

Cougars win mat title

What a weekend it was for the Garden City wrestling team. The Cougars repeated as champions of their own Christmas Invitational, pulling rank in numerous matches and scoring 40 points on pins alone.

Garden City tallied 167 points to outdistance second place Dearborn Heights Annapolis (128) and Dearborn Divine Child (124). Livonia Churchill took fourth with 116. (See statistical summary.)

Coach Phil Freeman, to say the least, was happy with the outcome. "We placed higher than we were seeded in eight weight classes," he said. "We pulled 11 upsets."

Freeman also watched one of his own wrestlers, 167-pounder Tim Howell, walk off with the Tournament MVP award.

"The 167-pound class was a dog-fight," said the Garden City coach.

HOWELL, a state qualifier last year, won a pair of overtime matches, including the final. Trailing 8-2 in the last period, Howell rallied to tie before pinning Chuck Sanom of Berkley in 57 seconds of OT for the championship.

"Sanom was a regional qualifier last year and he makes a home-man look like a 98-pounder," said the Garden City coach.

The 167 class also included Rob Shurmer of Divine Child, a sixth place finisher in the state Class B meet last year, along with Churchill's Brian Clemens, a regional qualifier a year ago. (Shurmer defeated Clemens in the consolation final, 6-2.)

Equally impressive for the Cougars was Don Giese, who took his unbeaten record into the 198-

pound final against another undefeated wrestler, Chuck Jerore of Annapolis, a state qualifier from last season.

And Giese was equal to the task, recording his 15th straight pin of the season. He took just 5:39 to score four pins on the day.

GARDEN CITY'S other weight class winner was Rob Hancox (112), who turned back Mark Stanoesick in the final, 7-2. The Cougars also gained a pair of third place finishes, David Ferracello (128) and Ken Picola (135); two fourths, Matt Cyrus (145) and Tony Krause (105); and two fifths, John Fishback (98) and Paul Wacht (185).

Churchill's lone champion was Mike Krause (132), who dethroned Riverview's Brian Howe 9-4 for the title. The Chargers also got a pair of second place finishes from Casey Krause (88) and Mike Marocco (155).

Livonia Stevenson, sixth in the team standings, was led by second place finishers Dave Wojciechowski (105) and Tom Tokarz (139).

Despite finishing eighth overall, Plymouth Canton boasted one individual champion, heavyweight Tony Callaway, who pinned Gibraltar Carlson's Mike Mayville in 1:33.

GARDEN CITY CHRISTMAS WRESTLING INVITATIONAL

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Garden City, 167 points; 2. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 128; 3. Dearborn Divine Child, 124; 4. Livonia Annapolis, 116; 5. Riverview, 107; 6. Livonia Stevenson, 105; 7. Melvindale, 95; 8. Plymouth Canton, 78; 9. New Boston Huron, 70; 10. Gibraltar Carlson, 66; 11. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 62; 12. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 45; 14. Berkley, 40; 15. Detroit

CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Heavyweight: Tony Callaway (Canton) pinned Mike Mayville (Gibraltar), 1:33.
90 pounds: Paul Ozog (Melvindale) pinned Casey Krause (Churchill), 3:20.
105: Chris Preston (Riverview) dethroned Dave Wojciechowski (Stevenson), 7-0.
112: Bob Hancox (Garden City) dec. Mark Stanoesick (Divine Child), 7-2.
119: Dan McGinn (Melvindale) dec. Tony Abela (Divine Child), 7-2.
128: Mike Krause (Churchill) dec. Brian Hancox (Riverview), 9-4.
132: Mike Krause (Churchill) dec. Tom Tokarz (Stevenson), 9-4.
135: Kevin Mulroe (Riverview) dec. Steve Laszotte (Gibraltar), 10-4.
145: Mike Ferracello (New Boston) pinned Mike Marocco (Stevenson), 1:29.
167: Tim Howell (Garden City) pinned Chuck Sanom (Berkley), 0:57 (overtime).
185: Jeff Whitcomb (Annapolis) dec. Glen King (Melvindale), 7-0.
198: Don Giese (Garden City) pinned Chuck Krause (Annapolis), 3:07.

CONSOLATION FINALS

Heavyweight: Bob Atanasovski (Melvindale) pinned Brian Wilson (RU), 1:38.
90: Tom Flores (Canton) dec. Bob Hope (Annapolis), 6-4.
105: Jim Smith (Dearborn) won by default over Tony Krause (Garden City).
112: Chris Preston (Riverview) pinned Matt Aronow (Annapolis), 1:28.
119: Mike Picola (Dearborn) dec. Chris Aronow (Annapolis), 7-2.
128: Dave Ferracello (Garden City) pinned Bill Lefebvre (RU), 2:55.
132: Jim Boardman (Divine Child) pinned Matt Cyrus (Garden City), 2:35.
145: Rob Nichol (Annapolis) dec. Jerod Watson (Stevenson), 4-3.
155: Frank Chortia (Riverview) pinned Ken Munkowski (Rochester), 2:28.
167: Rob Shurmer (Divine Child) dec. Brian Clemens (Churchill), 6-2.
185: Dave Zenas (Churchill) dec. Keenan White (Lutheran West), 7-3.
198: Jim Crews (Canton) won by default over Don Mandel (Rochester).

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● GEIGER'S GREAT DEBUT

Kelley Geiger of West Bloomfield was a smash in her first start for the Oakland Community College Lady Raiders basketball team.

A sophomore, Geiger scored 34 points, had four steals and added nine rebounds as OCC defeated Delta College, 86-71. The Lady Raiders lost for the first time this season to Muskegon Community College in its previous game. Geiger did not start but scored six points against Muskegon.

Geiger ran cross country this fall where she qualified for the National Junior College Cross Country meet in Maryland. She has been practicing with the varsity for only four weeks and OCC coach Larry Holna has steadily increased her playing time with each game.

"She has picked up the offense quickly," said coach Larry Holna, whose team was 5-1 overall after its first five games.

OCC next plays Jan. 3 when it hosts Henry Ford Community College.

● ONE-MAN WALLYBALL

You've heard of the "King and his court" softball team featuring Eddie Felgner, now there's the "King of the Court" Wallyball challenge featuring Brad Thomas.

A Ferndale resident, Thomas will challenge any wallyball or volleyball team interested in playing against him for one hour of court time.

If the team can beat Thomas, dubbed the "One-Man Team," they will win one hour of free wallyball court time. If your team loses, proceeds of a minimum of one hour of court time will go to the MDA charity.

Volleyball entry fee donation is a

minimum \$36 with T-shirts being offered to winning teams.

Thomas is touring racket clubs throughout the area searching for challenges from either wallyball or volleyball teams. The goal is to reach a minimum \$1,000 for charity. For information, call 264-4169.

● HOLIDAY CAGE CAMP

Fred Goldberg, athletic director at Southfield High School, will conduct a special Holiday Basketball Camp for boys and girls of middle school to high school ages.

The dates are Dec. 20, 22, 23, 29 and 30 and the camp fee is \$45. The girls camp will be from noon to 3 p.m. while the boys camp will go from 3-6 p.m. It will be held at both Southfield and Lathrup high schools.

Camp instructors besides Goldberg include Ralph Walker, Vincent Bean and Vince Baldwin, former Southfield high athletes, William Watson of Redford high and Richard Goldberg who graduated from Detroit Country Day.

The camp is being run in cooperation with the Southfield Parks and Recreation Department. For more information, call the Southfield Parks and Recreation Department at 354-9603.

● WHERE THERE'S HOPE

Five Oakland County residents received athletic letters in soccer at Hope College.

Troy Athens graduates Rick Baker and Mike Kubert, along with Farmington high grad Jerald Potter, Jr., West Bloomfield graduate Brent VanBiels and Lahser graduate Todd Winkler all received soccer letters.

Baker, VanBiels and Potter are freshmen who earned their first letters while Kubert and Winkler are juniors who served as team co-captains.

Hope teams had one of their most successful fall sports seasons in history, winning four Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) championships.

Skate team advances

The Detroit Skating Club will send two dance teams and one solo skater from Observerland to the U.S. National Figure Skating Championships Feb. 1-9 in Tacoma, Wash.

Jennifer Bayer, a junior at North Farmington High School, and partner Jerd Rand of Atlanta qualified for nationals by placing fourth at the Midwestern competition in Wilmett, Ill., Dec. 2-6. The pair, coached by Johnny Johns, has been together only seven weeks.

Jodi Balogh, a senior at Livonia Stevenson, and Jerod Swallow of Northville placed third at the Mid-

westerns. Recently, this team placed fourth in the Skate America competition, an international event held in Portland, Maine.

Micki McMahon, a freshman at Schoolcraft College, placed third at Midwesterns, after winning the senior women's title at the Eastern Great Lakes Regional. After the nationals, McMahon will compete in the U.S. Collegiate Games.

The Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield Hills will host a National send-off exhibition showcasing all its skaters Saturday, Jan. 24. Call 332-7133 for more information.

Mustangs spike Ladywood crown

You could say Birmingham Marian's volleyball team opened its season in "blazing" style.

The Mustangs won the Blazer Turn-Up Tournament over the weekend at Schoolcraft College. The 14-team volleyball tourney was hosted by Livonia Ladywood.

Marian defeated Livonia Churchill in the championship match, 15-10, 15-10. The Mustangs qualified for the championship with a straight-set victory over the host Blazers, 15-12, 15-3.

"Since we just got our basketball players back last week we didn't know how we were going to do," said Marian coach Ron Hebert. "It was tough competition, but it was a good way for us to start the season."

MARIAN (9-1), Garden City (9-1) and Allen Park Cabrini (4-4) high schools finished among the top three teams in their pool. In the other pool, the top three teams were Churchill (6-0), Ladywood (8-0) and Ann Arbor Pioneer (6-1).

By winning their respective pools, Marian and Churchill drew byes in the quarterfinal round. In those quarterfinal matches, Garden City defeated Pioneer (15-8, 15-4) and Ladywood topped Cabrini (15-3, 15-1).

Marian then defeated Ladywood in one semifinal match, while Churchill eliminated Garden City (15-12, 7-15, 15-7) to set up the championship match.

The Mustangs were paced by Patty Condit and Meghan Storen. Condit, a senior middle hitter, had 34 kills and hit at a .432 percent efficiency for the day. Storen, a senior setter in Marian's single-setter offensive system, had 58 assists and a .370 setting percentage.

"PATTY DID A terrific job both offensively and defensively," said Hebert. "Patty and Meghan were outstanding in the tournament."

Marian's basketball team qualified for the state Class A quarterfinals before being eliminated by eventual state champion Saginaw. Three players from that team —

volleyball

Wendy Zieb, Kathy Phillips and Noelle Nagy — are members of the volleyball team.

"Marian has a nice ball club," said Churchill coach Mike Hughes. "We made some service errors against them and you can't afford to give up points against a good club like that."

"But I thought we played well for this early in the season. I felt good about both matches (Garden City and Marian) and I felt good about the whole day."

IN THE SEMIFINAL, Churchill pulled a mild surprise, beating a veteran Garden City team that had finished second a week earlier to Wayne Memorial in the Henry Ford Community College Tournament.

"We hit the ball really well from the outside," Hughes said. "We wanted to hit from the corners instead of going with our offense up the middle. Alena Beck and Kristen Thompson did a nice job hitting from the outside."

Garden City, which split with Marian in pool play, was led by hitters Nikki Stubbs, Marla Evans, Mark Hebert and Denise Kokowicz.

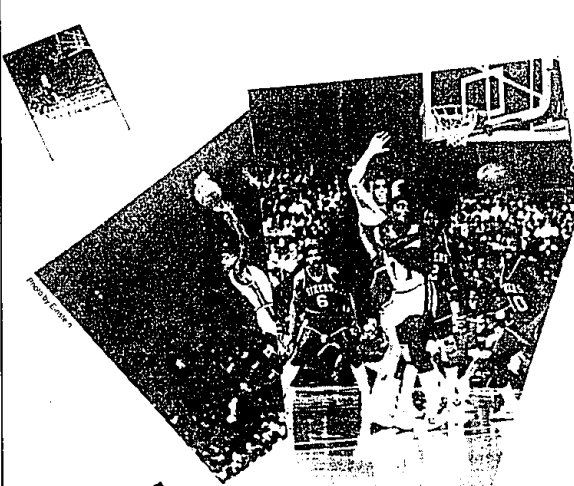
"We need to work on our defense a little," said GC first-year coach Ann Turi. "Churchill had a good blocking team and we weren't used to reaching down when they'd make the block."

FORMER GARDEN CITY coach Tom Testers, now in his first year at Ladywood, was generally pleased with his team's play.

"Having only one senior (setter Michelle Pionka), we did a good job," said Testers. "I think we lost because of the experience factor."

"We have to get them hitting outside a little more and defensively we have a ways to go."

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