden City
169: Teono Wilson, Plymouth Salem
235: Broce Naysmith, Catholic Central
275: Casey Rogowski, Catholic Central

SECOND TEAM

- 102: Joe Moraw, Livonia Stevenson
132: Lawrence Haddad, Redford Thurston
140: Eric Falkenberg, Lutheran Westland
125: Trevor Clarke, North Farmington
130: Andy Emdick, Lutheran Westland
135: Jerry Lema, Farmington
140: Martin Spinks, Farmington
145: Jeff Drach, Livonia Stevenson
182: Brian Haddad, Plymouth Church
180: Matt Biddinger, Westland John Glenn
173: Vince Asione, Livonia Church Hill
189: Tim Baron, Redford Thurston
235: Chris Gager, Farmington Harrison
275: Charlie Hamblin, Plymouth Salem

THIRD TEAM

- 103: Rob Ash, Plymouth Salem
132: Jon Gregg, Wayne Memorial
135: Dan Morgan, Plymouth Salem
135: Andy Lendrum, Catholic Central
130: Tony Lema, Farmington
140: Jeff Under, Redford Thurston
140: Brian Musser, Plymouth Canton
140: Imad Kharbush, Livonia Stevenson
145: Alex Agius, Redford Thurston
152: Sean Bell, Catholic Central
180: Brian Demack, Plymouth Canton
180: Brian Pazyzyn, Livonia Church Hill
171: Rob Wentworth, Catholic Central
171: John-Peter Demack, Plymouth Canton
189: John Abushe, Catholic Central
235: Jake Tharp, Westland John Glenn
275: Matt Meyer, Lutheran Westland

HONORABLE MENTIONS

- Salem: Greg Petrovich, Sam Boyd, Mike Poppeny, Kevin Van Dine, Carline John, Patrick, Brent Buttermore, Kevin Stone, Jared Chapman, Catholic Central; Matt Peterson, Brendan Burns, Ryan Zagol, Ron Sarata, Chris Peterson, Chris O'Hara, Ed Lendrum, Redford Under, Steve Wright, Matt Moore, Matt Cass, Jesse Stevens, Thurston; Chris Funk, Andy Garbacz, Hazen Longhorne, Eugene Antonelli, Mike Carter, Steve Abaz, Ryan Cannon, Robert Morow, Clarenceville; Dan Tomgren, Walter Ragland, Dave Lemmon, Tony Raschke, Dan LeClair, Josh Ross, Eric Tondreau, Matt Wehl, Mike Haning, Adam Marcus, Lutheran Westland; Ben Brown, Ryan Moser, Jason Hemphill, Scott Archer, John Glenn, Jesse Purdon, Jeff Albrecht, Pete Larson, Wayne; William Laramie, Paul Goyt, Nate Wensko, Justin Desler, Jason Sienko, Rob Thoren, Farmington; Seven Salinas, Andy Wood, Ben Lukas, Mark Ostach, Dean Gortowsky, Mike Parry, Hamilton; Justin Slater, Jake Taylor, Jon Taylor.

This year's All-Observer wrestling team is once again a formidable collection of athletes who would represent the area well in an all-star event.

The honor squad includes five first-team, repeat selections in Katsuhiko Sueda and Dan Seder of Livonia Stevenson, Anwar Crutchfield and Teono Wilson of Plymouth Salem and Mitch Hancock of Redford Catholic Central.

The outstanding Observerland wrestler of 1998 is CC junior Casey Rogowski. A third-team, all-area pick last year, he emerged as one of the state's best, winning the Division I heavyweight title while going 45-0.

Four other members of the team were second-team, all-area wrestlers last year: Salem's James Greene, Westland John Glenn's John Fedulchak, Garden City's Brian Hinzman and CC's Broce Naysmith.

Salem coach Ron Krueger, who retires after 27 years as the only wrestling coach the Rocks have ever had, is the Observerland Coach of the Year.

His team won the Western Lakes Activities Association dual-meet championship, its first Observerland Invitational title and a Division I district championship.

The Rocks have the most first-team representatives with five, including John Mervyn and Josh Henderson. Stevenson and CC have three each and Garden City two.

ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM

John Mervyn, sophomore, Salem: In just two years, Mervyn already has a career record of 76-20, which includes a 49-7 finish this year. He won 27 bouts by pin.

He was the Observerland invitational champion at 103 pounds, as well as the first-place finisher in the Salem, Holt, Wyandotte and WLLA and district tournaments. He was second in the regional and is a two-time state qualifier.

"John had a great year," coach Ron Krueger said, adding Mervyn set a school record for sophomore wins, surpassing the old record by 13.

"I think he learned, if you want to be on the award stand for the last tournament, it requires a lot of off-season work. I think he will be on that stand."

Katsuhiko Sueda, senior, Stevenson:

WRESTLING

Sueda is one of the all-time best wrestlers in Observerland, ending his prep career with a 54-25 record, establishing a school record for victories. He was 48-5 as a senior.

Sueda is a three-time state qualifier who was (second) in the state at 103 last year and third at 112 this year. He was the Observerland, WLLA and district champion; he was second at the regional.

"(Sueda) might be small in size, but his heart and determination are huge," coach Dan Berg said. "He was a quiet leader who will be very much missed."

Chris Goins, senior, Stevenson: Goins compiled a 40-9 record this year at 119 pounds, giving him a career total of 67-22. Goins was the Observerland, Trenton-Doyle McIntosh and Salem Invitational champion. He was second in the district and a regional qualifier.

"His abilities improved with each year's effort," Berg said. "Every coach wanted to know where he was going to be, so they didn't have to face him."

Josh Henderson, sophomore, Salem: The 125-pound Henderson distinguished himself early in his prep career. He was 35-13 this year and is 47-25 for the last two.

He was the Observerland champion, placed third in the WLLA meet and "was second at nearly every other tournament throughout the year," according to Krueger.

"Josh is a very promising young man. He had a good year. But, Josh, there were a lot of sophomores at the state meet. There were even some state champs who were sophomores."

"If you want to go to the 'show,' you have to work hard. Remember, if you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always got."

Ryan Atwood, sophomore, Garden City: The 130-pound Atwood is moving to California with his father, but he left the Cougars with a lot to remember. A Mega Conference White Division champion, he also won the Observerland and Belleville tournaments as well as the Garden City Novice Tournament for the second straight year.

He also broke school records for reversals and near falls, leading the Cougars in pins. He had a 35-12 record this year to give him a career mark of 50-21.

"Ryan is one of the best sophomores I've ever coached," coach Dave Chiola said. "He has great mind sense and doesn't back down from anyone. The sad part is just when he's getting his name out there, he's moving to California. There's no question in my mind he would have been a state placer next year."

Dan Seder, senior, Stevenson: Seder concluded an outstanding career and senior season by finishing second in the Division I state tournament at 135. He had an impressive, 50-2 record this year, pushing his career mark to 130-40.

At the Observerland Invitational, Seder was named the most outstanding wrestler in the lower weights. He won the same honor at the Trenton and Garden City tournaments.

With the exception of the state meet, Seder was first in every tournament he entered, including the Salem, CC and WLLA tournaments. He was a district and regional champion, too.

"Dan Seder will be my measuring point for all of the wrestlers to follow in the area of hard work and dedication," Berg said. "He will be most difficult to replace."

Mitch Hancock, sophomore, Catholic Central: Hancock, who split time between 135 and 140, placed fourth in the Division I state meet at 135 and was second at the regional, losing to eventual state runner-up Dan Seder of Livonia Stevenson in the final.

A district champion, he was 44-6 this season and raised his career record to 92-8.

"Mitch has a great deal of talent and heart," Rodriguez said. "It's just a matter of time for it to break loose and be made visible."

James Greene, senior, Plymouth: Greene won the Observerland Invitational at a second time, placed sixth in the state at 145 pounds and finished with a 47-11 record. His career total was 105-45.

He also took first place at the Wyandotte, Western Lakes and district tournaments. He was fourth in the regional but two weeks later reached the state semifinals.

"James had a very good year," Krueger said. "In his first match at state, he beat the No. 1-ranked wrestler, something not many people gave him a chance to do. Considering last year's state champ finished seventh, James did very well."

John Fedulchak, senior, John Glenn: Fedulchak, who posted over 100 career wins, had a 35-5 record this year.

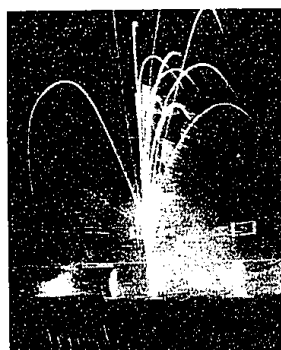
He was the Observerland and WLLA champ at 152 pounds, and he also won the Hartland, Ypsilanti and district tournaments. Fedulchak was also named Observerland's most outstanding wrestler in the upper weights.

"John was an excellent captain who did a nice job for us," Glenn coach Dave Hill said. "He's a fine fella with good grades. He's planning to go to Eastern Michigan and continue his career."

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BASEBALL

Tuesday, March 31
W.L. Western at Farmington, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 1
Northville at Farmington, 4 p.m.
Plymouth Canton at N. Farmington, 4 p.m.
Farm. Harrison at Plymouth Salem, 4 p.m.
Friday, April 3
Farmington at Livonia Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Westland Glenn at N. Farmington, 4 p.m.
W.L. Western at Farm. Harrison, 4 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Wednesday, April 1
Farmington at Northville, 4 p.m.
N. Farmington at Plymouth Canton, 4 p.m.
Plymouth Salem at Farm. Harrison, 4 p.m.
Friday, April 3
Livonia Stevenson at Farmington, 4 p.m.
N. Farmington at Westland Glenn, 4 p.m.
Farm. Harrison at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.

BOYS TRACK

Thursday, April 2
Northville at Farmington, 3:30 p.m.
N. Farmington at W.L. Western, 3:30 p.m.
Livonia Stevenson at Farmington, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 4
Farmington at A.A. Pioneer Relays

GIRLS TRACK

Thursday, April 2
Northville at Farmington, 3:30 p.m.
W.L. Western at N. Farmington, 3:30 p.m.
Harrison at Livonia Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

Monday, March 30
Farm. Harrison at Farmington, 5:30 p.m.
N. Farmington at Livonia Church Hill, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 1
Farmington at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at N. Farmington, 5:30 p.m.
Liv. Churchill at Farm. Harrison, 5:30 p.m.
Friday, April 3
Farmington at N. Farmington, 5:30 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS

Monday, April 6
Livonia Stevenson at Farmington, 4 p.m.
N. Farmington at Westland Glenn, 4 p.m.
Farmington Harrison at Northville, 4 p.m.

GIRLS GOLF

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Farmington at Midland, 3:30 p.m.

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