Simmons wins regional title

Farmington High senior Jon Simmons is headed to the state finals in wrestling for the second year in a row after winning a regional championship Satur-

year in a row atter winning a regional championship Saturday.

In the Division 2 tournament at Oak Park, Simmons won the 119-pound title and boosted his season record to 39-10 with three more wins.

Simmons pinned Warren Fitzjerrald's Scott Goera (1:26) and won by decision over Trenon's Karl Heineman (19-4) and Monror Jefferson's Evan Major Gistin, who also won the district, is the first Farmington wrestler since Matt Michalski in 1996 to win a regional.

"After the first round, in which our district won every match

our district won every match over the other district, you could see what was going to happen then, 'Farmington coach Al Beyar said. "It indicated our dis-

Beyar said. "It indicated our dis-trict was stronger than the wher."

Simmons will face Fenton's Scott Pushman in the first round of the state tournament March 9-11 at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit.
"On paper it looks real good."

Detroit.
"On paper it looks real good,"
Beyar said, "but you have to
earn everything you get when
you go to state. Everyone got
there for a reason.
"Records probably dou't mean
a whole lot, because there are a

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lot of kids who probably have better records that didn't make

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Boyar thinks the experience
Simmons gained by going to
state last year, will benefit him,
though Simmons didn't place
(finish in the top eight).

"From being there, he knows
what to expect." Beyar said.
'He's excited about doing better
than last year.'

Simmons also has a flexible
nature, which he can change
quickly from relaxed to focused,
that will serve him well in a
pressure situation like the state
tournament, according to Beyar.

"He takes care of business
when he's out there wreatling,
but he manages to have fun in
the process," Beyar said. "He's
the only kid I know who can
crack a smile and be loose and
then go out there and wreatle as
hard as he can.

"He's noe of the hardest workers we've had. He works hard in
the room and stays after practice, and he's been a pleasure to
coach."

Farmington seniors Mark
Ostach, Ben Lukas and Kyle
Domagalski were one regional
win away from qualifying for
state. Junior Aaron Turk also
competed in the regional meet.

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League champlon: North Farmington senior Brandon DiGia was a double winner in the Western Lakes meet, earning first place in the 200 and 100 freestyle races.

DiGia double winner in WLAA

North Farmington won more events (five) than any other school in the Western Lakes Activities Association swimming and diving championships Satur-day at Plymouth Salem. But the Raiders, who won two relays and were runners un in

But the Raiders, who won two relays and were runners up in the other, didn't have the depth to push ahead of the host Rocks, and Livonia Stevenson.

"It's a matter of depth when it comes to that meet," North coach Pat Duthie said. "Sure, we had some kids who swam very well but not quite enough numbers. I thought we would finish third unless somebody else made some errors.

errors.
"The kids just did a super job
and had a great attitude about
the meet and the effort they put
out."

out."
North started the meet by repeating its victory in the medley relay with a better time than it had last year (1:40.37). Jim Gabriel, Adam Farber, Chris Clayson and Jon Zald comprised

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this year's winning team.

"Stevenson coach) Doug Buckler said he told his kids if they went 1:39 they'd win it." Duthie said. "We went 1:38.88, so that was a preity good time. That was an outstanding effort on the part of all four kids in that relay."

Clayson and Zald teamed with Sermet Aliver and Brandon DiGia to win the 200 freestyle relay, edging defending champion Salem by two-hundredths of a second. DiGia, Farber, Jim Gabriel and Craig Paske were second in the 400 freestyle relay, edging defending champion Salem by two-hundredths of a second. DiGia, Farber, Jim Gabriel and Craig Paske were second in the 400 freetyle relay if think we came up with the right combination for the relays for that particular meet," Duthie said. "Everybody had outstanding splits."

DiGia also won the 200 and 100 freestyle races after finishing second in both last year to Stevenson's Keith Falk and North's Matt Zald.

"All three years in high school Brandon has had outstanding conference meets," Duthie said. 'He always swims real well at the end of the season. He's real

He always swims real well at the end of the season. He's real talented. I'm not surprised he won both races but very pleased.

"I's going to be interesting at the state meet. I think you stand a better chance of scoring this year than any other year.

"There's a lot of sharp swimers around, but if you swim well in some events you may not have to be as fast as in the past to make the top 12."

Earher won the breaststroke and was second in the butterfly, making the state cut in the latter Gabriel also made the cut in the backstroke, finishing third.

"Basically, we had a fine conference meet, which as a team is the meet we point toward," Duthie said. 'No matter how many we have going to state, the conference is our big team meet, and I was pleased with our team performance."

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