



RON STERN

LARRY WEBB

RANDY STERN

DOUG FIERBERG

DAVE CUFFE

JOHN COTTER



JIM SIMMONS



DAMIAN CRUDELE



DEAN SCHULTZ



FRED BLACKMER



BRUCE McINTOSH



BARRY WALSH

All-area wrestling team stocked with talent

By JOHN BOZZO

He won the Inter-Lakes League championship, Plymouth Salem and Schoolcraft College tournaments. He qualified for the state finals and was also third at the Oakland County meet and second at the regional.

DETROIT COUNTRY DAY junior Larry Webb is next. The 105-pound junior sparked the Yellow Jackets throughout the season as he ran up a perfect 30-0 won-loss record. En route through the perfect season, he won a Class D state championship and tournament victories at North Farmington, Birmingham-Bloomfield, Detroit Country Day, Nov. Lake Orion, the Metro Conference championship and the regional tournament.

Another Stern holds down the 112-pound spot. Randy Stern is the twin brother of Ron and also a junior. He qualified for the state championships and finished 23-14 for the season. He won the North Farmington tournament, was third at both the regional and the Salem Invitations.

Southfield-Lathrup sophomore Rob Parent earned all-area honors at 119-

After going through most of the season undefeated, Parent was upset twice in the regional tournament. He had to settle with a 3-2 record. He won the Schoolcraft, North Farmington and Metro Suburban Association tournaments.

Doug Fierberg, a 126-pounder from Birmingham Groves, is the most successful grappler ever to compete at Groves. He led the squad to its best team season in the school's history. Fierberg had a 40-2 won-loss mark and finished second at the state finals. He won the regional, Oakland County, Metro Suburban Association, Birmingham-Bloomfield, Eisenhower, Alpena and Troy tournaments. He was second at the Schoolcraft College tourney.

A GROVES TEAMMATE. Dave Cuffe, earned a berth at the 132-pound spot on our team. The Falcon senior won the honor with a strong second-place at the state finals. He also won the Birmingham-Bloomfield, Metro Suburban Association and Oakland County tournaments. He finished sec-

ond at Warren Fitzgerald and Alpena tournaments.

North Farmington junior John Cotter received the nod at 138. He posted a 31-8 record, qualified for the state championships and was first at the Plymouth Salem, Detroit Country Day and North Farmington tournaments. He was second at the Northwest Suburban League meet and fourth at Schoolcraft.

Jim Simmons of Farmington High School is the O&E 145-pound choice. Simmons had a 28-8-1 record; won the Plymouth and North Farmington tournaments. He was first at the Wayne Quad, second at both the Inter-Lakes League and Schoolcraft tournaments and fourth in the regional.

Damian Crudele, a Farmington Harrison High School senior 155-pounder, is the only O&E All-Area team member to win a state championship. He was also a Bay City Western tourney champion, third at the Schoolcraft, and first at the Oakland County Western Six, Trenton and Country Day tournaments.

Holding down the 178-pound position



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on our dream mat squad is Farmington High School's Dean Schultz. A senior, Schultz had a 26-11 record, was regional champion, second at the Schoolcraft, Plymouth and Western Wayne tournaments and fourth in the Oakland County championships.

FARMINGTON HARRISON junior Fred Blackmer won the 178-pound selection by virtue of his 9-9 record. Western Six League and regional tournament championships. He was also second in Oakland County and second at Schoolcraft College's tournament. Pete Fletcher of West Bloomfield is

the choice at 191 pounds. He posted a 35-3 record in this, his senior, year. Fletcher qualified for the state finals, won the Oakland County and Greater Oakland Activities League titles and was fourth at Schoolcraft.

Bruce McIntosh of Farmington High School rounds off the O&E All-Area team at the heavyweight position. A senior, McIntosh had a 2-4 record. He won the North Farmington, Plymouth, Western Wayne, and Inter-Lakes League titles. He was second at Oakland County and a regional qual- ifier.

Walsh: Coach of Year

By TOM BAER

Barry Walsh, Farmington High's second-year wrestling coach, leads by example when it comes to the rugged training which the sport requires.

The 24-year-old Walsh is still active in wrestling as a 220-pounder on the AAU-sponsored Michigan Wrestling Club. He participated in several tournaments this past season, including the Midlands Tournament in Chicago where he finished fifth.

Walsh had to train himself as well as his charges at Farmington High. And a lot of that training was accomplished along side his students.

"I ran along with the kids at practice because I have to train and make weight, too," Walsh said. "They saw me working hard, and I think it helped them develop positive attitudes."

There were plenty of "positive attitudes" on Farmington's 1976-77 wrestling team. The Falcons compiled a 9-2 overall record in dual meets and a 5-0 mark in the Inter Lakes League. Farmington ended in a first-place tie with Pontiac Northern for the ILL title.

The highlight of Farmington's season has having five wrestlers qualify for the Class A state finals, which were held Feb. 25-26 at Western Michigan University.

For his coaching achievements, Walsh has been selected the Observer & Eccentric's Coach of the Year for 1976. He was voted Coach of the Year

during a meeting of area coaches, who also picked the 1976 Observer & Eccentric All-Area Wrestling Team.

WALSH HAS remained active in wrestling since his high school days. In 1970, he won the state Class CD heavyweight title as a senior at Farmington Our Lady of Sorrows High. Sorrows won the Class CD team championship that year.

Hon. mention

Following is a list of the wrestlers selected as honorable mention to the 1977 Observer & Eccentric All-Area wrestling team.

- 88—Pat Thomas (Troy); Mike McKinney (Avondale); Jay Eichler (Southfield-Lathrup)
- 105—Dennis Gustafson (Rochester); Kevin Sunderlander (Farmington Harrison); Jim Fish (Southfield-Lathrup); Dave Mathers (Avondale); Randy Allain (Farmington).
- 112—Mike Williams

(West Bloomfield); Terry Halling (North Farmington); Paul Cantara (Rochester); Glen Clarke (Detroit Country Day School); Juan Arellano (Avondale).

119—Dave Reed (Birmingham Groves); Dag Gustafson (Rochester); Lou Milani (Farmington); Randy Chudler (West Bloomfield).

126—Karl Gleiss (North Farmington); Mark Schwab (Farmington Harrison); Dick Villalosa (Detroit Country Day).

127—Pat Maher (Farmington Harrison); Tim Carroll (Bloomfield Hills Lahser).

138—Rusty Murdock (Birmingham Groves); Bob Harbin (Rochester Adams).

145—Mike Johnson (Troy); Kevin Johns (Farmington Harrison); Don Treglow (North Farmington); Bob Nicks (Rochester).

155—Dave Setsuda (Southfield-Lathrup); Marty Bona (Farmington); Dan Silvasi (Troy); Eric Vaughan (Rochester).

165—Bill Koss (North Farmington); Steve Hill (Bloomfield Hills Lahser); Jerry Bishop.

178—Rick Curtis (North Farmington).

191—John Altkeros (Rochester); Mark Schulte (North Farmington); Terry Hull (Farmington); Jeff Siegel (Groves).

HVW—Marty Stebbins (Troy Athens); Steve Swann (Rochester); Stu Elton (Groves); Jim Steffans (Farmington Harrison).

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O&E all-area wrestling team

- 98—1. Ron Stern (Farmington High School) junior; 2. John Fisher (Rochester) sophomore.
- 105—1. Larry Webb (Detroit Country Day School) junior; 2. Pat Williams (West Bloomfield) senior.
- 112—1. Randy Stern (Farmington High School) junior; 2. Jeff Bernia (Farmington Harrison) senior.
- 119—1. Rob Parent (Southfield-Lathrup) sophomore; 2. Paul Clarke (Detroit Country Day) junior.
- 126—1. Doug Fierberg (Birmingham Groves); 2. Kip Urwiler (Lahser) senior.
- 132—1. Dave Cuffe (Birmingham Groves) senior; 2. Marty Benda (North Farmington) senior.
- 138—1. John Cotter (North Farmington) junior; 2. Ron Nichols (Lahser) senior.
- 145—1. Jim Simmons (Farmington High School) senior; 2. Dave Reyes (Birmingham Seaholm) senior.
- 155—1. Damian Crudele (Farmington Harrison) senior; 2. Mark Zobl (Detroit Country Day) junior.
- 165—1. Dean Schultz (Farmington High School) senior; 2. Rob McNameer (Birmingham Groves) senior.
- 178—1. Fred Blackmer (Farmington Harrison) senior; 2. Len Tims (Rochester) senior.
- 191—1. Pete Fletcher (West Bloomfield) senior; 2. Bill Blackmer (Farmington Harrison) senior.
- HVW—1. Bruce McIntosh** (Farmington High School) senior; 2. Jim Sudkamp (North Farmington) junior.