

Shamrocks compete at national level

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Some athletes just can't get enough of their sport.

Take Catholic Central sophomore Jay Abshire and senior Mitch Hancock.

The high school wrestling season ended in March, yet the two have fared pretty well in national competition since then.

Hancock, a Michigan High School Athletic Association Division I champion at 160 pounds in March, came up with a third-place finish at the National High School Seniors Wrestling Championships at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh late last month.

Abshire, a second team All-Observerland selection at 140 pounds, won four of five matches at the Kellogg Scholastic Duals in Battle Creek earlier this month.

"I go into every tourney to win," said Hancock. "I'm disappointed I didn't win, but I came out and wrestled hard, wrestled well and the only person to beat me won the whole thing."

Before going into the tourney, Hancock was faced with a dilemma.

"I would have been big at 162 or small at 160," said Hancock. "Unfortunately, the wrestlers

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were tougher at 162 than what they would have been at 160. Every wrestler there was a state champion or a state placer. Any one of the top four guys could have won."

Hancock did pretty well actually, going 7-1 on the tourney. His only loss came from eventual champion and the nation's second-ranked wrestler, Bryan Bertin of Cleveland (Ohio) St. Edward's in the winner's bracket semi-final, 7-4.

"He moved real well," said Hancock. "I was down 4-3 in the third period and I circled, circled and then slipped. He got me for a single (point) and I lost all the momentum. I had to chase him the rest of the match."

And it was a long way up in the consolation bracket as well. Hancock beat Tyson Springer of Washington in his first match, then stopped Nick Westenberg of New York, 7-2, in the quarter-finals. A 7-3 win over Carl Holmquist in the consolation semifinals was next, then he faced the nation's third-ranked wrestler at 162, Jason Woodall of Pittsford, Pa., in the consolation final.

"And I just went after him," Hancock said. "I jumped on him,

5-0, at the start and kept going. I wasn't sick like I was at the state tourney. I wound up beating him 12-5."

Hancock wound up being the highest finisher for Team Michigan and helped the squad to a sixth-place finish out of 48 teams.

Abshire didn't get to wrestle for a national individual title like Hancock.

The sophomore was a member of Michigan's Green team that finished 10th out of 16 teams at the team tourney.

"I thought I wrestled pretty good there," said Abshire. "I won four out of five matches and we were only together for a couple of weeks."

South Dakota edged Michigan-Green for a ninth-place finish, but Abshire did his part as he stopped Justin Sizem at 145, 9-8 in an overtime thriller.

He also posted wins against Jared Clouse of Ohio-Gold, 6-4, Josh Feltz of Indiana-Gold, 3-2, a 3-2 win over Brian Wolfe of Ohio-Navy, before suffering an 11-1 setback against two-time Colorado champ Jared Dengero.

"It was a fun time," said Abshire. "Everyone there was a sophomore or junior and the rules were normal high school rules as opposed to freestyle."

Abshire won his spot at try-

outs in Goodrich and began working with wrestlers and coaches from around the state, such as the Green head coach Dave Beaulieu of Montross and Michigan-Blue coach Roy Hall of Davison.

"I learned a lot of things from them," said Abshire. "Normally, we practice moves and technique. They showed us ways to get into position and how to get them out of position to take our shot."

Neither Hancock nor Abshire is done with wrestling. Abshire wants to keep going in several tournaments, including the Ironman Tournament in Ohio.

Hancock is wrestling with something outside the mat — where to spend time on the mat next year. Both Central Michigan and Michigan State have offered him full scholarships for next season, while Michigan weighed in just shy of a full ride. And Bertin, the man who beat him in Pennsylvania, has also signed with Michigan, although Hancock would probably end up at a heavier class than Bertin.

"It's something I have to think about while I'm on spring break," said Hancock, enjoying his trip in the Florida Panhandle. "There's a lot of good offers on the table and sooner or later I have to make a decision."

Rockers sign 2 players to multi-year contracts

The Detroit Rockers will make their debut in their new home — Plymouth's Compuware Arena — this fall with two of the newer additions committed to staying for a couple of years.

Midfielder Joel Shanker and forward Lee Tchantret will be in Rockers uniforms through the 2002-2003 season.

Tchantret came to Detroit last season and promptly led the team with 123 points in 42 games. "Lucky" Leo finished the season on a 15-game point-scoring streak, and knocked in four game-winning goals on the year.

"I'm definitely looking forward to next year," Tchantret said, and Rockers' head coach Drago echoed his excitement.

"We are very excited to be able to create the core of a championship team," Drago said. "These are two quality players who show the determination, talent and knowledge that is necessary to win

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a championship.

"Place by place, we want to build to the level that Milwaukee and Cleveland have achieved."

Shanker, who re-signed at the same time as Tchantret, provided a deft scoring touch in his limited term of action last season.

Shanker joined the Rockers via trade from Philadelphia in late December. He scored 22 points in eight games with the Rockers before suffering a stress fracture in his right foot.

Overall, Shanker scored 37 points on the season, good for 10th among Rockers scorers. General manager David Woodrow was happy to keep both players in the Rockers organization.

"These two players will be part of the core of our team for years to come," Woodrow said.

Country Day tops CC

Senior, midfielder Billy Voyles scored three goals, but host Detroit Country Day controlled the flow of the game and came away with a 15-3 win over Catholic Central on Tuesday.

"They controlled the game from the first whistle to the last," said CC coach Darrin Murray. "We played smart and kept our penalties down

to three minutes — our lowest of the year. But it was difficult to do anything against them."

Senior attackman Derek Lauer added two assists for CC, while goaltender Steve Fogues made 21 saves. CC dropped to 2-10 overall and 0-6 in the Midwestern Scholastic Lacrosse Association.

Oakland CC wins doubleheader from Mott

Oakland Community College won a doubleheader in women's softball Thursday from visiting Mott CC, 7-5 and 4-1.

In each game, the Lady Raiders scored in later innings to break a first-inning tie and improve to 12-5 in the MCCA

Eastern Conference.

It was 4-4 after one in the opener; OCC scored three times in the bottom of the fourth. Rachel Fuller pitched 6½ innings to get the win.

LeeAnn Domke went 3-for-4; Mandle Harrison had two hits. Both players scored two runs. Megan Earhart had a double and three RBI.

The teams were tied at 1-1

after one in the nightcap. OCC scored single runs in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings. Earhart was the winning pitcher.

Domke, Harrison and Courtney Sisk had two hits apiece; Domke, Nicole Schulte and Sisk had one RBI each. Mott made five errors.

The Lady Raiders are 17-14 overall. Mott is 2-18 in the conference and 2-26 overall.

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