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was going to be a tough match for Ramis.

"We gave (Schwartz) the choice of wrestling 125 or 130. Ramis was first in the county, and Harry Leipnitz was third. Jon has been working to keep his weight at 125, so he said he would wrestle there."

Schwartz had the advantage for most of the bout and was ahead on points. 12-4, late in the third period when Bajrami picked up five points and caught Schwartz with a cradle move. The match ended with Bajrami in the nearfall position.

"That happens when you're up a weight," North coach Jim Stuef said of the rare loss for Bajrami. "Kids are stronger. He dominates at 112, but it's hard to dominate when kids are stronger than you."

"Based on his weight, he couldn't do anything else. But he's going to do well for us. He works hard and is having a great season - the best of anybody on the team."

The team event ended with the 135-pound contest in which Mortens had a come-from-behind win over North's Kenrick Peterson, who had a 7-2 lead after two periods.

Mortens started the final period on the bottom, but he gained a quick reversal and ended the contest with a pin at 4:35.

"Coach (Barry) Walsh asked where we should put him to start the third," Boyar said. "I said 'Put him down,' because Dan is an unorthodox wrestler. He comes out of left field, can grab a head and surprise a lot of people that way."

"You tell a wrestler never to go for the head when he's on the bottom, but he does it and it works. He does things any other kid would get in a lot of trouble doing it. He's never out of match because of his style of wrestling."

In the 215-pound bout, North junior Eric Shapiro was losing on points going into the third period, but he rallied to win a 7-5 decision over Sarmad Jabra.

"Eric is deceptively good," Stuef said. "Other kids look at him and don't think he's a good wrestler, but he's a smart kid and he knows a lot. He puts in the time; he plays football and that helps."

Other Farmington wins came from Kish, Murland, Chris Tague, Nick Belsky, John Ledbetter and Harlow on pins. It was Belsky's first varsity match since recovering from a football injury.

The Falcons had a 36-9 lead after Harlow's win - the match began with the 140-pound bout - and their team total quickly ballooned to 54 when the Raiders forfeited at 103, 112 and 119.

North's other wins came from Dan Parach (162) and Leipnitz (130) with pins. Shawn Goodman (276) and John Willyard (171) made their wrestling debuts Thursday, but the Raiders also had some detractions last week.

"We're still building; we're still trying," Stuef said, adding two freshmen quit last week. "That's why we had voids at 103 and 119."

"It's a tough sport. Until kids start believing hard work is good for you and makes you better (the situation won't improve)."

"That's usually the reason. It's too hard. What are you going to say as a coach? Yeah, it's hard. It's the hardest sport there is."

FARMINGTON 63

NORTH FARMINGTON 18
Jan. 17 at Farmington

140 pounds: Mike Kish (F) pinned Justin Eashaid, 0-48; 148: Cam Murland (F) pin. Derek Hartman, 3-25; 152: Dan Parach (N) pin. Jeff Ewens, 1-40; 156: Chris Tague (F) pin. Adam Weinrob, 4-40; 171: Nick Belsky (F) pin. John Willyard, 0-47; 182: John Ledbetter (F) pin. Jared Stoffert, 1-54; 215: Eric Shapiro (N) dec. Sarmad Jabra, 7-5; 276: Adam Harlow (F) pin. Shawn Goodman, 2-13; 302: Steve Russo (F) won by void; 312: Andrew Anderson (F) won by void; 330: Lance Dawson (F) won by void; 338: Jon Schwartz (F) dec. Ramis Bajrami, 12-0; 350: Harry Leipnitz (N) pin. Andrew Benicchi, 1-20; 355: Dan Mortens (F) pin. Kenrick Peterson, 4-35.

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CC has slalom champ

As he works to rebuild the Redford Catholic Central ski team this year, coach Tom Gable has found another skier ready to take up the slack.

Gable had a pleasant surprise Thursday when junior Pat Repasky captured first place in the boys slalom race during a Mount Brighton Ski League event.

Repasky didn't compete in a varsity race last year, but he has obviously improved in the meantime.

"I couldn't be happier," Gable said. "Whenever you're rebuilding, you never cease to be surprised and have those bright spots that pop out."

"He's been right at the top. In the first race, he took second. The next race he had trouble and

was DQed. But he came right back here."

"He's aggressive; he's attacking and training hard, and I couldn't be happier for him."

Repasky had the best overall, two-run time of 33.63. CC teammate Che Martinez was 14th (38.43), Eric Kasprovicz 27th (41.54), Brandon Gaudin 38th (46.47) and Craig Camden 44th (49.10).

"They're moving up," Gable said, adding the Shamrocks "had been hanging back. We're going to struggle to defend our title as league champs, but every race I see now they're getting a little better and a little better."

"I'm hoping they stay focused and come through the season with a positive attitude with results that keep improving."

The Shamrocks were fifth with 80 points in the 10-team meet

behind South Lyon (45), Brighton (54), Okemos (63) and the University of Detroit Jesuit (64).

MERCY RESULTS: Farmington Hills Mercy finished fourth in a Mount Brighton Ski League girls slalom competition Jan. 10.

South Lyon was first with 39 points. Brighton had 43, Birmingham Groves 55 and Mercy 62. Nine teams participated.

Mercy's Nicole Zaleski was second overall with a combined, two-run time of 40.92 seconds. Margot Speer was 12th (45.48), Melissa Desautel 23rd (48.70) and Rachael Rozycki 25th (50.02).

Mercy was third in a giant slalom race Jan. 8. South Lyon was first with 35 points; Groves had 38, Mercy 42 and Okemos 62.

Zaleski was second overall with a combined time of 30.07 seconds. Dana Woolsey was 12th (33.46), Speer 13th (33.50) and Desautel 15th (33.75).

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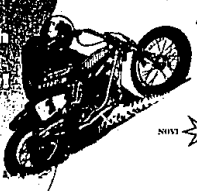
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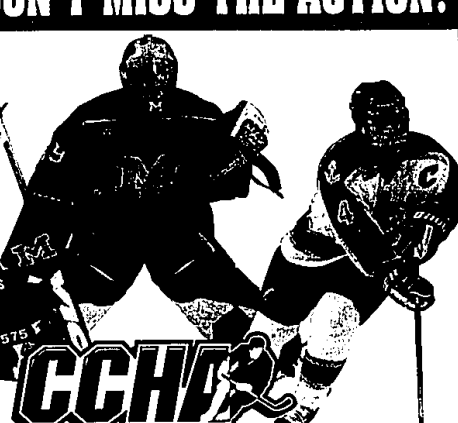
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