

Hawks have 2 champs

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This was supposed to be the year any number of teams had a chance to win the Western Lakes Activities Association wrestling championship, but the 1991 results look a lot like those of previous years.

The WLA had a familiar winner Saturday when Plymouth Salem won its third consecutive title and eighth in the last nine years, easily taking first place in the annual tournament at Westland John Glenn.

"They've been in power in the league, and they still are the power in the league," Franklin coach Ken Meinschein said.

The Rocks, with three individual champions, three runners-up and four others who placed among the top six at their weights, racked up 192 1/2 points. The defending champs were expected to be challenged by a handful of teams, but the closest was Walled Lake Western with 126 points.

Livonia Franklin (114) and Walled Lake Central (109) provided a pair of surprises, finishing third and fourth, respectively. The first division included Farmington (105) and Northville (98).

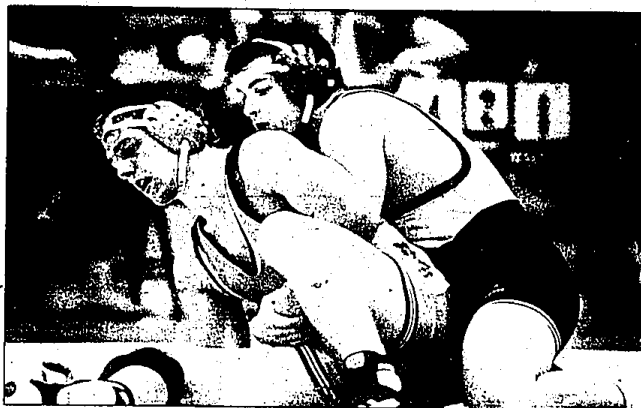
"OUR KIDS just went through it and came out where they were supposed to, and the rest of the teams took turns beating each other up," Salem coach Ron Krueger said, referring to how well his wrestlers held or improved upon their seed positions.

The successful tournament was the culmination of a heretofore disrupted season in which the Rocks had to deal with an assortment of injuries. Everything came together for Salem at the right time, however.

"We were without half our team for three quarters of the year," Krueger said. "Then we started to get one back, two back, three back. We knew how many points we were missing at every tournament and how much it was hurting us. All we could do was wait for everyone to get back."

"There was only one we didn't get back, but Phil (Haynes) at 160 pounds stepped in and did a real good job. I don't think he could beat Phil, so I think we're as strong as we could be."

Krueger also was eager to give



GUY WARREN/Staff photographer

Todd Lytwyniuk of Harrison (top) won the 189-pound championship in the WLA meet. He

defeated Northville's Jason Vertrees 6-4 in the semifinals (above).

much of the credit for Salem's success to assistant coaches Larry Flidge, Dave Dameron, Greg Wolchuk and Larry Phillips.

"They're the guys who made it happen," he said. "A lot of times we were frustrated, because we didn't think we were going anywhere (with the injuries). But in the last two weeks everything started to happen for us."

THE ROCKS scored well in the lower weights where they had three winners. Scott Martin won his second straight league championship at 112, and Dan Bonnett claimed the 119 title.

Both upheld their status as No. 1 seeds and won decisions in the finals over longtime rivals Matt Allison of Northville and David Prusinski of Farmington Hills Harrison.

Salem's third champion was 135-pound Jeff Shumate, who made Krueger his No. 1 fan by winning the title after entering the tournament as the No. 3 seed. He defeated second-seeded Chris Brown of Churchill 8-5 in the semifinals and overcame Northville's Brandon Mardossian, the top seed, in the final when the latter had to withdraw during the match because of an injury.

"If Mardossian hadn't gotten hurt, I think Shumate would have pinned him," Krueger said. "He went out after him right away and didn't shut down."

Shumate wrestled the way Krueger has been hoping he would wrestle for some time.

"There's a kid who's gone through more hard times and had the Wrath

of Ron on him more than anybody," Krueger said, "and to see him go out there and win the league championship was really nice."

"I'VE BEEN on that boy for two years now, but that's because of the potential I saw in him. Some days he'd go out and beat the best kid around, and other days he'd lose to the worst kid around. But there comes a day when you make the transition and realize what you can do, and I think that has happened to Shumate."

Western also had three champions: Andy Fritz (103), Travis Ilaqua (145) and Todd Hoffmeyer (160). Franklin had one winner in heavyweight Bob Johnson, who pinned Salem's Ken Coker in the final.

"He wrestled the best I've ever seen him wrestle," Meinschein said.

The Patriots were helped by six others who placed. They had a pair of runners-up in Derek Rowland (103) and Eric Holmes (140) and a consolation winner in Brian Whetstone (109). Pat Pissoun (145) and Ben Levee (152) were fourth and Brian Pissoun (171) fifth.

"I'm not really surprised, but it was a pleasant experience," Meinschein said. "They really came on like gangbusters. Many of them are three-year wrestlers, and a lot of them are overachievers. If we do nothing else the rest of the year, I'll be real happy (with what the team already has done)."

Harrison had its best league meet showing and captured two individual championships. Gary Devine (140) edged Holmes 4-3 in the final, and

Todd Lytwyniuk (189) won decisions all the way through, including a 6-3 win over Salem's Wade Langdon to finish the tournament.

SCHOOLS WITH single winners were Stevenson, Ryan Carriere, 125; Sean Toek, Central, 130; Mike Reeves, Glenn, 152; and George Young, Canton, 171.

In addition to Coker and Langdon, Salem's Charlie Apigian was second at 171. John Moran (103) finished third, Jeff Coleman (140) fourth and Haynes (160) and Chad Wilson (125) fifth.

Langdon was seeded seventh and finished second, beating the Nos. 2 and 3 seeds and giving top-seeded Lytwyniuk a tussle in the final.

"All year he's been getting beat by a lot of these kids, and he turned around and beat them Saturday," Krueger said. "Wade was a total surprise, probably the biggest surprise of the day."

"I figured it would be better for both," Krueger said. "As it worked out, it was. We got a lot more points that way."

Salem began the season with a young team but is fast becoming a seasoned squad, which has Krueger thinking positively about next season.

"We have five seniors out of 40, so that means we've got 35 coming back," he said. The seniors are Coker, Apigian, Coleman, Bob Hansen and Wilson.

Falcons boost spirits with win

Farmington's steadfast commitment on the volleyball court paid off Monday night as the Falcons emerged as winners in a five-game match with visiting Plymouth Salem.

After losing the first game 14-16, Farmington took a 2-1 lead, 15-15 and 15-10. The Rocks tied the match with a 15-11 victory before the Falcons prevailed in the finale 15-11.

"It really picked the girls up," Farmington coach Julie Ingalls said. "They've played hard all year and weren't winning matches. They were winning games but not matches. It was a real big pick-em-up win."

Ingalls lauded the play of Debbie Schroeder, who was 46-of-48 spiking with 12 kills. Patty Hansen was 26-of-40 and had nine kills.

Kim Owezarak had only one setting error in 154 attempts, and six of her 18 tips went down for kills. The Falcons also scored 18 points off Owezarak's serves.

"Our communication has been a lot better," Ingalls said. "The girls are working real hard on the little things. We're setting aside days and just working on digging or passing."

Kerry Finlayson added 18 service points for Farmington, which has seen its serving improve in recent matches.

"We haven't been a strong serving team," Ingalls said. "We get it in but (Monday) we were powering the ball."

NORTH FARMINGTON took its second victory over league foe Westland John Glenn Monday in straight games, 15-7, 15-12, 15-12.

The Raiders are 3-3 in the Lakes Division, 4-4 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 7-6 overall.

Junior Sarah Lungren was 21-of-21 serving and had 14 points, and half of senior Dana Botwick's 12 service points were aces.

Senior Eve Claar led the attack with 10 kills, and junior Karen Seremet recorded 10 assists.

"We were over 90 percent hitting the ball, and that's a real key when you're that consistent," North coach Sandy Lubieniecki said. "We also played excellent defense."

FARMINGTON HILLS Mercy, seeing some of its toughest competition this year, was a semifinalist Saturday in the East Kentwood tournament.

The Marlins were eliminated by

No. 1-rated Holland West Ottawa 15-10, 15-8. Mercy, ranked No. 4 in the state, is 33-4-2 overall.

In the first round of the playoffs, the Marlins defeated Spring Lake 15-10, 15-5, 15-13 and followed that with a quarterfinal win over defending Class A champion East Kentwood 15-8, 15-4.

Mercy defeated Belding 15-12, 15-11 in pool play, lost to tournament runner-up Forest Hills Central 14-16, 12-15 and defeated Traverse City 15-9, 15-7.

"Even though we got beat, it was important for us to see those teams and believe we can play with those caliber teams," Mercy coach Tim DeBeliso said.

"Hopefully, that will bode well for us at tournament time and, hopefully, we'll get a chance to play Portage Northern, Forest Hills Central and Holland West Ottawa again."

"If we play at a little higher level, maybe we'll have it go our way. It's an experience we can draw upon in March. In many ways, it was a successful tournament even though we didn't win."

Maureen Paulin notched 56 kills out of 150 spikes. She had a kill percentage of .253. Karen Pinkerton had 36 kills and 117 attempts, Gail Murie 27 and 93, Laure DeMattia nine and 31.

"Our kill percentage was probably the lowest for us all year," DeBeliso said, attributing that to the quality of competition and unforced errors. "We've always been in the .300 to .350 range."

"The other teams played outstanding defense against us. If teams are playing good defense, you have to attack more often, and the chance of making errors goes up the more times you attack."

"We have to be able to put the ball down without having rallies go four and five times on the net."

Serving remained a team asset. The Marlins put 94 percent into play, making 18 errors out of 296 serves. Pinkerton served 10 aces, Paulin eight, Murie seven, Susie Atchinson and Shannon Goff five apiece.

Atchinson also had 82 assists out of 235 sets. Jill Evelyn 29 assists out of 94 chances.

The Marlins have their final dual meet tonight at Harper Woods Regional. The Catholic League playoffs begin Monday night. Two quarterfinal matches and a semifinal contest will be played at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 at Mercy.

State powers at S'craft

Some of the state's top teams will be on display when the annual Schoolcraft College Girls Volleyball Invitational takes place Saturday.

Action begins at 9 a.m. with six different pools. The top two teams in each pool will advance to the quarterfinals, beginning at approximately 4 p.m.

Defending state Class A champion East Kentwood will return to defend its title. Among the ranked teams in Class A entered include No. 4 Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central, No. 6 Birmingham Marian and No. 7 Livonia Ladywood. Burton-Atterton, the No. 3 ranked team in Class CC, is also scheduled to appear.

The tournament appears to be wide open after No. 5 Farmington Hills Mercy dropped out of the tournament last week.

Here are the pool pairings:

- (A) Court No. 5 — Ladywood, Farmington Harrison, Plymouth Salem, Fenton and Anchor City
- (B) Court No. 6 — unbeaten Livonia Churchill, North Farmington, Garden City, Redford Thurston and Grand Blanc
- (C) Court No. 1 — Livonia Stevenson, Wayne Memorial, Forest Hills Central, Howell and Taylor Truman
- (D) Court No. 2 — Plymouth Canton, Temperance-Bedford, Harper Woods Regina, Dearborn and Madison Heights Bishop Foley
- (E) Court No. 4 — Marian, East Kentwood, Burton-Atterton, Dearborn-Fordson and Dearborn Edsel Ford
- (F) Court No. 3 — Walled Lake Central, Farmington, Lansing Catholic Central and Grrosse Ile

FARMINGTON HILLS NOTICE OF HEARING OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DUST CONTROL IMPROVEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

- That the Council of the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, has tentatively declared its intention to make the following improvement:
Application of liquid dust control to be located in the City on all public unpaved roads.
- That plans and specifications showing the aforesaid improvement and the location thereof and an estimate of \$130,000 as the cost thereof are on file with the City Clerk for public examination.
- That the City Council has tentatively designated the following special assessment district against which the cost of 100% of said improvement is to be assessed, to wit:
All properties in the City of Farmington Hills which abut public unpaved roads.
- That the City Council will meet in the City Hall, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan on the 25th day of February, 1991 at 7:30 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, to hear and consider any objections to the said improvement.

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KATHRYN A. DORNAN,
City Clerk

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT DUST CONTROL Special Assessment Roll No. C966-91 for the application of dust control on all public unpaved roads, in the amount of \$130,000 has been filed in the office of the City Clerk for public examination.

NOTICE IS FURTHER given that the City Council will meet in the City Hall, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan, on the 25th day of February, 1991 at 7:45 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, to review said Special Assessment Roll and to hear any objections thereto.

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