

# Area Wrestlers Cast Eyes At State Titles

There's a month to go before the district competition begins to decide who goes on to the regionals and state meets in Michigan High School wrestling.

The sport continues to boom on the state scene with more teams than ever representing high schools.

Observant is not without its individual and team standouts.

## INDIVIDUALLY SPEAK

## North's Lynn Benda Even Whips The Boys In Ski Jump Events

She's only a 16-year-old student at North Farmington High School, but Lynn Benda already is blooming big on the Michigan sports scene.

Miss Benda made the front pages of the major daily sports pages last week after she beat five boys in a junior jumping competition.

This weekend, she's stepping up in her bid for honors. She'll be competing against older rivals from all parts of

the state, including the Upper Peninsula, in the Michigan Ski Jumping Assn. adult meet at Briar Hills.

"She's one of the finest young girl jumpers in the country today," said Floyd Johnson of Briar Hills, a veteran in skiing.

"I'd say that there's a great future in store for this young lady, if she keeps improving the way she has," Johnson said.

ING, here's a weight-by-weight rundown.

98 — Dave Webley of Garden City West is the standout in this class.

105 pounds — There are four from the area who have distinguished themselves so far: Bruce Geier of Franklin is unbeaten and at one stage boasted 15 straight "pins". Rich Bridges of Stevenson, Paul Osenoski of Our Lady

of Sorrows and Steve Beck of Bentley also rate watching.

112 pounds — Nick Hofness of Sorrows and Chuck Wehner of Clarenceville rate the nod here.

119 pounds — Ken Haller of North Farmington rates No. 1 in the area at this weight. He has been unbeaten and in the recent Schoolcraft meet he rolled up the most victories in the least amount of

time. Jim Campbell of Redford Union is also a standout in this category.

126 pounds — Take your pick between Art Tiernan of Farmington and Ray Tooley of North Farmington.

132 — Steve Thiessen of Our Lady of Sorrows has distinguished himself.

138 pounds — Orchids at this weight to Rick Kroll of Thurston.

144 pounds — Thurston's Bob Scott and Claude Ciosal have been outstanding so far.

155 pounds — Stevenson's Bob Johnston rates highly in this weight group.

167 pounds — There are three standouts at this weight — Rogan Richmond of Southfield Lathrup, Craig Gow of North Farmington and Roger Moore of Bentley.

185 pounds — Two fine wrestlers in the light heavyweight bracket are Steve Lowery of Stevenson and John Cerretain on Churchill.

Heavyweights — The spotlight shines on Jim Long of Redford Union, Joe Lyman of Garden City East and Ed Wiebeck of Thurston.

Two major wrestling meets highlight this weekend's schedule. The four Li-



## Thurston Girls Volleyball Champs

For league champions, the team is rather petite — say an average of 5-5 and 110 pounds.

The league is the Northwest Suburban League and the champions are the Thurston High girls varsity volleyball team. It earned the title by defeating Franklin and John Glenn in league championships. It took possession of a trophy which Glenn had won for two years and would have retired with another victory. Thurston

finished second in both of the previous two years.

Thurston went into the championship game with a 4-1 record, having been defeated by North Farmington.

Members of the winning team are: Laurie Eszes, Sheila Haley, Diane Swiderok, Pat Swiderok, Jan Bishop, Barb May, Debbie Shacklett, Mary Ellen Polarski, Karen Mohr, Kathy Alward and Linda Block.

"We are a young team," said Mrs. Jane Young, girls' athletic coach. "Our varsity is composed of juniors and sophomores."

Mrs. Young's junior varsity also established a record, going undefeated.

## Groves Fells Oak Park On The Mat

Birmingham Groves' wrestling team evened its overall and Northwest Suburban League record by downing Oak Park, 33-18. Groves now is 4-4 in all meets, 2-2 in the league.

The Groves winners: 100 pounds—Dunbar: 107-117; Fajil: 121-Fierberg: 134-Corden: 140-Sasero: 137-Rentz: 169-Kuhn. Heavyweight—Fenkell.

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## RU Swimmers Drown North

Redford Union High's swimming team upped its record to 7-4 for the season by crushing North Farmington, 57-48, in a non-league meet.

The results:

Medley relay: 1—RU (Smith, Blackman, T. Stolley, Charles). Time: 1:53.

200-yard free: 1—M. Stolley (RU). 2—Griswold (NF). 3—McLain (NF). Time: 1:58.1.

Individual Medley: 1—Kochwar (RU). 2—Peterson (NF). 3—H. Michalak (RU). Time: 2:16.4.

50-yard free: 1—Shakulko (NF). 2—

## Clarenceville Swimmers Sink Rivals

Karl Sjogren and Don Ahonen each won two events as Clarenceville High's swimming team downed Madison Heights, 66-39.

Sjogren won the 200 yard freestyle in 2:02.5 and the 400-yard freestyle in 4:27.4. Ahonen took the 50 and 100 yard freestyle in 23.5 and 1:00.2, respectively.

Don Redford, Daryl Turek, Chuck Kirchoke and Kevin Molder teamed for Clarenceville to win the 4x100 relay while "Tom S..." won the diving. John... won the backstroke and Turek the breaststroke. Bass' time was 1:05.9. Turek's 1:12.2.

## Late Charger Spurt Stops Dearborn, 57-51

It was a close shave, closer than the final score would indicate, as Churchill High's basketball team squeezed past Dearborn, 57-51, in a non-leaguer.

A whopping second period in which Churchill outscored Dearborn, 21-8, helped decide the game. In the end the Lions had to fight off a late Dearborn comeback to save

the night and post their sixth win in 11 games.

Dearborn had taken a 16-14 edge in the first period, before Keith Armstrong connected for six points and Brian Sherman seven in pacing the Churchill uprising in the second period.

In the third period, Dearborn came back to outscore Churchill, 16-10, and then

proceeded to close the gap to 50-49 with 1:50 left in the game on a pair of free throws.

But Roy Hendrickson responded with a foul toss for Churchill and Gary Leirstein and Jerry Oljace pumped in baskets to wrap it up on a happy note.

Sherman led the winners with 14 points while Armstrong clicked for 11.

## Sorrows Grapplers Win No.5

Our Lady of Sorrows wrestling team is on the warpath again.

Sorrows, defending state Class C champs, made it five in a row by downing Clarenceville, 36-16, as a forerunner to competing in an eight-team meet Saturday at Clarkston.

Sorrows is winning despite the fact it has nobody to wrestle at 185 pounds or in the heavyweight division.

This means Sorrows must forfeit in both classes.

There are just 14 men on the squad, yet it has gained the No. 4 rating among Class C schools in the season.

The Osenoskis again paced the win over Clarenceville.

98 pounds — John Osenoski (S) dec. Tim Wehner.

105 — Paul Osenoski (S) pinned Mark LaTourner, 1:06.

112 — Chuck Wehner (C) dec. Nick Holness.

119 — Tony Impallizeri (S) dec. Tony Sath.

126 — Pete Osenoski (S) pinned Kirk Layland, 8:28.

132 — Steve Thiessen (S) pinned Bob Lindblauer, 1:32.

138 — Mark Walsh won by default.

145 — Dave Bennett (C) dec. Pat Van Dusen.

155 — Rick Holness (S) pinned Jim Barrow, 3:26.

157 — Jeff Main (S) won by default.

165 — Tom Gatta (C) won by default.

Heavyweight — Tom Kapan (C) won by default.

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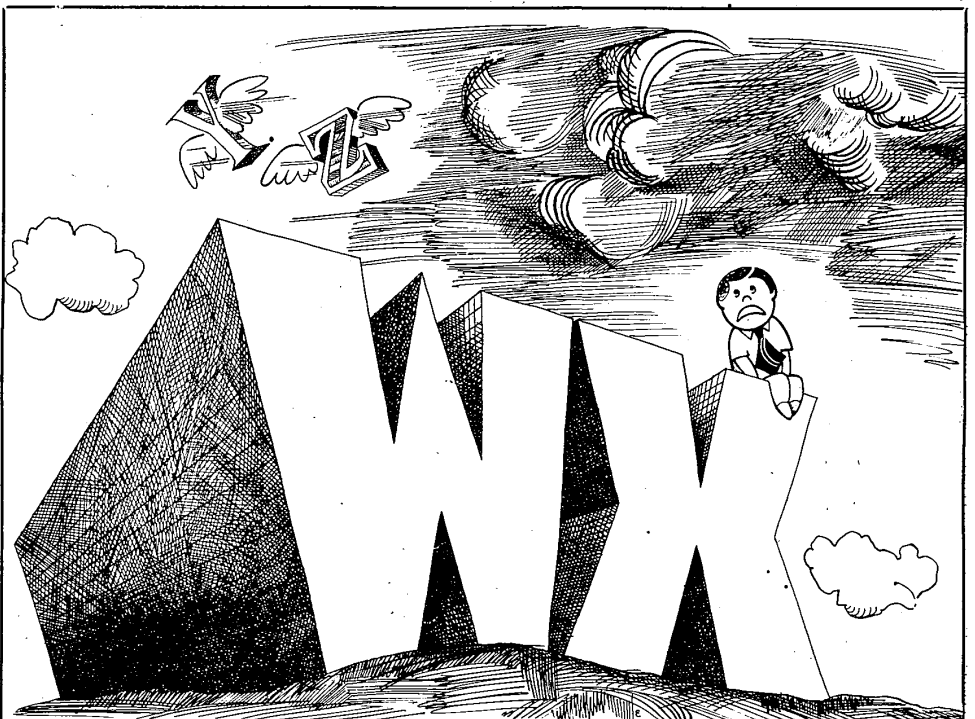
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