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CC's Rogowski 2nd in state

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Ryan Rogowski had hoped to do a little better at the Michigan High School Athletic Association individual wrestling finals on Saturday.

But he wound up placing at the tourney. And, after time to think about the weekend, he was happy with his performance.

On Saturday, he was running big time, as for Rogowski, the Redford Catholic Central junior who lost in the 171-pound Division 1 finals.

"Looking back on it now, it's a lot easier to swallow. I took second and that's pretty good. And it was a lot of fun and a good experience. But it also gives me something to look forward to for the next 363 days."

Rogowski had a battle in his semifinal match against Tom Dickson of Charlotte. The final prevailing in two overtimes, 4-3.

He led briefly in the final against Matt McCarney of Roseville when he escaped for a 1-0 lead. Rogowski trailed 3-1 in the second period, but he tied it

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in the third when McCarney was called for stalling and managed another escape.

But, with 10 seconds left, McCarney grabbed Rogowski's ankle and got him down for the two points and the win.

"I looked up at the clock, and there were five seconds left," Rogowski said. "I was down by two, and I knew there was nothing I could do."

It killed me at the time, but I was eighth last year, so I did better. It's a big-time jump."

Rogowski (53-5) was also helped by his brother, Casey, a former state champion playing baseball in the Chicago White Sox organization and former CC state champ Mitch Hancock, a freshman at Central Michigan.

"Casey was mad that he couldn't come," Rogowski said. "He felt guilty for not being there, but he's a baby. Mitch helped me out. He lost his junior year, too. He said it keeps hurting for 365 days, but it happens for a reason. It makes you work harder."

It helped me out a lot by saying that."

After a second-place finish in wrestling, a loss in the Class AA football semifinals and a second-place finish in last year's Class A baseball championship, Rogowski knows what he wants to do next.

"I was talking with my friends (Monday) about that," he said. "It's been kind of bugging me. I don't know what it is. Casey won five championships. I just want to win one."

STATE CHAMP: Livonia Stevenson's Imaad Kharbush became the third Spartan to win an individual state title, joining the ranks of two-time champions Craig Martin and Justin Whit. Kharbush (48-1) became the school's all-time leader in wins. He ended his career with a 151-35 mark.

Stevenson coach Bob Moreau envisioned a state title for Kharbush when he came to Stevenson as freshman.

"I knew he was good when he won 20 matches as a freshman," Moreau said. "We had a guy, Katsuhiko Sueda, who was runner-up in the state as a junior and third as a senior. Imaad took him down twice the first time they wrestled."

(Sueda) doesn't say much, but he comes up to me after and says, 'Coach, that kid is going to be good.'"

STATE-MEET WRESTLING RESULTS

March 8-9 at Joe Louis Arena
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DIVISION I

Imaad Kharbush, 160 pounds, Livonia Stevenson (1st place); Rick Ellis (1st place); Nate Edwards (Port Huron), 4-1; dec. Drew Mitchell (Rochester Adams), 11-3; dec. Brandon Shuck (Hudsonville), 13-4. Final record: 48-1.

Ryan Rogowski, 171, Redford Catholic Central (runner-up); Ryan Jackson (Hudsonville), 17-7; dec. Craig Kim (Orion), 15-5; dec. Tom Dickson (Charlotte), 3-3 (double overtime critical); lost to Matt McCarney (Roseville), 5-3. Final record: 54-5.

Boyd Wagner, 138, Plymouth Canton; dec. Tom Dickson (Charlotte), 5-3; lost to Eric Neil (Ann Arbor), 3-0; lost to Craig Aubry (Walled Lake Central), injury.

Final record: 41-10.
Mike Warner, 140, Redford CC; dec. Chad Kaiser (Alpena), 9-0; lost to Jorge Rodriguez (East Kentwood), 7-5; lost to Tom Stanley (Detroit), 7-4. Final record: 43-13.

Tony Karaman, 135, Plymouth Salem; lost to Glenn Paul Murray (New Baltimore), 9-2;

lost to Drew Osterhouse (Holt), 7-0. Final record: 35-12.

Chris Cooper, 145, Livonia Stevenson; lost to John Cox (Grand Haven), 2-42; lost to Tom Ellis (Traverse City West), 7-2. Final record: 35-15.

Steve Wallace, 160, Wayne Memorial; lost to Drew Mitchell (Rochester Adams), 10-5; lost to Nick Womack (Grandville), 6-4. Final record: 35-12.

Boyd Wagner, 118, Plymouth Canton; lost to Bryan Schick (Birmingham), pin in 4:41; lost to Alex Marcotte (Anchor Bay), 3-2. Final record: 24-13.

Tony Martinez, 275, Livonia Franklin; lost to Ryan Griffin (Grandville), 3-22; lost to Justin Plume (Alpena), 0-38. Final record: 24-32.

DIVISION II
Jesse Stevens, 130, Redford Union (8th place); dec. Sam Wilson (Birmingham Groves), 5-3; lost to Jesse Reed (Lapeer West), pin in 1:18; dec. Chris Traylor (Mount Clemens), 10-2; lost to Dan Olinger (Westland), 9-3. Final record: 47-7.

Ramla Barham, 132, North Farmington; won by forfeit over Greg Seiber (Lake Oakes

Lakewood); lost to Brandon Kenney (Livonia), technical fall, 15-0 (4:17); lost to Nick Spas (Trenton), 10-10. Final record: 15-8.

Dan Carvassas, 160, North Farmington; lost to Nick Longstreet (Coldwater), 2-13; lost to Andy Carter (Jackson Northwest), 11-2. Final record: 24-16.

Mike Martland, 140, Farmington; lost to Ted Fackler (Grand Rapids Christian), 12-6; lost to Lucas Van Elden (Adrian), 4-14. Final record: 29-11.

DIVISION IV
Kevin Packard, 275, Lutheran Westland (8th place); lost to Alex Lake (Bronson), 8-4; pinned Brian Miller (Gables), 2-18; pinned Dennis Winslow (Bath), 2-30; lost to Carl Hadd (Brown City), 2-36. Final record: 40-13.

Steve Rotenbush, 289, Livonia Clarenceville; lost to Dan Fountain (Livonia), 2-1; Preston Ferry (Bronson), 9-7. Final record: 27-8.

Matt Ray, 289, Lutheran Westland; lost to Pat Pease (Sanford-Medford), 1-4-10; lost to Ryan Martland (Lake Kenton), pin in 4:30. Final record: 19-9.

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