

GC West's Rick Stewart Wins Wrestling Crown

Orchids to Rick Stewart of Garden City West, Michigan's Class A 115-pound wrestling champion.

In brilliant fashion, Stewart took the title Saturday when



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he beat Ron Miller of Lansing Eastern, the 1968 115-pound state king, in the championship match at Trenton.

Thus Stewart, who's a senior, climaxed three sensational years of wrestling at West.

During the span he won 81 times, lost 13 and tied once. His 1969-70 achievements topped everything, of course. He posted victories in 39 out of the 40 matches he entered en route to league, regional and finally the state crown.

"RICK WRESTLED in the toughest weight class of all at Trenton," said West Coach Dean Shipman.

"In addition to Miller, the entries also included Bill Davis

Hazel Park who won the weight title last year. Davis didn't make it to the finals this time. He was beaten in an earlier match by Miller."

Stewart, who has a three-point average in the class-

room, aspires to attending college, wrestle there and then eventually becoming a school-boy wrestling coach.

"Maybe he'll come back to take my job," laughed Shipman.



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Rivals' Hot Shots Oust Sorrows

It was a case of too hot a shooting performance by the opposition as Our Lady of Sorrows basketball team was whipped by Dearborn Sacred Heart, 76-60, in the Class C district finals at Dearborn St. Alphonsus.

Sorrows, reaching the finals for the first time in district play, stayed close for one half.

Then in the third period, Sacred Heart found the range and hit on 17 of its last 32 shots to turn the game into an easy victory and advance to this week's regional action.

Mike Hart and Chris Centers provided the one-two punch for Sorrows with 21 and 20 points, respectively. Hart had seven baskets and seven free throws. Centers made nine hoops and two charities.

Don Blinn registered 13 for the winners while Ross Patton and Feiten accounted for the other Sorrows points.

Scott Rider led the winners with 20 points. Sacred Heart led, 22-17, after the first quarter, 35-31 at the half and had a 54-44 lead after three quarters.

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Lathrup Winner In Swim

Southfield Lathrup scored a first Saturday by becoming the first swimming champion in the history of the Inter-Lakes Conferences.

Four schools competed with Lathrup posting 103 points to 63 for Stevenson, 46 for Farmington and 31 for Pontiac Northern.

All of the winning performances go down as league records.

THE RESULTS: Medley relay: 1 - Lathrup, 2 - Farmington, 3 - Stevenson, 4 - Pontiac Northern. Time: 1:51.2.

200-yard freestyle: 1 -

IN THE STATE meet, Stewart threw Dave Snook of Grand Rapids Union in five minutes, 45 seconds, to start his drive to the title.

Sports Briefs

Western Michigan University fields varsity teams in 10 sports and has two other sports, soccer and ice hockey, that are operated on a club basis.

The Tiger entry in the Florida Instructional League placed second in their division in 1969. They posted a 25-15 log, three games off the pace.

Don't let this one get away Dept. - Bob Nordmann, assistant Michigan State basketball coach, was gushing superlatives over a high school prospect he had just seen in a game. "Is he quick?" inquired Head Coach Gus Gaakas. "Is he quick?" Nordmann replied, "I think he could block his own shot."

Wayne State University fencing captain Dave Amuck (Detroit-Mackenzie)

Indiana Tech, Lake Superior and Windsor Jan. 17.

Freestyle relay: 1 - Lathrup, 2 - Farmington, 3 - Stevenson, 4 - Pontiac Northern. Time - 3:42.8.

100-yard butterfly: 1 - Weinstein (Lath), 2 - Jamison (Farm), 3 - Dunn (Lath), 4 - Jarocha (Steve), 5 - Lawshe (Farm), 6 - McCroy (Lath). Time - 57.7 seconds.

100-yard free: 1 - Heaton (Lath), 2 - Jenks (Farm), 3 - Black (PN), 4 - Smith (Lath), 5 - Salter (Steve), 6 - Norberg (PN). Time - 52.9 seconds.

100-yard backstroke: 1 - Krebs (Lath), 2 - Gilbert (Steve), 3 - Goersens (Farm), 4 - Brown (Steve), 5 - Menders (Lath), 6 - Toth (Steve). Time - 1:03.6.

400-yard freestyle: 1 - Forest (Lath), 2 - Kloote (Steve), 3 - Schmidt (Lath), 4 - Dorer (Lath), 5 - Falk (PN), 6 - Hansen (Farm) Time - 4:18.

100-yard breaststroke: 1 - Day (Steve), 2 - Gerger (Lath), 3 - Bartholomew (PN), 4 - Lawless (Steve), 5 - Kerastis (Farm), 6 - Hasted (PN). Time - 1:09.6.

200-yard individual Medley: 1 - Dorer (Lath), 2 - Lawless (Steve), 3 - Jarocha (Steve), 4 - Jenks (Farm), 5 - Gilbert (Steve) Time - 2:20.2.

50-yard free: 1 - Weinstein (Lath), 2 - Heaton (Lath), 3 - Henderson (Farm), 4 - Day (Steve), 5 - Black (PN), 6 - Salter (Steve) Time - 23.9 seconds.

Diving: 1 - Lauinger (PN), 2 - Schwalm (Lath), 3 - Bickham (Steve), 4 - St. Amour (PN), 5 - Kleist (Lath), 6 - Roe (Lath).

Bill DeVault of Grand Ledge before Stewart went against Miller for all the golden chips.

Only two other Observer-land wrestlers placed high in the state meet.

Dennis Campbell of Redford Union, a 107-pounder, was third as was Laymon McLilley of John Glenn, who contested at 145 pounds.

Campbell beat Rick Haskins of Grand Ledge and Tom Singleton of Pontiac Central and then lost to Mark Hembill of Niles before rebounding to beat Nate Byrd of Flint Northern and John Jones of Ann Arbor Huron for the third-place title.

McLILLEY BEGAN the meet on a losing note when he bowed to Doug Wyn of Grandville.

But the Glenn wrestler roared back to end Bob Griggs of Bay City Handy, John Mathews of Flint Central and finally Bill Curtis of Lansing Everett to wind up third over-all in his category.

Gary Root of Wayne Memorial was runnerup at 155 pounds.

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