

North heavyweight wins tourney title

wrestling

PLYMOUTH SALEM WRESTLING INVITATIONAL
SCHEDULE, JAN. 7

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Portage Central, 2109 points; 2. Plymouth Salem, 170; 3. Mount Clemens, 158; 4. Southgate Academy, 125; 5. Portage Central, 100; 6. Balaire, 97; 7. North Farmington, 82; 8. Westland John Green, 74; 9. West, 57; 10. Livonia Stevenson, 45; 11. Wayne Memorial, 34; 12. Ann Arbor North, 23; 13. Canton City, 23; 14. East, 17; 15. Ypsilanti, 16; 16. Plymouth Canton, 15; 17. Farmington, 11.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Heavyweights (Sam Cervigni (H. Farmington) pinned Tom Luce (Portage North), 1:25. Conceded: Ron Hamilton (Garden City) won by default. Fifth place: Joe Friedrickson (Portage Central) def. Bob Kneare (Novi), 1:02.

100 pounds: T.K. Muraoka (P. Central) pinned Derek Reed (Livonia), 2:35. Conceded: Brian P. Gorman (West) def. Collin Baker (Mount Clemens), 2:41. Fifth place: Scott Lauer (Livonia) def. Aaron Mendicino (Livonia), 1:11.

115 pounds (John Duffin (P. Central) pinned Craig Rich-ardson (Livonia), 1:27. Conceded: Steve Davis (Livonia) def. Ryan Centers (Livonia), 5:03. Fifth place: Kevin Young (Livonia) def. Rick Sizemore (Wayne), 5:53.

130 pounds: Clarence Weaver (Livonia) def. Aaron Mendicino (Livonia), 5:55. Conceded: Ken Bogue (Livonia) def. Mike McGinn (Portage North), 1:17. Fifth place: Scott Muraoka (P. Central) def. Jim Norrish (Livonia), 0:44.

150 pounds (John Duffin (P. Central) def. Jack Davis (H. Farmington), 0:44. Conceded: Neil Hefner (P. Livonia) def. Scott Muraoka (P. Central), 1:10. Fifth place: Eric Young (Livonia) pinned, 2:55.

170 Rocky Dyck (Mount Clemens) def. Mike Gurnara (Livonia), 1:34. Conceded: Chad Camp-ell (P. North) def. Brian Soore (Livonia), 10:47. Fifth place: Mike Goveva (Novi) def. Tony Sadril (Livonia), 2:03.

185 lbs. Bob Malagon (John Green) pinned Matt Lantz (Livonia) def. John Adams (Livonia), 1:04. Fifth place: Aaron Harrison (Livonia) def. Jim Muzajko (Livonia), 1:51.

200 lbs. Jason Crognone (Livonia) def. Ed Barriage (Livonia), 1:04. Conceded: Steve Davis (Livonia) def. Joe Yunes (Livonia), 4:53. Fifth place: Dave McCracken (Livonia) def. Joe Hartzel (Livonia), 5:27.

220 Mike Chambers (Livonia) def. Terry Martin (P. Central), 5:3. Conceded: Arnett Turner (Livonia) def. Todd Jacobe (Livonia), 1:27. Conceded: LAM 112. Fifth place: T.J. Scholze (Livonia) def. Mike McLaughlin (Livonia), 1:04.

250 lbs. Jason Kocak (Livonia) def. Kurt Wix (Livonia), 1:04. Conceded: Ken Campbell (Livonia) def. Mike McLaughlin (Livonia), 2:03. Fifth place: Pete Israel (Livonia) def. Heidi Brownell (Livonia), 2:41.

285 lbs. Steve Durson (Livonia) def. Mike Brownell (Livonia), 1:05. Conceded: Lee La Bode (Livonia) def. Aaron Hester (P. Central), 5:53. Fifth place: Kraig Kuban (Livonia) pinned Jeff O'Neil (Livonia), 4:59.

300 lbs. Brian Durson (Livonia) pinned Matt Frizer (P. Central), 2:42. Conceded: Carl Rowley (Livonia) def. Ed Price (Livonia), 5:4. Fifth place: Devin Grant (Livonia) def. Jay Stavros (Livonia), 1:02.

350 lbs. Dennis Greene (P. North) def. Eric Munson (P. Central), 14:2. Conceded: Dennis Thayer (Livonia) def. David Howard (Livonia), 10:2. Fifth place: Jeff Kormanik (Livonia) def. Jim Palka (Livonia), 6:53.

By Steve Kowalski staff writer

Near the end of Saturday's Plymouth Salem Wrestling Invitational, Westland John Glenn coach Tom Backsack sauntered over to the winner's area, looking for his team's trophy.

Kiddingly, he grabbed one of the three trophies sitting on the winner's stand. None of them were his. He peered under the scorer's table, hoping to find a piece of hardware.

Nothing there.

"Where's our trophy?" he asked Salem coach Ron Krueger, the tournament director.

"You don't get one," Krueger replied.

THE TWO LAUGHED. Even Buckalew, coach of the eighth-place team, was in a festive mood.

The first-place trophy belonged to Portage Central, which finished with 2104 points. Salem earned second place with 170 points, followed by Mount Clemens with 155. Loc Performance sponsored the invitational.

Eight Observers and teams competed, including North Farmington, which finished a distant seventh place with 83 points, just ahead of Glenn (74).

Defending champion Redford Catholic Central and Eaton Rapids, another powerhouse, were there to dominate the competition, so that opened the field. Krueger said CC was invited this year, but by the time the Shamrocks acknowledged the invitation, he already had filled the 17-team field.

"It seems like a happy tournament," Krueger said. "Everyone has a chance, instead of when CC or Eaton Rapids is here. When CC is here their fans are all yelling 'Eat the mat, eat the mat.' Today, everyone in the crowd is happy."

"WHEN IT'S fun, it's not work. Plus, we're not going to be here until the cows come home. I want to thank the parents and the Salem Booster Club for all their help."

Portage Central, no doubt, had the most fun. The Mustangs won three of the weight classes, and three other Mustangs reached the finals before losing.

Central's winners were T.K. Muraoka (103), John Butler (112) and Scott McCloughan (123).

"I knew we had a shot at it, but I didn't think we'd win like this," Portage Central coach Mike McCloughan said. "We had a good week of practice, and it makes for a fun day. When the ball gets rolling, it inspires everyone, and they seem to wrestle better."

"It's always fun to come here. It's a well-run tournament and Krueger is a good host. He tries to make it fun. Last year we had a terrible day wrestling-wise (fifth place), but we still had fun. It wasn't Krueger's fault we wrestled crummy."

SALEM ENJOYED a successful day behind the wrestling of the Burlington brothers. Steve Burlington won the 160-pound class, and Brian Burlington claimed a title in the 171-pound bracket. Three Rocks lost in the finals.

Salem's Craig Richardson lost to John Butler (Portage Central) in the finals of the 112-pound class. Mike Shumate (130) and Ed Barriage (140) also reached the finals before losing. Salem also got a strong performance from Ken Slope (119), who was seeded sixth but finished third.

"We're happy with the people we have here and the way they've done," Krueger said. "Portage Central is a senior team, and we've got only three seniors in our whole program. Maybe next year that could be us at the top."

North Farmington's Zalm Cummins won the heavyweight division, pinning all four opponents. He pinned Tim Luce of Portage Northern at 1:55 of the final. Cummins was trailing 4-0 at the time.

I WRESTLED sloppy, mainly on my feet in the final match," said Cummins, 15-1. "I was overconfident. But then I threw a lateral drop, went crazy and pinned him."

Jack Beall (125) and Matt Thompson (135) also recorded second-place finishes in their respective classes for North.

Thompson's loss in the final came to Glenn's Bob Maitigan, who is now 17-0. Livonia Stevenson placed 10th overall (49), but Kurt Will made it to the finals at 152 before losing to Wayne Memorial's Jason Kopeck.

Stevenson coach Don Berg said the Salem tourney is a good measuring stick for the season, which already is half over.

"It's a tough field," Berg said. "We come out of this tournament having seen good competition and good wrestlers."

"We've competed the season so much, it's unbelievable," he said.

By the end of the month, we wrestle the (Western Lakes Activities Association) league meet (Saturday, Jan. 28). Then we have to get ready for state after that. We've got three weeks before we get ready for the finals."

Richards gives CC needed lift

By Steve Kowalski staff writer

Terry Boykin had the flu Tuesday and wasn't able to play for Redford Catholic Central, so Ray Richards decided to show up.

Cocher Bernie Holowicki is glad he did.

Richards scored a season-high 28 points and grabbed eight rebounds, leading CC to a rebounding 65-53 win over Catholic-League rival Birmingham Brother Rice.

The win keeps CC unbeaten in three Central Division games, 4-4 overall. Rice fell to 1-2, 4-4 overall.

Richards' performance was a pleasant surprise for Holowicki, who sometimes wonders whether Richards is on the court. He is one of the reasons Holowicki's voice is so hoarse after games.

"THE LAST COUPLE games Ray has been coming to play," Holowicki said. "If he comes to play, we'll be all right."

"Ray played at another level today. A notch higher than usual."

Richards missed only one of his eight shot attempts, and he's never played better than that against Rice.

"I've never seen him play that hard and rebound that well," Carrico said. "He was a major difference in this game. That was the best anyone I played against this year."

"I told my team, 'Don't relax, because I've seen

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so many games where one of the better players (like Boykin) wasn't able to play and the rest of the players have the games of their lives. I don't think we realized, we just didn't play."

Holowicki needed a big-time effort out of Richards with Boykin, CC's leading scorer and point-guard, out of the lineup. Sophomore Steve Whitlow, normally a small forward, also performed admirably, playing in place of Boykin at point guard.

WHITLOW SCORED only six points, but handled Rice's full-court pressure. Jeff Schaner was the only other CC player in double figures, scoring 17 points.

"Terry played slick against (Harper Woods Bishop) Gallagher," Holowicki said, "and he's been in bed since. We gave Whitlow a crash course Sunday and Monday at point guard for a young sophomore, he did an excellent job."

David Washington led Rice with 32 points, but he made only seven-of-24 shots from the field. In fact, Rice missed all nine of its field goal attempts in the first quarter, and trailed 8-2 before the game was five minutes old.

CC led 13-3 after one quarter and 29-19 at half-time, and its match-up zone defensive frustrated Rice all night.

"We fell behind 10-0 (actually 8-0) and end up losing by 10 points," Carrico said, philosophically. "We haven't been playing well offensively the last week-and-a-half, and it's tough to come back when you're not."

"Teams give David (Washington) a lot of special attention. He's a great player, but when you're constantly double-teamed, it's hard to play the whole game. The other players have to shoot it in and they don't."

JUNIOR PAUL ARTHUR did his best to keep Rice close, scoring 11 points and making two 3-point shots. Consecutive 3-point shots by Arthur and Arthur trimmed CC's lead to six, 55-49, with 1:33 left, but that's as close as Rice got.

Whitlow and Richards then made both ends of one-and-one bonus free throw attempts, pushing the Shamrocks lead to 10, 59-49, with less than a minute left.

Richards scored 14 points in the final quarter and the most impressive points came on a dunk with 3:19 left, giving CC a 52-40 lead. Richards must be watching a lot of University of Michigan games.

"Dunks are always nice to get," Richards said. "It was open and he (Matt Putti) hit me. They usually pick up the team."

Falcons notch 1st cage victory at WL Central

Farmington needed overtime to achieve it, but the Falcons got their first victory of the basketball season Tuesday night.

In a battle between winless ballclubs, Farmington slipped past host Walled Lake Central 62-58. The Falcons are 1-7 overall, the Vikings 0-8. Central, the defending Lakes Division champion, overcame a three-point deficit entering the fourth quarter to tie the game, 58-58, and force the overtime.

With three seconds left in regulation, the Falcons threw the ball away, and the Vikings converted the turnover into the game-winning basket.

But Mike Myers and Jason Brown made two free throws apiece in overtime, while the Farmington defense shut out the Vikings.

"We played real well," Farmington coach Bob Kaump said. "They forced us into 22 turnovers with a full-court, trapping defense, but our kids kept their composure."

Brown finished with 14 points and 12 rebounds, Myers and Dennis Raiml 11 apiece. Matt Smith also had 14 to pace Central. Dirk Wallace scored 13 and Scott Ross added 11.

The Falcons also made 22 of 32 free throws. Central was 20-of-26 at the line.

HARRISON 68, W.L. WESTERN 48: Chad Burgess was his usually outstanding self, and teammate Marcus Mack played one of his best games Tuesday as the Hawks rambled past unimpressed Western.

Burgess scored a game-high 19 points, all in the first three quarters before meeting with Harrison on top 48-30.

Mack scored all of his 15 points in the first half, helping the Hawks build a 34-19 lead.

Mill Coleman added five points and five assists, teammate Jason Lichtman four points and five assists for the Hawks, 2-0 in the Western Division and 7-1 overall.

"Mack kind of took over the game in the first half," Harrison coach Mike Teachman said, "and we played good defense at the start of the third quarter."

Kevin White had 17 points to lead the Warriors, 9-2 and 1-7.

12 teams succeed

Sixty-five soccer teams competed and champions were crowned in 12 divisions, six each for boys and girls, during a week-long holiday tournament at the Total Soccer Indoor Facility in Farmington Hills.

The winners and runners-up in each age group are as follows:

- Girls under-10: first place, Livonia V Mustangs; second, Brighton;
- under-13: B.E.S.C. Blazers, Livonia Youth Soccer Club United; under-14: Plymouth Lightning, Canton Angels; under-19: A: 74 Michigan Hawks, Livonia Hawks; under-19 B: Livonia Hawks 77, Troy Jingo Belles; over-19: 74 Michigan Hawks, Livonia Hawks.
- Boys under-12: A: Livonia V Wings, Livonia V Wolves; under-12 B: Westland Cobras, Canton Strikers; under-14: Vardar II, Stylalistics; under-17: Titans, Metro Magic; under-19: Pacesetters 71, Maple Leafs; over-19: Soccer Store & More, Ann Arbor.

Hawks just miss

Farmington Harrison was within one event of its first victory in boys swimming Tuesday, but Dearborn Edsel Ford foiled the bid at the last moment, 87-85.

The Hawk had a four-point lead with only the freestyle relay remaining, and they needed second and third place in that event to clinch the victory.

But Harrison only got second place while the Thunderbirds captured first and third to overtake the Hawks, 9-3.

Harrison took a four-point lead by going 1-2-4 in the breaststroke. Jason Barringer won the race in 1:07.81, Dennis Sayles was second at 1:12.20 and Danny Slaim fourth in 1:16.52.

Harrison's Jeff Nelkirk won two events, the 50 and 100 freestyles in 24.38 and 54.28, respectively.

Ryan Koonce completed 208.15 points to win the diving. Chad Hughes posted a 1:03.15 time for first place in the butterfly, and Ed Serzo went 1:06.87 to capture the backstroke.

Nelkirk also anchored the Hawks' medley relay team, which included Serzo, Sayles and Hughes and was victorious with a 1:52.80 time.

Harrison travels to Livonia Franklin tonight.

Mercy skiers perfect

Farmington Mercy recorded its second Interscholastic Ski Association victory Monday by beating East Lansing at Mount Brighton.

Two Marins captured the top four places, with Beth McIntosh leading the way. She was first with a combined, two-slam time of 47:20.

Mercy's Molly McDonald was second (49:0), Megan Lombardi third (53:01) and Tracey McClellan fourth (53:64). The Marins also took seventh and eighth places.

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