

Trojans, Warriors prevail over Catholic League foes

The Metro Conference had a pretty decent night against the Detroit Catholic League. Lutheran High School Westland and Livonia Clarenceville both vanquished Catholic League opponents Friday.

Once-beaten Lutheran Westland was paired against Dearborn Divine Child in a crossover game and edged the Falcons, 60-56, by making its free throws down the stretch.

Clarenceville matched up against Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard and pulled away from the Irish in the second half to take a 61-43 decision.

Visiting Divine Child came from behind to take a three-point lead with slightly more than four minutes to play, but Lutheran High was able to get to the line and make up the deficit.

Brent Habitz and Luke Kastan each made a pair of free throws in the final minute as the Trojans went 7-of-11 from the line in the final period and 16-for-26 in the game. The Falcons were 9-of-17 from the line.

Lutheran Westland (16-1) got 18 points from senior center Nate Meekes, plus 11 from junior forward Habitz and 10 from senior guard Kastan. Meekes also had 10 rebounds.

The Warriors had a 16-14 after one quarter and 30-29 at the half. It was 43-42 after three periods. Divine Child (6-12) got 15 points each from center Phil Schreiber and Shea Kisabeth.

Clarenceville's Tim Shaw scored 17 points and Scott Wion nailed 17 rebounds to lead the Trojans past the visiting Irish.

Clarenceville (6-10) started out with a 13-6 lead in the first quarter, weathered a Richard comeback in the second quarter and pulled away to win.

The Irish narrowed the gap to 19-14 at halftime, but it was 36-26 after three periods. Shaw had six steals to go with his big scoring night; Wion scored eight while guarding the glass. Adam Carpenter scored 12 points and had 12 rebounds.

Glenn Garratt played his second varsity game

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and scored seven second half points "to give us some spark," coach Kevin Murphy said. Shea Harte led the Irish (2-16) with 13 points. The Trojans made 11 of 20 free throws while the Irish were 9-of-13 from the line.

Clarenceville 50, LUTHERAN N'WEST 44: Clarenceville (2-6 Metro) rallied in the second half to earn its second Metro Conference victory of the season Wednesday at the expense of Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (2-14, 0-8).

The Trojans fell behind 10-0 at the start, but rallied for a 12-10 first-quarter lead as sophomore Glenn Garratt, recently called up from the JV squad, provided a spark.

Clarenceville was down, however, 25-20 at halftime, but charged back by outscoring Northwest 16-15 in the third quarter and 14-4 in the decisive final period.

Junior forward Adam Carpenter led Clarenceville with 17 points, including three triples, to go along with 10 rebounds and five assists. Junior forward Tim Shaw added 16 points and 12 rebounds, while senior center Scott Wion had 12 points and 11 rebounds off the bench.

The Trojans won despite making just 11 of 27 free throws. Northwest, getting 16 points from Andy Sparks, made nine of 18 from the line.

W.L. CENTRAL 57, STEVENSON 47: The Spartans stunted the Vikings by taking a five-point halftime lead Friday night but were mugged in the third period to lose the W.L.A.A. game.

"We got down quick," coach Bill Dyer of Livonia Stevenson said, "but then we started executing better, making the extra pass.

(Matt) Bartenick hit a shot at the (halftime) buzzer to give us a five-point lead. We had to take our shots fast, because they were all we had. We didn't get any second shots."

Mark Bortz had 15 points for the Vikings (16-1, 10-1), including 10 in the 20-5 third quarter, while Steve Hom scored 20, seven in the third.

The Spartans (6-11, 4-7) got 74er-11 shooting from sophomore Brandon Chittwood, who had 15 points and eight rebounds. Junior Linden Ivetzic scored 11 and junior Burtick 10.

"I'm happy about the result, in a way," Dyer said, "because it shows we've improved."

DISTRICT WRESTLING RESULTS

STATE TEAM DUAL DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION I
Feb. 18 at LIVONIA FRANKLIN
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 5-0
WESTLAND JOHN OLSEN 28
(Championship final)
103 pounds: Nick Haber (WJ) pinned Dan McAuffrey, 1:46; 132: Chris Smith (WJ) p. Geoff Robinson, 3:30; 150: Kaitana Marolda (WJ) defeated Brian Hoffman, 0:15; 156: Jason Fischer (LS) dec. Shawn Parker, 4:21; 180: Phil Parry (WJ) dec. Sean O'Halloran, 5:11; 198: Enrique Galicia (WJ) p. Doug Novack, 4:27; 240: Matt Radley (LS) p. Daron Gruchanach, 0:22; 288: Chris Cooper (LS) won by technical fall over Brad Grady, 17:31; 312: Chris Wolfgang (WJ) dec. Joe Jamieson, 6:01; 350: Imad Knarbooth (LS) won by tech. fall over Nick Woodley, 17:31; 396: Tim Gaston (LS) p. William Sere, 3:55; 450: Tim McCarthy (LS) p. Jacob Fanchio, 6:37; 520: Paul Bagarstock (LS) p. Blake Colbert, 0:45; heavyweight: Phil Sabourin (LS) p. Herbert Reuter, 0:49.
Final meet records: Stevenson, 16-7 overall; John Olsen, 9-0 overall.

WESTLAND JOHN OLSEN 27
LIVONIA CENTRAL 20
(Semifinal match)
103 pounds: Nick Haber (WJ) dec. Dan Clements, 4:31; 132: Chris Smith (WJ) dec. Gert Abdullal, 5:31; Brian Clement (LS) won by tech. fall over Kaitana Marolda, 19:37; 150: Shawn Parker (WJ) dec. Steve Jacobitz, 6:4 (0); 156: Nick Smith (LS) dec. Phil Perry, 5:41; 180: Lav Merjian (LS) dec. Enrique Garcia, 5:25; 240: Daron Gruchanach (WJ) p. Steve Spohn, 0:54; 288: Brad Gregory (WJ) p. Tom Traub, 1:30; 312: Chris Wolfgang (WJ) won by tech. fall over Robert Roman, 14:41; Brian Jones (LS) dec. Nick Wolbrzewski, 10:31; 350: William Sere (WJ) p. Shawn Ferguson, 4:30; 396: Alex Murray (LS) dec. Jacob Fanchio, 5:49; 450: Thom VanDerBoosche (LS) p. Blake Colbert, 1:10; heavyweight: Herbert Reuter (WJ) p. Pete Smith, 0:29.
Champion's final dual meet record: 7-0.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 72
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 5-0
(Semifinal match)
103 pounds: Dan Rabe (LS) won by void; 132: Kayle McCarril (LS) dec. Dan Wion, 0:29; 156: Jason Fischer (LS) p. Nick Deby, 2:45; 180: Dan Leith (LS) p. Tim Sticket, 4:17; 240: Sean O'Halloran (LS) p. Kat Borowack, 0:33; 132: Doug Novack (LS) won by void; 240: Matt Radley (LS) p. Joe Boteh, 0:41; 288: Chris Cooper (LS) won by void; 312: Kaitana Marolda; Joe Jamieson (LS) p. Ray Liorio, 2:37; 350: Imad Knarbooth (LS) won by void; 396: Matt Hendrick (LS) p. David Bontor, 0:35; heavyweight: Mike Robinson (LS) p. Matt LaRocca, 3:07.
Franklin's final dual meet record: 12-15.
Feb. 24 at SOUTHWELLD-LATHROP
REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 64
BURLINGAME 54
(Championship final)
103 pounds: Matt Steininger (CC) won by void; 132: Huy Nguyen (B) dec. Nick Crawford, 15:31; 150: Richard Wentworth (CC) p. John Mulsara, 0:25; 228: Tom Mulroy (CC) p. John Meadows, 1:32; 130: Scott McCormick (LS) dec. Ben Kuecher, 13:11; 180: Nate Rodriguez (CC) p. Matt Bledsoe, 2:41; 240: Mike Werner (CC) dec. Tim Omana, 11:33; 288: Chris Peterson (CC) p. Chris Scalin, 3:27; 350: Jay Abshire (CC) p. Mike Satchell, 0:30; 450: Chris Graccholo (CC) p. James Henry, 0:55; 520: Ryan Rogowski (CC) won by void; 580: Jeff Haystack (CC) won by void; 215: Matt Markowicz (CC) p. Dan Ciccinni, 1:54; heavyweight: Jack Glier (B) p. Pat Clark, 1:21.
C's final dual meet record: 15-6 overall.

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 65
SOUTHFIELD 9
(Semifinal match)
103 pounds: Pat Lambrico (CC) won by void; 132: Nick Crawford (CC) won by void; 150: Richard Wentworth (CC) won by void; 180: Tim Mulroy (CC) won by void; 228: Marvin Glass (B) dec. Ben Kuecher, 7:31; 288: Nate Rodriguez (CC) dec. Matt Scott, 10:40; 350: Mike Werner (CC) dec. Henry Milliner, 9:01; 450: Chris Peterson (CC) won by void; 520: Jay Abshire (CC) dec. Ryan Rogowski (CC); 580: Darryl Anderson (LS) dec. Chris Graccholo, 2:3 (2 Of); 520: Ryan Rogowski (CC) won by void; 580: Jeff Haystack (CC) p. Devon Healey, 11:01; 215: Chad Neumann (B) dec. Joe Jamieson, 12:42; 288: Imad Knarbooth (LS) dec. Adam Palushaj, 10:31; 350: Jeff Post (LS) dec. Tim Gaston, 6:41; 450: Joe Humbley (LS) p. Tim McCarthy, 3:44; 288: Valentino Palushaj (NS) p. Paul Bagarstock, 3:31; heavyweight: Mike Robinson (LS) won by void; Steve Meekes, 14:7 overall.
213 pounds: Joe Caudil (B) won by void;

152: Justin Williams (B) won by void; 156: B.J. Wilson won by tech. fall over Rex Fagan, 17:24; 228: Paul Goyt (WJ) dec. James Erickson, 10:50; 350: Mike Sherman (LS) won by major dec. over Chris Fougère, 10:41; 288: Nate Stiglia (B) won by void; 340: Charles Weston (B) won by void; 340: Josh Hamilton (B) p. Josh Bender, 7:01; 400: 282: Shawn Simola (B) p. Josh Shirley, 5:30; 380: Steve Wallace (WJ) won by major dec. over Dion Martin; 520: Dion Martin won by void; 288: Jarvis Mosley (B) p. Brandon Sills, first period; 288: Jason Johnson (B) p. Nick Orr, 0:25; heavyweight: Caleb Hatfield (B) won by void.
Final meet records: Belleville, 19-1 overall; Wayne, 3-15 overall.

Feb. 25 at LUTHERAN WESTLAND, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 83, LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 28
(Championship final)
103 pounds: Jake Suter (LS) won by void; 152: Ravi Al-Hosaini (LS) won by void; 156: Ali Imani (LS) p. Dan Bessley, 3:43; 180: Pete Daniels (WJ) p. Jason Moran, 3:07; 230: Matt Notter (LS) won by void; 288: Nick Elm (LS) p. Shaun LeBeau, 5:07; 340: Adam Halter (LS) won by void; 340: Brandon Noole (LS) won by void; 380: Jeff Potter (LS) dec. Dan Heller, 8:21; 450: Dan Unger (LS) p. Ryan Bierschbach, 3:24; 520: Jim Molnar (LS) dec. George Roberts, 1:54; 580: Steven Richter (LS) p. Jon Burke, 0:55; 215: Matt Rabe (LS) p. Ryan Smith, 2:21; heavyweight: Kevin Packard (WJ) p. Jason Ovesh, 0:51.

WESTERN LAKES CROSSOVER
NORTHTVILLE 42
LIVONIA STEVENSON 24
Feb. 8 at Northville
103 pounds: Ravi Saran (NS) p. Geoff Robinson, 0:31; 132: Charlie Rabbit (LS) dec. Josh Adams, 1:07; 150: Jason D'Anna (NS) dec. Jason Fischer, 13:32; Matt Doyle (NS) p. Brian Hoffman, 0:30; 180: Luke Polinsky (NS) dec. Dan Leith, 4:11; 228: Doug Novack, 8:31; Matt Radley (LS) p. Pete Kelly, 0:22; 288: Chris Cooper (LS) p. Steve Miller, 1:17; 350: Chad Neumann (NS) dec. Joe Jamieson, 12:42; 450: Imad Knarbooth (LS) dec. Adam Palushaj, 10:31; 350: Jeff Post (LS) dec. Tim Gaston, 6:41; 450: Joe Humbley (NS) p. Tim McCarthy, 3:44; 288: Valentino Palushaj (NS) p. Paul Bagarstock, 3:31; heavyweight: Mike Robinson (LS) won by void; Steve Meekes, 14:7 overall.

FARMINGTON HIGH 68
NORTH FARMINGTON 28
(district championship match)
Feb. 18 at Farmington High
103: Dan Cavassera (NF) pinned Lenzo Oveson, 1:47; 152: Andrew Bernicki (NF) p. Chris Doughty, 3:10; 150: Jon Schwartz (F) dec. Brandon Sitt, 15:8; 228: Ramis Bolajimi (NF) won by technical fall over Dan Moriara, 23:22; 350: Harry Leipatz (NF) pin. Rob Esterday, 3:32; 380: Aaron Turk (F) pin. Derek Hartman, 1:12; 400: Mike Kish (F) won by void; 448: Cam Murtland (F) pin. Matt Smith, 3:09; 520: Mike Zultak (NF) pin. Charlie Raymond, 5:59; 160: Mike Murtland (F) pin. Adam Westroth, 2:11; 272: Brent Brown (F) pin. Chris Duncan, 4:47; 288: Stephen Wayne (F) pin. Jared Stofflett, 0:10; 215: Blake Balsky (F) pin. Chris Moses, 1:01; 278: Delano Turner (F) pin. Joe Jaski, 4:00.
NORTH FARMINGTON 42
FARMINGTON HARRISON 40
(district championship match)
Feb. 18 at Farmington High
103 pounds: Dan Cavassera (NF) won by void; 132: Matt Makowski (NF) won by void; 138: Chris Doughty (NF) won by void; 180: Ramis Bolajimi (NF) won by void; 230: Harry Leipatz (NF) won by void; 288: Rob Thomas (NF) pinned Derek Hartman; 340: Chris Yneulon (NF) won by void; 340: Mike Zultak (NF) pin. Matt Smith; 520: Mike Zultak (NF) pin. Matt Smith; 580: Rami Sulaiman (NF) dec. Adam Westroth, 20:7; 175: Chris Duncan (NF) won by void; 288: Andrew Moulding (NF) pin. Jared Stofflett; 218: Brian Doughty (NF) pin. Joe Jaski; 278: Chris Moses (NF) won by void.

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Pat Abraham had 14, Ryan Haydon and Jeff Harz 13 each and Nick Tochman 10.

Mustangs ground Hawks
Farmington Harrison's two-game winning streak came to an end Friday in a 72-56 loss to host Northville.

The Hawks, who led 26-25 at halftime, were outscored in the third quarter, 28-11, as the Mustangs rallied to take a 53-37 lead and decide the issue.

Northville had a 23-12 lead early in the second quarter at which point Harrison made a

push to get the lead at halftime. But the Mustangs started the third quarter with three straight triples and the first 11 points.

Northville was up 67-51 with under five minutes remaining in the game. Following a timeout, the Mustangs made another three and scored six unanswered points.

"We didn't check anybody tonight," Harrison coach Dave Turmquist said. "Very simply we need to get after people as we need to do defensively."

"They're a solid team. Now that they're in the playoffs and have everybody back. (Northville) could create some matchup problems for people."

Seven-foot junior Thom Knapp tossed in 17 points for Northville, which was 10-of-14 at the line and 6-of-6 in the W.L.A.A.

Marvin Hicks had a season-high 12 points and nine rebounds for the Hawks (2-9, 4-13). Terrill Mayberry added 10 and LeDarius Brown nine. Harrison was 6-of-14 at the line.

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"(The Falcons) got to play their hand the way they want and we didn't," Stuef said. "That's the key to strategy; we needed the odd call."

"We don't have the depth and we were counting on the flip of the coin to move kids up."

The Raiders also were minus one of their top wrestlers, Dan Perach, who became ineligible Wednesday due to a mistake for which Stuef took responsibility.

Stuef said he misread the paper work and had Perach wrestling at an illegal weight. He had been at 135 but should have wrestled at 140.

"That cost us big time," Stuef said. "It's a wrestler we were counting on and without him that left a big hole in our lineup."

"It cost him his individual season, too. He's a great kid and I feel bad it happened that way. I learned a lesson the hard way through him."

Raiders edge Hawks
There was a chess match going on in the preliminary match, and Harrison almost pulled off the upset. But North eked out a 42-40 victory to advance to the final.

Of the five bouts that were contested, the Hawks won every one — four by pin. However, they needed one more pin to force a 42-all tie and win the match based on criteria.

"With half a lineup, we were two points away from winning it," Harrison coach Brad Birkett said. "We put seven out there and we got seven wins."

"I think we played (the chess

match) better and still were on the bottom. (The Hawks) went out there and gave their all. Though the scoreboard didn't show it, we walked away winners."

Rob Thomas, Jeff Yneulon, Rami Sulaiman, Andrew Moulding and Brian Doughty were the Harrison winners.

The Hawks also had 12 points on voids. The Raiders scored all of their points on voids with heavyweight Chris Moses giving them the win.

"I was just trying not to wrestle guys and save them so they'd be fresh for Farmington," Stuef said.

"I saw we could win by a fraction if we wrestled guys whose shirts had and I wrestled guys. It made for an exciting match, though."

Harrison started the season with 22 wrestlers but is down to eight. One didn't wrestle Thursday due to an injury.

"Between it being a hard sport, parents not being supportive and grades, they're gone," Birkett said of the 14 who didn't stay.

But nearly defeating North and winning its first dual meet served as a morale victory for Harrison.

"We've been getting our butts whipped all year," Birkett said, adding he had four freshmen in the lineup. "We've taken some beatings and now we're ready to give match."

"I think this match tonight will make everyone realize why all the hard work was for."

An often-asked question is why, at a school that has won 11 state titles in football, is the

wrestling program so unsuccessful? "I've been talking to the football coaches, and I'm looking forward to having a cooperative bond," Birkett said.

"I will make the football players even better than they are. I wouldn't make them cut weight. They can wrestle where they're comfortable."

"I look forward, hopefully, to building this team up. It's feasible we could be back to where we were."

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