

Wrestling Moves Into Spotlight At NF

Is it a chain reaction? They've had winning teams at North Farmington in football and basketball in the last few years.

Now comes the wrestlers to join the fold—a winner, too.

Under the coaching of Ralph Temby, wrestling has boomed into a big winter sport at North Farmington.

"It's cheering for one thing," says Temby, "to see how the student body is reacting to wrestling."

"More and more are turning out for our meets and the biggest number among the new ones are the students."

"They appreciate the way the boys

wrestle as contrasted to what they have seen over the years when the professionals perform on television."

ANOTHER REASON for the upsurge in wrestling is the dedication of the team members.

"They work very hard," adds the coach who came to North Farmington after several fine seasons at Clarenceville.

This helps to explain why North, which was 9-5 in dual meets last year and third behind John Glenn and Franklin in the Northwest Suburban League, currently is

up in the standings, challenging for the crown.

Until bowing to Franklin, 24-22, a week ago, the Raiders had rolled along unbeaten in dual-meets.

But, Temby thinks that North has what it takes to win in the league championship meet later this month.

He points out that the Raiders had the balance to win the Redford Union Invitational and then follow with a victory in the North Farmington Invitational.

TEMBY HAS for the most part a young team. There are only four seniors

on the team, all of which speaks well for next season.

They are Tom Toohy at 123 pounds; Terry Giles at 130; Mike Keiter at 175; and Steve Lowe at 185.

Toohy and Ken Haller, a 99-pounder, are two of the standouts of the team.

Haller had a 19-0 record in competition going into the past week. His victories included winning the championships in the Oakland County, Redford Union and North Farmington Invitationals.

Toohy was No. 2 in the Oakland County, then won in the Redford Union and North Farmington Invitationals.

BOTH HALLER and Toohy beat a pair of highly rated entries from Ferris High in the North Farmington finals.

Haller downed Bernie Wells, while Toohy downed Dan Respress.

Wells and Respress were among the top four in their respective classes in the state meet last year.

Craig Gow, a sophomore 155-pounder, has emerged into a star. He was fourth in the Oakland County, second in the RU Invitational and won the North Farmington meet.

In the NF Invitational he beat Gary Root of Wayne, who was among the first six in the state meet last year.

LOWE APPEARS to be rounding into shape along with Ray Toohy. Tom's brother, after each was handicapped by injuries.

Lowe was hurt playing football and has just begun to round into a winner. He won the North Farmington Invitational.

Coach Temby looks for a tough battle in the league meet and the regionals and state meets which follow.

"We've never won a league crown in wrestling," he declared. "We're hoping that this, of course, will be our year. We think we have a good chance to come out on top."



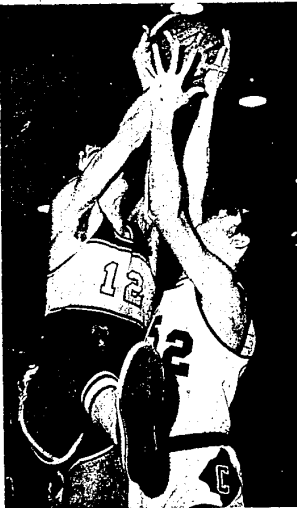
TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP trophy is presented to N. Farmington Capt. Jim Haller by Athletic Director Ron Holland for winning the invitational wrestling tourney. The group includes (from left) Craig Gow, Coach O'Leary, Haller, Coach Ralph Temby, Tim Toohy and Holland.

Churchill Gets Lesson From Ford

It was too much to expect, Churchill High making things hot for Dearborn Edsel Ford High in basketball.

It almost was like a giant playing a baby.

While Churchill had won three of its previous four starts, this time the Livonians, still playing without seniors, found themselves matched against one of the area's powerhouses.



EDSEL FORD TURNED it on from the start and by the end of the first period, the game was settled.

Ford had a 28-5 lead, boosted it to 52-17 at halftime and 77-37 after three periods.

Bill Meyer, a 6-3 forward, fashioned a school record for Churchill with 37 points. He made 16 baskets, which was three more than the entire Churchill squad and added five free throws.

Pat Welch has 12 to top Churchill which had a difficult time adjusting to the Ford full-court press.

Thurston Swimmers Win No. 6

Thurston High's swimmers turned back Hazel Park, 65-40, in a dual meet. It was the sixth win in 10 meets for Thurston.

Thurston winners: Medley relay—Noren, Pawloske, T. Glissman, Kanyo. Time: 1:51.9.

Individual medley: Tom Holcombe. Time: 2:25.

50-yard free: Randy Lee. Time: 24 seconds.

Butterfly: Jeff Barringer. Time: 1:01.2.

100-yard free: Steve Kanyo. Time: 54.6 seconds.

Backstroke: Marv Noren. Time: 1:09.

Breaststroke: Holcombe. Time: 1:08.

Freestyle relay: Martin, Olmpach, McArthur, Doran. Time: 3:58.8.

I'LL TAKE IT... That seems to be the idea of both Alex Mills (52), of Livonia Churchill, and Dan Padyis (12) of Edsel Ford. They wound up in this kind of a fight for the ball with neither gaining possession.

(Observer photo by Craig Gaffield)

C'ville Climbs In Gymnastics Credited To Dedicated Coach

It's amazing what one man can do... assuming he has the interest, the desire, the knowledge and the support of his superiors.

Without Chuck Thompson, there'd probably be no such sport as gymnastics at Clarenceville High.

Because of Thompson, the Trojans have won the state title the last two years and also reigned as champs in the eight-team Southeastern League which also includes North Farmington and Farmington.

It was six years ago that Thompson, after first diving on the swimming team at Thurston High and later performing as a gymnast at Michigan State University, entered the scene at Clarenceville.

Almost instantly, he introduced gymnastics.

WHEN THE TROJANS rolled up 105 points to 64 for Ann Arbor Huron and 96 for Ann Arbor Pioneer last Monday, it marked the seventh victory in eight meets for Clarenceville this season.

Also the school's 47th triumph against five losses and one tie since the sport became a part

of Clarenceville's official interscholastic program.

"Success breeds success," Thompson declared. "It's the same with us as it is for those colleges which year after year have winning teams."

"There's no question our original group of boys—the Morses, Frechettes, etc., in-

spired their predecessors.

"Now we have 28 boys on our varsity team. We also have 45 boys and 45 girls in our junior high school program."

And, for anybody interested in gymnastics—regardless of where he or she resides—Thompson conducts special

classes every Saturday at the high school. A modest fee covers the 10-session program.

THE CURRENT Clarenceville team has lost only to Taylor Kennedy.

Kennedy, Clarenceville and North Farmington rank eighth, ninth and tenth, according to Thompson.

At present there are 35 or so schools in the state which sponsor gymnastics.



PERFECT... That's what Charley Morse, former Clarenceville High star gymnast and now a member of the MSU varsity, aims for in every performance.

Others besides Clarenceville, Farmington and North Farmington, include Trenton, Allen Park and the two Taylor schools.

"It's a coming sport," says Thompson. "Once you introduce it into a school, it engulfs the students quickly. It offers a chance to many a youngster to earn his letter, even if he's not too tall or too small for sports like basketball and football... even if he can't sock a ball in baseball."

RECOGNITION to gymnastics and, in particular, to Clarenceville came this past week when Tom Paulson, the team's captain, was named the "Prep of the Week" by the Free Press.

Thompson says that as soon as more men, who can teach gymnastics, come out of the colleges, the number of high school teams is bound to soar.

He has sent Morse, Frechette and Stanton to Michigan State. Frederick plans to enter Colorado State next fall. McCammon currently is serving his country.

Clarenceville had a home meet scheduled Saturday night against Alpena. Next Wednesday night it'll be Allen Park at Clarenceville.

In another Wednesday meet, North Farmington visits Farmington which is sponsoring gymnastics for the first time.

HE MODESTLY denies any of the credit that he justly deserves. Instead, he salutes the boys who have performed on his teams.

"We started down among the eighth graders," he recalled the other afternoon.

"We had some boys who really were interested... boys like Charles Morse, Jim McCammon, Barry Frechette, Tom Stanton and Rick Frederick."

"For three years we worked and practiced. Then finally we went into competition against other high schools."

Almost immediate success followed. Led by Morse, a young man who was born with physical impairments but after a series of operations was able to perform in gymnastics and became, perhaps, the finest prep Michigan has had in the sport, Clarenceville surged up the ladder of fame.

And the success chain hasn't stopped.

Schoolcraft Drops Pair

Highland Lakes Community College stormed to an 89-72 victory over Schoolcraft despite Jim Caron pumping in 36 points for the losers.

It was the second loss of the week for Schoolcraft, now 2-14 for the season.

Macomb College topped the Livonians, 71-52, as Caron scored 29.

Sorrows-Matmen Rated 5th In State

No. 5 in the state.

That's the rating of Sorrows High wrestlers in Class C competition.

Sorrows made it 6-0 without a reversal by downing Flat Rock, 26-21, in a dual meet.

Once more it was heavyweight Barry Walsh who led the way.

Walsh won the state Class C crown last year. He's unbeaten in 16 matches this season with, his feats including a title in the Oakland County Invitational where he was up against Class A opponents.

He also won honors in the Catholic Central and Bishop Foley Quadrangular meet.

PAT KERN, a 137-pounder, turned in his sixth dual meet victory without a loss.

Meantime, Mike Hajduk, who stepped up one class to 185 pounds from his regular 175, lost for only the second time in 16 meets this season.

Other Sorrows winners were: Nick Hofess at 98 pounds and his brother Rick at 165; Dick Thielman at 123 and Tom Impellizzeri at 130.

Pat Van Dusen grapples to a draw at 145.

Sorrows shapes up as one of the favorites for the Catholic League title and also should be a major contender for state honor.

What's Doing In Prep Sports

- BASKETBALL**
Tuesday
Plymouth at Franklin
Brighton at Clarenceville
Friday
Plymouth at Trenton
Thurston at Oak Park
Belleville at Bentley
Farmington at Lathrup
Franklin at Glenn
Stevenson at Pontiac Northern
St. Francis de Sales at St. Agatha
Sorrows at St. Rita
Dearborn Sacred Heart at Bishop Borgess

- Churchill at Dearborn
Clarkston at Clarenceville
Allen Park at Redford Union
WRESTLING
Tuesday
Thurston at Bentley
Clarenceville at Redford Union
Friday
Redford Union at Allen Park
Bentley at Belleville
Oak Park at Thurston
North Farmington at Groves
Pontiac Northern at Stevenson
Lathrup at Farmington
Glenn at Franklin

- Saturday
North Farmington at Edsel Ford
SWIMMING
Tuesday
Franklin at Edsel Ford
Thursday
Glenn at Franklin
Oak Park at Thurston
Trenton at Plymouth
Lathrup at Farmington
North Farmington at Groves
Clarenceville at Willow Run
Redford Union at Allen Park
GYMNASTICS
Wednesday
North Farmington at Farmington
Allen Park at Clarenceville
College Basketball
Tuesday—Lansing CC at Schoolcraft
Friday—Schoolcraft at Concordia Lutheran (Ann Arbor).

BULLETIN

Who stole the tickets? That isn't the problem bothering officials at Livonia Stevenson High. They're wondering whether the tickets for next Tuesday's donkey basketball game between the Stevenson Faculty and a team from the faculties of Bryant, Dickinson and Holmes Junior Highs are being sold by the thieves.

The tickets vanished Thursday night.

Those planning to attend the benefit game are warned that student tickets—yellow and bearing numbers from 043538-043590—and adult tickets—red with numbers 083000-083250—have been stolen and will not be honored at the game.

Tickets will be sold at the gates only on the night of the game. Eight girls will serve as salespersons and each will carry notarized cards for identification.

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