

Brothers coach Lathrup to mat crown



League champions

Southfield-Lathrup's Brian Black (left) with Lathrup's coaching combination Tom Toohy (center) and brother Ray Toohy. The Toohys coached Lathrup to a first-place finish in the Metro Suburban Association league last Saturday at Royal Oak Dondoro.

By TOM BAER

Southfield-Lathrup's athletic trophy case has an unexpected new addition—the Metro Suburban Association wrestling prize.

Lathrup won the MSA league wrestling meet last Saturday at Royal Oak Dondoro, scoring 88 points. The Chargers, 4-1 in MSA dual meets, must share the league championship with Ulica Eisenhower, which scored 88½ points in the league meet, but posted a 5-0 dual meet record.

Dondoro finished third in the league meet with 76½ points. Rochester Adams had 48, Birmingham Groves 45 and Bloomfield Hills Lahser 33.

Two first-year coaches—brothers Tom and Ray Toohy—guided Lathrup's matmen this season. Ray coached the team until last December when Tom graduated from Central Michigan University and came to Lathrup.

"I knew there was some talent here, but I didn't really picture a conference championship," said Tom Toohy, a 1970 graduate of North Farmington. He attended CMU on a wrestling scholarship.

"We've really taken some bad thrashings this season," Toohy said. "We were 4-1 in the conference. We lost to Eisenhower early in the season, but this isn't really the same team as in the beginning. Our kids have really improved, and we had a few more come out in the middle of the season."

LATHRUP WON championship in four weight classes at the league meet. Jim Rashid (Dondoro) defeated Don Dale Miller, 4-2, in the 132-pound class. Craig Munnings (Dondoro) defeated Eisenhower's Craig Strube, 7-0, at 138. Dave Goforth (Dondoro) defeated John Whitfield (Adams), 5-3, at 155.

and heavyweight Tim Prints pinned Lahser's Randy Vanreen in 2:19. Lathrup's Bill Sulinski lost to Eisenhower's Tom LeClair, 11-3, in the 145-pound final, and Charger Bill Goforth fell, 10-2, in the 167 final.

Other Lathrup standouts included Keith Wong (98 pounds) and Scott Gooding (119), who both took third places, and Brian Black, who finished fourth at 185.

Rashid, a senior, was undefeated in dual meets this season.

"He (Rashid) hasn't wrestled in many tournaments this season because of a broken thumb knuckle," Toohy said. "But he has a nice take-down. He has a nice duck—comes down and takes the neck."

Toohy, who has no teaching duties at Lathrup, tries to develop each wrestler's strong points.

"You can't go out and teach the whole team the same move," he said. "Each fellow has his own separate style. Some guys are good riders, others are good take-down men, still others are good pinners. You have to go with their strong points, with what their kind of wrestling is."

Lathrup will wrestle in the Hazel Park district tournament this weekend. That district, with powerhouses Hazel Park and Detroit Catholic Central, is one of the toughest Class A tournaments in the state.

MSA League Meet

Team Finish—Southfield-Lathrup 88 points, Ulica Eisenhower 88½, Royal Oak Dondoro 76½, Rochester Adams 48, Birmingham Groves 45, Bloomfield Hills Lahser 33.

Championship Matches

98 Pounds—Matt Arthur (Dondoro) defeated Mike Eble (Eisenhower), 6-4, 105 Art Keller (Dondoro) defeated Dan Sells (Adams), 2-0, 112 Steve Sparanella (Eisenhower) defeated Jim Mitchell (Groves), 16-4, 119 Bernie Pratt (Dondoro) defeated Doug Fierberg (Groves), 2-0, 128 Dan Fisher (Groves) pinned Bob Nyquist (Dondoro), 1-09, 132 Jim Rashid (Lathrup) defeated Dale Miller (Dondoro), 4-2, 138 Craig Munnings (Lathrup) defeated Craig Strube (Eisenhower), 7-0, 145 Tom LeClair (Eisenhower) defeated Bill Sulinski (Lathrup), 11-3, 155 Dave Goforth (Lathrup) defeated John Whitfield (Adams), 5-3, in overtime; 167 John Kretschmer (Lahser) defeated Bill Goforth (Lathrup), 10-2; 185 Ron Barlow (Adams) pinned Tim Prints (Lathrup), 2-19; Heavyweight—Tim Prints (Lathrup) pinned Randy Vanreen (Lahser), 2-19.

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No champs, but Harrison takes 3rd in league meet

By KEN SCHIFF

Farmington Harrison failed to win a weight class but still managed to take third place while wrestling seven sophomores at last weekend's Western Six League meet.

Walled Lake Western had seven weight class winners and topped the field with 114 points. Waterford Mott was next with 86 and Harrison, which had four finalists and 11 wrestlers' place in the meet, totaled 69½. Livonia Churchill had 44, followed by Northville with 43 and Plymouth Canton with seven points.

"I was really pleased," said Hawk coach Bill Pratt. "Even though we didn't have any champions, I told the kids we had ten points more than last year. Western had 144 points last year so I figure we really closed the gap, even though they had a lot of returning champions."

HARRISON'S STEVE Yhrig placed third at 98 pounds, after losing in overtime to the eventual winner, Western's Dan Roumay. Brian Pliska took third at 112, beating Mott's Paul Par-

sons, 10-0. Pat Maher beat Tom Stader of Churchill, 9-1, for third place at 119.

Sophomore Kevin Johns was leading Brent Ashby of Northville, 4-0, but lost 5-4, to Ashby, who went on to win the 128 pound class. He ended up taking third place, beating Canton's Paul Haars, 6-2.

"I had a lot of kids that I thought were the second best wrestlers there," Pratt said. "But I couldn't get them seeded good because they're sophomores."

ONE OF PRATT'S few seniors, Al Crudele, made it to the 132 pound final but was beaten by Mott's Brian Dushane's 8-4. His brother Damian beat Doug McLene of Western, 8-1, for third place at 138. Tim Harsha took fourth in the 145 pound class.

Brian Kiger was pinned in 3:05 by Western's Mark Shurmer in the 155 pound final and Kerry Welborne was also pinned in the 167 pound final by Kirk Robinson of Mott. Bill Blackmer was pinned by Kirk Bouckaert for the 185 pound title. Brian Steffens beat Mike Farstrom of Churchill, 8-4, in

overtime for third place in the heavyweight class.

Harrison wrestles in the Walled Lake Western district tournament Saturday with such powerhouses, other than Western, as Wayne Memorial and Westland John Glenn, along with Farmington and North Farmington, Redford and Redford Union.

"That's a heckuva district," Pratt said. "I don't know who made it up but they sure put all the power in one place."

"We'll get our chances, though, if not this year then next," he said.

Western Six League Meet

Team Finish—Walled Lake Western 114 points, Waterford Mott 86, Farmington Harrison 69½, Livonia Churchill 44, Northville 43, Plymouth Canton seven.

Championship Matches

98 Pounds—Dan Roumay (Western) defeated Dave Bentley (Northville), 14-1; 105 Ken Krause (Western) pinned Kevin Smeltie (Churchill), 25; 112 Mark Smeltie (Churchill) pinned Ben Overall (Western), 2-41; 119 Tony Moritt (Western) defeated Dave Radcliffe (Mott), 9-7; 128 Brent Ashby (Northville) defeated John Frayer (Mott), 5-1; 132 Bill Dushane (Mott) defeated Al Crudele (Harrison), 8-4; 138 Ernie Reed (Mott) defeated Jim Sackilach (Northville), 10-4; 145 Ken Ashby (Western) won on default over Mark Emmons (Mott); 155 Mark Shurmer (Western) pinned Brian Kiger (Harrison), 3-05; 167 Kirk Robinson (Mott) pinned Terry Welborn (Harrison), 3-05; 185 Kirk Bouckaert (Western) pinned Bill Blackmer (Harrison), 3-05; Heavyweight—Steve McLennan (Western) pinned Mike Stoe (Mott), 8-00.

Baseball signup set

Registration for Southfield Little League baseball will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 1 and 8 at the Southfield Parks and Recreation Building, 36000 Evergreen Road.

The program is open to Southfield residents born on or after Aug. 1, 1962 and on or before Nov. 30, 1967. The registration fee is \$20, which includes uniforms and equipment except for gloves and shoes.

Southfield's Little League program will consist of two parts this year. A boys' program is made up of four leagues—American South, American North, National East and National West. There will be a continuation of a city-wide girls' softball program started last season.



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New face in sports

Birmingham resident and Detroit area radio personality Vince Doyle has joined the Observer-Eccentric sports staff as a weekly columnist.

Doyle, a sportscaster with WWJ radio, will provide readers with an in-depth analysis of both people and situations in all area of sports from the grade school level to professional teams. He will present the "human side" of athletes and help fans to know them better.

The 32-year-old Doyle is a native of New York City and he graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1948 with a communication arts major. He also attended journalism graduate school at Northwestern University in 1949-50.

The Birmingham resident captained his high school baseball and basketball teams and he was active in the Canadian-American league. He played regularly during military service and he administered Navy college athletic programs at Purdue and Princeton.

Before joining WWJ as the morning-time sportscaster, Doyle worked with radio stations in South Bend, Ind. and in Lansing.

"I'm crazy about all sports —



Vince Doyle