



North Farmington's Bruce Benda (face showing) struggles with Bedford's Dale Becker during last Saturday's regional. (Photo by Bill Bresler)

# Cage referee— thick skin needed

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to weigh 240 pounds," Hurshey said, adding that "now I weigh 190. I jog four or five miles a day during the off-season."

But the physical strain of being a basketball referee isn't the toughest part of the job, according to Hurshey and Thilman. The emotional end, Hurshey said, is the most difficult thing to deal with.

"I don't allow myself to get involved with the game. I don't get emotionally involved in a game. 'Being a former coach, I usually give them a chance (to argue a call), as long as they don't say the 'magic word.'"

**THILMAN AGREED** with Hurshey's opinion on the emotional aspect of the profession. "The hardest part is refereeing a game when the coach is really off the wall and after you. Then trying to stay neutral."

"It can definitely (bother you), but you can't let them know they're bothering you."

It would seem a good position for a referee would be officiating a game with little controversy, with one team clearly superior. But that's not what Thilman likes.

"I love refereeing a tight game. I'm more alert, I'm calling my best game. Sometimes you can get lulled in a boring or one-sided game."

Financial rewards are not great for the officials. Most cities pay around \$18 for junior varsity games and \$25 for varsity.

Both Hurshey and Thilman would like to move up to a mostly varsity level. But it isn't easy.

Becoming a certified referee is the easiest part. Just pay the membership dues and pass a certification test (which is usually sent through the mail) and you're a certified official.

But getting jobs is more difficult. As Thilman put it, "Anybody can get certified, but you won't get the jobs if you're no good."

Getting the jobs is difficult. Most officials start at the bottom, working junior high school games or anything they can. Gradually, their names and faces become more recognizable and more and more jobs start coming their way.

**"YOU PAY YOUR DUES** and you move up," Hurshey said. "Hopefully I'll have an all-varsity schedule in another year or so."

Thilman, who supervises homes for delinquent boys on the east side and downriver as a regular job, loves the game and likes getting paid for doing something he enjoys.

"One thing about it — I always learn something new. It's a constant challenge."

## Baseball sign-up planned

Boys and girls interested in playing for teams in the South Farmington Baseball League may register on several dates at Farmington High School.

Sign-up sessions will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on two Saturdays, March 1 and 8, and from 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5. Farmington High School is located at 32000 Shawnee Road.

Girls (8-18 years of age) and boys (7-18 years) who live in the area bounded by 11 Mile, Inkster, Eight Mile and Haggerty roads are eligible. The league stresses sportsmanship and fundamentals, and teams are formed according to age level and ability.

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High's Willie LeClerc, 10-7. Earlier, Cushing beat L'Anse Creuse's Keith Lemeister (14-2) and New Boston Huron's Steve Baker (9-6). Cushing owns a 29-11 record.

Harrison's Phil Palajac, who had the team's best record at 35-4, was eliminated at 126 pounds. Other Harrison wrestlers to be eliminated were Ken Kopko (185) and Mark Kurzeja (155).

CLASS B preliminary matches begin at 11 a.m. Friday at CMU. The finals will begin at 6:45 p.m. Saturday. The same times apply to the Class A meet at Lansing Eastern.

Temperance-Bedford, which qualified eight wrestlers from the John Glenn regional, looks like a good bet to win its fourth state championship in five years. Wrestling is an "in" sport at the school.

## Regional wrestling summary

### REGIONAL CLASS A WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

At Westland John Green

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1) Temperance-Bedford, 125 points. 2) Plymouth Salem, 119. 3) Farmington, 66. 4) Trenton, 57. 5) Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 57. 6) Adrian, 37. 7) Belleville, 36. 8) Romulus, 31. 9) Dearborn Edsel Ford, 21. 10) Waller Lake Western, 20. 11) Northville, 20. 12) Milford, 23. 13) Monroe, 22. 14) Ypsilanti, 20. 15) Wayne-Southfield, 17. 16) Westland, 16. 17) Dearborn, 15. 18) Twp. Howell and Ann Arbor Huron, 12 each. 20) North Farmington, 10. 21) Twp. Brighton and Taylor Township, 8 each. 22) Dearborn Fordson, 7. 23) Ann Arbor Pioneer, 6. 24) Waller Lake Central, 2. 25) Lincoln Park, 0. **Finalists** — Taylor Center, Livonia Franklin and Plymouth Canton

### Finals and consolation

**Top 4 qualify for state**

101 Pounds: Jack Lisch (Twp.) pinned Rick Lucio (Monroe), 5:40. **Al Pysar (Adrian) vs. Felipe Rodriguez (Adrian), 8:4, consolation.**

130 Pounds: Jim Schultz (Twp.) vs. Dave Deney (P.), 9:4. Ron Sullivan (Adrian) vs. Mike O'Hanlon (Milford), 9:7, consolation.

118 Pounds: Bill Blackstard (N.) pinned Mike Bovea (W.), 1:15. Jeff Brown (P.) pinned John Donovan (N.), 4:15, consolation.

122 Pounds: John Murphy (P.) vs. Dan Waters (Huron), 8:3. Bob Laffey (Twp.) vs. Jeff Devoni (P.), 7:4, consolation.

125 Pounds: Dave Drouillard (DIA) vs. Kirk Trytel (Twp.), 6:1. Mark Ross (P.) vs. Jerry Friesen (Trenton), 4:4, consolation.

152 Pounds: Tim Torres (Adrian) vs. Dale Becker (Twp.), 7:4. Tony LaFata (Brighton) vs. Frank Torgun (Wayne), 5:3, consolation.

161 Pounds: Jeff Singgrov (Twp.) vs. Jerry Valtchuk (P.), 12:3. Mike Gresh (Taylor Township) vs. Bob Holshaw (Trenton), 9:5, consolation.

168 Pounds: Mike Marsh (P.) vs. Dave Bodine (Twp.), 6:4. John Eusebio (Belleville) won by default over Mark Bartram (P.), consolation.

158 Pounds: Steve Pierce (Trenton) vs. Rick Winkoff (Belleville), 5:3. Bob Mazurek (Twp.) pinned Paul Hubbard (P.), time expired, consolation.

128 Pounds: Angelo Raitzakis (W.) vs. Al Orman (Twp.), 2:2. Joe Foster (Milford) won by default over Joe Gresh (Wayne), consolation.

188 Pounds: Jeff Powers (P.) vs. Greg Lamantia (P.), 13:9. Andy Vincella (Huron) vs. Tom Gay (Trenton), 8:4, consolation.

201 Pounds: Pat Brackett (P.) vs. Steve Cook (Belleville), 5:4. Gary Black (Adrian) vs. Tom Garrett (Milford), 7:4, consolation.

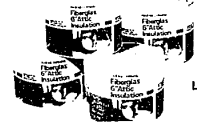
**Heavyweight:** Greg Gattion (P.) vs. Dan Golden (Huron), 7:4. John Baran (Adrian) vs. Joe Hunter (Trenton), no score available, consolation.

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