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Former hog farmer takes heavyweight crown



Fred Wenk (left) of Shelby defeats two-time world champion Steve Lusby in this wrist wrestling match. Lusby is wearing thick-soled shoes to help his leverage.

By CRAIG PIECHURA

The person attracting the most attention at Saturday's Wrist Wrestling Tournament in Southfield was Cleve Dean, who would stand 6-foot-7-inches if he could walk upright, and weighs in at 478 pounds.

With dimensions like that it's hard to be inconspicuous.

To no one's surprise, Dean, 25, won the heavyweight championship at the tournament and a free plane trip to Petaluma, Calif. He and the five winners in other weight classes will represent Stroh's Beer there in the world championship event.

Dean will defend his heavyweight title at the Oct. 9 world championship, which will be televised on ABC Wide World of Sports.

To win the heavyweight division, Dean, a former hog farmer from Marietta, Ga., had to out-muscle a bevy of heavyweights whom he dwarfed by comparison. Most of the matches were over in two seconds and left opponents

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shaking their heads and rubbing their forearms.

"It felt like a mother-bleeping bulldozer," said Dave Guida, 21, of Troy, after losing to Dean.

"I thought I had a big hand. I wear a size 14 ring. But I couldn't get my hand around his fingers. It hurts. He drilled me hard."

"He has got a hand the size of a ham. I can't get my fingers around the top of his hand. I was trying to wrist wrestle him while I was inside his hand."

Dean, it turns out, has a size 19 ring finger that looks like it could accommodate a Hula-Hoop.

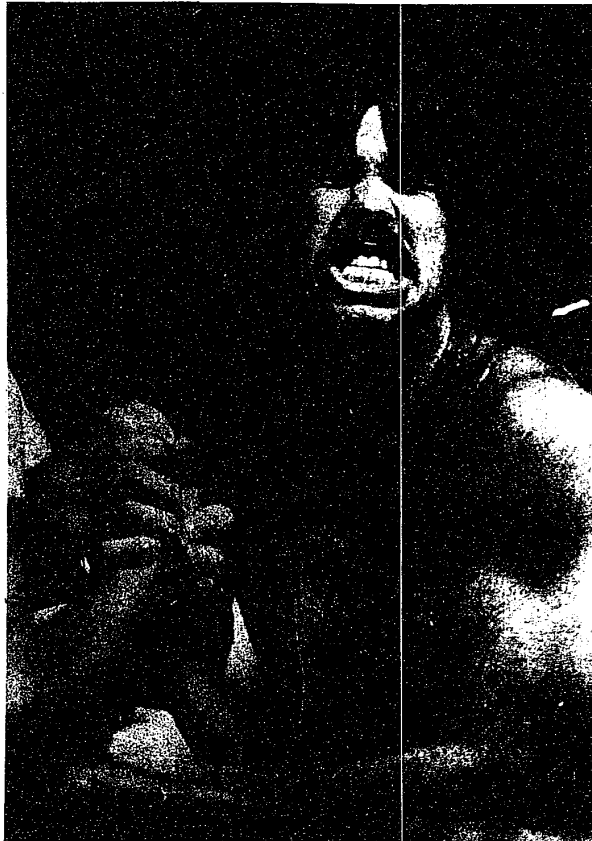
Similar comments of awe were uttered by an overwhelmed Tim Printz, 21, former wrestler at Southfield-Lathrup High School now living in Edwardsville, Ill.

"I thought I had a big hand," Printz said. "He wrapped those hands around me like a meathook."

BRUTE STRENGTH wasn't the only attraction Saturday. Both women's weight divisions were won by 135-pound Cheri Fiebig, 17, of Madison Heights, with lightning-quick "hook drops."

Miss Fiebig won every match almost as easily as Dean, although she is 13

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Harold Hoskings grimaces and shouts as he prepares to wrestle. Hoskings was one of many competitors who came to Southfield-Lathrup to participate in the wrist wrestling tournament Saturday.

Staff photos
by
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Wrist wrestling results

The six winners of the Stroh's Open Wrist Wrestling Tournament at Southfield-Lathrup High School Saturday are bound for California.

They will represent the brewery Oct. 9 at the world championship in Petaluma, Calif.

The winners include: Cleve Dean (heavyweight category); Mark Layton of Waterford (200 lb. category); Ed "Red Machine" Malley of Dearborn Heights (175 lb. category); and Fred Wenk of Shelby (150 lb. category).

In the women's competition, only four women competed in the 135 lb. category and two competed in the open category.

The 17-year-old, 135-pound Cheri Fiebig took first place prize in both weight classes without losing a match

in the double-elimination tournament.

Second place winners were Scott "Grunt" Norton of Minneapolis (heavyweight); Steve Cox of Muskegon (200 lb.); Bert Whitfield, Marietta, Ga. (175 lb.); and Steve Lusby of Davenport, Iowa (150 lb.). In the women's open category, Sue Capozzi of Buffalo placed second to Miss Fiebig.

Detroit took second to Miss Fiebig in the 135 lb. and under class.

Darshaw Crawford of Buffalo placed third in the 135 lb. class.

Third place winners in the men's category included tournament promoter Gentry of Rochester (heavyweight); Ron Wojciechowski of Warren (200 lbs.); Joe Ujvary of Wyoming (175 lb.); and Jack Cooley of Big Rapids (150 lb.).

Angels top Milford, 3-1

By C.J. RISAK

The future of the Women's Soccer League looks bright, and so does that of the Farmington Angels, who remained un-

beaten in league play as they downed Milford 3-1 last Monday at Longacre School.

It was the second victory in three contests for the Angels. Earlier, they

clobbered Plymouth 7-1, and tied Ann Arbor 1-1.

"They played very well," Angel coach John Magee said about his team. "They're improving 100 percent . . . just

terrifically."

The Farmington squad is one of five teams competing in the informal league. The response to the sport has been great enough to convince supporters to sponsor a more formalized league next year, with regular schedules.

Officials of the five teams will meet on Sept. 6 in the Farmington library to discuss the league's future. The main topic of discussion will center around whether or not this season should extend beyond the summer months and into the fall.

Other teams have also contacted league players and expressed an interest in playing some of the league's teams. One particular squad is located in Toledo, but Magee feels that might be an unfair match.

"We might have to choose a group of players from all the teams in our league," he said. "I don't think any one of our teams would be qualified to play them. They have a much bigger drawing area than we do."

WHILE THE IMMEDIATE direction the league will take was still uncertain, Magee had positive feelings about his own team's progress.

"They're showing a great deal of interest and enthusiasm," he said. "They take a soccer ball

home with them and practice. One woman practices in her basement."

Magee could not single out any particular player who had shown great improvement, instead complimented the entire team. More and more players are showing up for the games as well, making Magee's job on the sidelines a hectic one, as he shuttles substitutions in and out.

In the Plymouth game, the Angels had the minimum of 11 players. During Monday's contest against Milford, 16 players showed up.

Margo Dexter opened the scoring for the Angels against Milford, booting in a drive from 30 yards out during the first half.

A few minutes later, Peggy Freeman took a perfect pass from Susan Bousse and beat the Milford goalkeeper to give the Angels a 2-0 lead.

Milford scored early in the second half to cut the Farmington lead to 2-1, but Andrea Pfahler scored for the Angels in the final minutes to ensure the team's win.

The Angels ended this portion of their season, at least until the Sept. 6 meeting, last Wednesday against the Detroit Silver Strikers. A win would assure them of at least a tie for first with Ann Arbor, who also is undefeated.



The Angel's Doreen Quodick battles two Milford players for the ball. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

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