

Spartans edge Trojans

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Dominance of the lower weights classes proved to be good enough Monday for host Stevenson, which edged Clarencville for the Livonia City wrestling championship.

It was the first time the meet has been held since 1985. Stevenson had 173.5 points, while Clarencville, winning the four upper weight divisions, finished with 162. Churchill took third with 135, while Franklin brought up the rear with 97.6.

Stevenson finished two spots ahead of Clarencville Saturday's 34th annual Garden City Christmas Tournament.

But the Spartans were taking nothing for granted against the upstart Trojans, who are looking to win the Metro Conference championship after finishing second last year to Harper Woods.

"The lower weights are where we're at and that's where we dominated," Stevenson coach

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Don Berg said, "I believe our team is rounding into form."

"Right now I'm confident we can put a pretty good dual meet team out there with seven wrestlers. Right now we're looking for an eighth."

Stevenson won five individual titles and had a pair of runner-ups.

The winners included Josh Gunterman (103 pounds), Joe Moreau (112), Zack Yaffai (119), Dustin Obeid (125) and Imad Kharbush (140).

Moreau, a senior fresh from a first place finish at Garden City, is now 12-0 on the year. Obeid and Kharbush (runner-up at GC) are 10-2 each.

Clarencville came away with five champs as well — Dave Lemmon (130), Adam Marcum (171), Walter Ragland (189), Steve Rotenheiser (215) and Josh Reese (heavyweight).

"I thought we exceeded our

expectations," Clarencville coach Todd Skinner said. "I expected three champions because Stevenson is a very tough team. We walked away with as many champions as Stevenson. It shows we've made some improvements."

Lemmon, third at the Garden City Tournament, bested Churchill's Steve Vanilloff for the 130-pound title, 14-3.

Marcum (11-4), Ragland (11-3), Rotenheiser (10-4) and Rose (11-2) are all enjoying fine seasons.

Churchill and Franklin each boasted two individual championships.

Brandon LaPointe, second at Garden City, upended Stevenson's Brian Barker with a pin in 5:07 and walked away with Livonia City MVP honors. Teammate Mike Carter, who captured his division at GC, took the 152-pound class.

Franklin's standouts included Ryan Shiplett (145) and Derek Azzopardi (135).

WRESTLING RESULTS

LIVONIA CITY
WRESTLING TOURNAMENT
Dec. 14 at Stevenson

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Stevenson 173.5 points; 2. Clarencville, 162; 3. Churchill, 135; 4. Franklin, 97.6.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

103 pounds: Josh Gunterman (S) defeated Dan Tondreau (C), 11-2; consolation: Steve Leonard (C) won by void.

112: Joe Moreau (S) pinned Kyle Melo (C), 3:50; consolation: Eric Burr (C) won by void.

119: Zack Yaffai (S) p. Rick Elam (C), 1:07; consolation: Tom Trau (C) won by void.

125: Dustin Obeid (S) p. Scott Elstane (C), 2:36; consolation: Aris Wicketts (F) dec. Matt Gamba (C), 15-0.

140: Dave Lemmon (C) dec. Steve Vanilloff (C), 14-3; consolation: Matt Radley (S) p. Chris Elund (F), 2:37.

145: Derek Azzopardi (F) p. George Gostans (C), 0:27; consolation: Chris Coopder (S) p. Adam Goff (C), 0:40.

152: Imad Kharbush (S) p. Dan LeClair (C), 5:26; consolation: Brian Jones (C) p. Raz Meylan (F), 4:35.

160: Ryan Shiplett (F) dec. Mike Filzen (S), 14-7; consolation: Matt Wahl (C) dec. Steve Abar (C), 10:01.

171: Mike Carter (C) p. Alan Duff (F), 3:20; consolation: Joe Galsky (S) p. Robbie Simpson (C), 3:51.

189: Brandon LaPointe (C) p. Brian Barker (S), 5:07; consolation: Brian Walker (F) p. Jeff Potter (C), 1:50.

215: Adam Marcum (C) dec. Eric Toska (F), 14:10; consolation: Mike Bradley (S) dec. Tim Allen (C), 1:51.

215+: Walter Ragland (C) dec. Steve Mylinski (F), 19:6; consolation: Tim McCarthy (S) p. Joe Himeck (C), 5:30.

215+: Steve Rotenheiser (C) p. Jeff Sining (C), 1:07; consolation: Del Loring (S) won by void.

Heavyweights: Josh Reese (C) p. Mike Gaffie (C), 1:56; consolation: Mark Costello (S) p. Eric Mendelsohn (F), 0:25.

34TH ANNUAL
GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT
Dec. 12 at Garden City

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 205.5; 2. Dearborn Fordson, 195.5; 3. Melvindale, 138; 4. Monroe, 133; 5. Garden City, 127; 6. Livonia Stevenson, 126; 7. Wayne Memorial, 11; 8. Livonia Clarencville, 109; 9. Dearborn, 105.5; 10. Livonia Churchill, 99; 11. Dearborn Heights Ann Arbor, 78; 12. Westland John Glenn, 71; 13. Livonia Franklin, 65; 14. Dearborn Divine Child, 59; 15. Redford Union, 56; 16. Inkster, 49; 17. D.H. Crestwood, 1.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

103 pounds: Joe Moreau (S) dec. Carson Poupard (Mon.), 9:2; consolation final: Rodger Rich (Mel.) dec. Jeremy Carter (H), 4:2; 5th-8th: Danny Tondreau (Clair.) pinned Rub Sulver, 2:30.

112: Ryan Nowitzke (Mon.) dec. Matt Tarlow (H), 10:1; consolation: Mike Kassab (H) dec. Pat Sayo (GC), 15:6; 5th-6th: Jesse Pundin (WJ) dec. Josh Gunterman (S), 10:0.

119: Jon Gregg (WJ) dec. Vinne Zoccol (GC), 11:9; consolation: Brad Haddad (DHA) p. Kevin Arduini (H), 1:3; 5th-6th: A.J. Grendy (Mel.) dec. Jim Gentry (H), 13:2.

125: Andrew Berry (Mel.) dec. Kyle Leask (Mon.), 5:4; consolation: Dustin Obeid (S) p. Shaun Dardin (Ink.), 2:01; 5th-6th: Justin Gessler (WJ) dec. Don Astley (H), 4:1.

140: Mousa Hanna (DF) dec. Reggie Terrence (H), 13:9; consolation: Dave Lemmon (Clair.) p. Jimmy Burnett (Mel.), 4:04; 5th-6th: Mike Kudin (Dun.) dec. Jeff Albrecht (WJ), 6:2.

145: Ryan Shiplett (F) dec. Ryan Shiplett (Livonia Franklin), 3. Ren Raupp

152: Anant Saran (H) dec. Randy Sulver (Dun.), 13:2; consolation: Nate Wrenko (WJ) dec. Thair Jodan (DF), 10:3; 5th-6th: Derek Weyer (Mon.) dec. Patrick Martinez (Mel.), 15:5.

160: Walid Munassar (Mel.) p. Imad Kharbush (S), 1:46; consolation: Bill Denton (DCC) dec. Chad Newman (H), 1:46; 5th-6th: Dan LeClair (Clair.) dec. Scott Lory (Mon.), 1:45.

171: Mike Carter (C) dec. Dan Anington (Dun.), 7:5; consolation: Dan Anington (H) dec. Ryan Shiplett (F), 1:46; 5th-6th: Mike Raupp (WJ) dec. Josh Fee (GC), 7:6.

189: Carlos Alvarado (Dun.) dec. Brandon LaPointe (C), 8:1; consolation: Josh Braden (Mon.) dec. Dave Lichtner (DHA), 11:4; 5th-6th: Eddie Traynor (GC) p. Tony Spencer (DCC), 11:7.

215: Betal Mijed (DF) dec. Brian Barker (S), 17:7; consolation: Pete Langer (WJ) dec. Mark Franklin (H), 11:4; 5th-6th: Matt Sporn (WJ) dec. Mark Cotton (Mon.), 5:4.

215+: Ryan McCracken (H) dec. Keith Jackson (Ink.), 8:2; consolation: Eric Toska (F) p. Jason Perkins (WJ), 2:15; 5th-6th: Mike Khabalish (DF) p. Charlie Lafollette (DHA), 2:05.

215+: Brian Hinzman (GC) dec. Walter Ragland (Clair.), 8:2; consolation: Steve Mylinski (F) dec. Jeff Sining (Clair.), 4:04; 5th-6th: Joe Ramsey (F) p. Matt McCarthy (S), 12:0.

215+: Husam Essa (DF) p. Will Baker (RU), 1:20; consolation: Matt Martinez (Mel.) p. Nathan Stanford (DHA), 2:37; 5th-6th: Jamil Khatke (DCC) p. Bobby Hagelhorn (WJ), 3:15.

MOST VALUABLE WRESTLERS: Hanna (DF), 30 (lower weights); Himeck (GC), 189 (upper weights).

WRESTLING RANKINGS

The weekly Observerland wrestling rankings are compiled by four area coaches. The panel includes Marty Anagnostis (Livonia Churchill), Jim Conlin (Redford Union), Dave Cholea (Garden City) and Bob Moreau (Livonia Stevenson).

TEAM RANKINGS

1. Redford Catholic Central.
2. Plymouth Salem.
3. Livonia Stevenson.
4. Redford Thurston.
5. Garden City.

INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

(by weight class)

- 103 pounds: 1. Joe Moreau (Livonia Stevenson); 2. Josh Gunterman (Livonia Stevenson); 3. Chris O'Hara (Redford CC); 4. Kyle Pitt (Plymouth Canton); 5. Scott Massey (Garden City).

- 112: 1. John Mervyn (Plymouth Salem); 2. Mike Kassab (Wayne Memorial); 3. Pat Syn (GC); 4. Ronnie Thompson (Salem); 5. Jesse Pundin (Westland John Glenn).

- 119: 1. Jon Gregg (Wayne); 2. Vinne Zoccol (GC); 3. Jim Gentry (Redford Union); 4. Justin Schaffer (Farmington Hills Harrison); 5. Zack Yaffai (Stevenson).

- 125: 1. Dustin Obeid (Stevenson); 2. Trevor Clark (H. Farmington); 3. Justin Bessier (Wayne); 4. Steve Vassiloff (Livonia Churchill); 5. Jeff Wheeler (Redford CC).

- 140: 1. Tony Lema (Farmington); 2. Dave Lemmon (Clarencville); 3. Marty Dendinos (Salem); 4. Sean Donaldson (RU); 5. Jeff Albrecht (John Glenn).

- 145: 1. Josh Henderson (Salem); 2. Nate Wrenko (Wayne); 3. Jeff Butler (Thurston); 4. Dave Azzopardi; 5. Jeff Butler (Thurston).

- 160: 1. Imad Kharbush (Stevenson); 2. Jim Shelton (Canton); 3. Jake Taylor (Harrison); 4. Dan LeClair (Clarencville); 5. Tom Mahon (Farmington).

- 171: 1. Mike Carter (Churchill); 2. Ryan Shiplett (Livonia Franklin); 3. Ren Raupp

- (Wayne); 4. Josh Fee (GC); 5. Mike Falzon (Stevenson).

- 189: 1. Mitch Hancock (Redford CC); 2. Brandon LaPointe (Churchill); 3. Kevin Stone (Canton); 4. Mark Ostash (Farmington); 5. Eddie Traynor (GC).

- 215: 1. Robert Demick (Canton); 2. Brian Barker (Stevenson); 3. Pete Langer (John Glenn); 4. Eric Kelly (H); 5. Tony Rachoza (Clarencville).

- 215+: 1. Brian Hinzman (GC); 2. Eric Toska (F); 3. Jason Perkins (John Glenn); 4. Ben Luus (Farmington); 5. Adam Marcum (Clarencville).

- 215+: 1. Walter Ragland (Clarencville); 2. Steve Mylinski (Franklin); 3. Andy Wood (Farmington); 4. Jeff Sining (Churchill).

- 215+: 1. Bruce Maynard (Redford CC); 2. Will Baker (RU); 3. Ryan Lawrence (Thurston); 4. Tom Vanderbeke (Churchill); 5. Steve Gallett (Franklin).

- Heavyweights: 1. Casey Rogowski (Redford CC); 2. Charlie Hamilton (Salem); 3. Josh Reue (Clarencville); 4. Mike Gaffie (Churchill); 5. Tom Mahon (Farmington).

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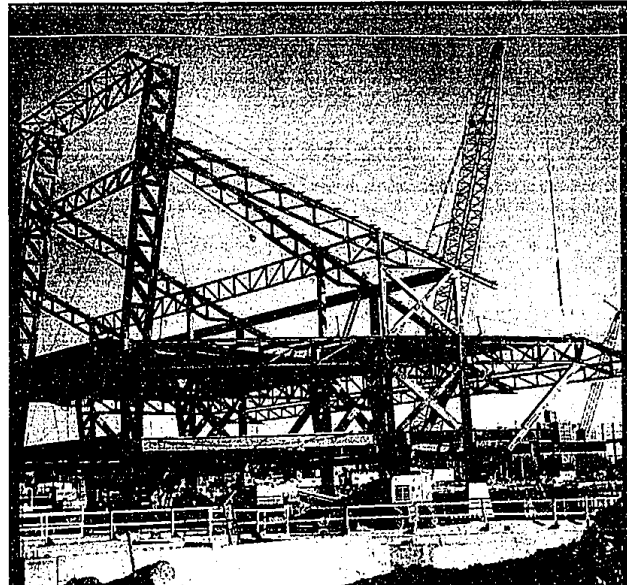
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