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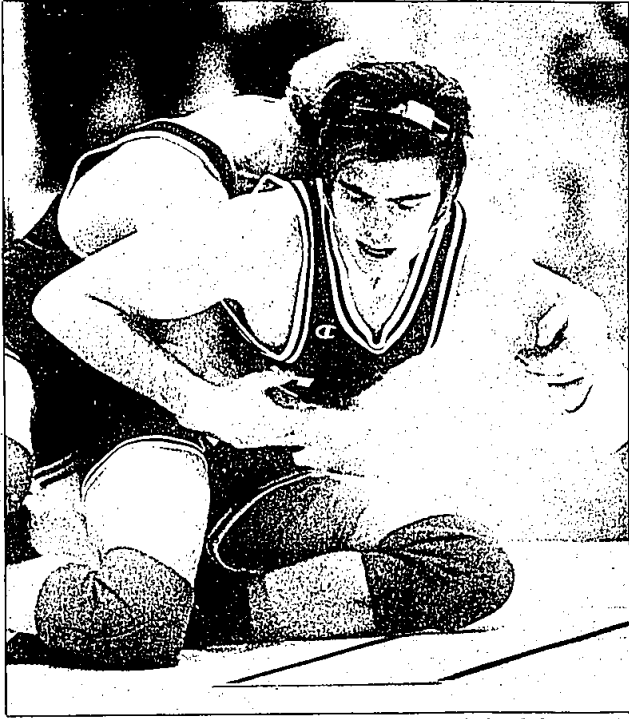
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Falcons runaway winners at WB Invite



Jon Duff of Farmington (front) escaped the hold of Goodrich's John Lamb to win the 125-pound title with a 6-4 decision.

By Dan O'Meara
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Farmington showed just how strong a wrestling team it has Saturday while winning the West Bloomfield Invitational.

The Falcons had nine wrestlers in the finals — six competing for the championship at their respective weights and three others vying for consolation titles — and that provided Farmington with an overwhelming advantage and eventual 50-point victory over runner-up Roseville.

"We just had to get people into the finals and consolations," Farmington coach Al Beyar said. "We were able to do that, and that was pretty much the difference. We were up by 45 points by the time the finals started."

The Falcons did well in the finals, too. They had two champions — Jon Duff at 125 pounds and Ryan Adams at 171 — four runners-up and three consolation winners.

"Duff wrestled real tough," Beyar said. "He's beaten Ralph Hale of Walled Lake Central, who beat him at least four times last year, and he

wrestling

did a real good job at West Bloomfield.

"HE'S WRESTLING some good competition, mixing him moves real well and scoring some points."

"Adams is wrestling very smart now. He's very good on his feet. Most of his points come on takedowns, and he wrestles for points and not necessarily pins."

Farmington wrestlers finishing second were Matt Smith (120), Mike Pallo (160), Rob Cavagnol (159) and Matt Siskosky in the heavyweight division. All lost on decisions in the finals.

North Farmington's Jared Lawrence won the 160-pound title with a 5-2 win over Pallo, the Oakland County champion. It was Pallo's first loss at 160, his only other setback happening at 171.

"Mike made a couple mistakes,

and Jared got a couple takedowns on him," Beyar said. "Other than the takedowns, it was a pretty even match. Jared is a very good wrestler; he's very tough."

"Cavagnol only weighs 164 pounds," Beyar said, "so he gives up a lot of weight but has done a nice job all year. Adams, Pallo and Cavagnol are all 160-pounders. I just had to split them up."

FARMINGTON'S JOHN Economy (103), Rob Sutton (119) and Jason Holliday (145) finished third. Economy finished with a pin, Sutton and Holliday with favorable decisions.

Sutton and Holliday started slow, got better as the tournament progressed and finished strong. Beyar said, Economy lost to the eventual champion from Roseville but "stayed in there the whole match" and avoided a pin.

In addition to Lawrence, North's Dave Orw (125) and Marcus Brown (140) placed third and Dan Cassidy (112) fourth. Harrison's Dave Gloetznor was second at 171. David

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Mules reign on CC mats

Temperance Bedford, ranked No. 1 in Class A, had five individual champions Saturday and won its third straight Redford Catholic Central Wrestling Invitational.

The Kicking Mules have now won 15 of the 25 CC Invitationals and eight of the last 11.

Westland John Glenn was the highest-placing Observerland team, taking seventh place with 86 points, followed by CC in eighth place (85). Birmingham Brother Rice in 12th (53½) and Wayne Memorial in 15th place (15½). Fifteen of the scheduled 16 teams showed.

Holt, rated ninth in Class A prior to the meet, placed ninth with 82½ points. Four of the individual winners are past champions at the CC Invitational.

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JOHN GLENN'S Mike Reeves turned in the surprise performance of the meet, winning the 152-pound division after receiving a No. 2 seed.

Reeves started his assault on the title with a 17-0 win over Mount Pleasant's Matt Daniels. In the second round, Reeves beat Howell's Brad Barron because of a default, and then outdueled Warren Lincoln's Sean Pearce, the ninth-seed, 6-4, to reach the finals.

Reeves outlasted the No. 1 seed, Bedford's Jess Hurler, 10-5, to win the championship and cement himself as a legitimate contender for the state title. Reeves is currently undefeated overall.

The Rockets had strong depth as defined by their three third place finishes. Tom Pace took third place in the 103-pound division with a 4-1 win over Holt's Rob Hernandez.

Mike Mancini captured third in the 132 division with a default over CC's Mario Scicluna, who broke an ankle earlier in the day, and Shane Hall picked up third-place recognition with a 7-5 win over Utica Ford's Jason Kasa.

CC, which won the meet in 1987, '88 and '89, finished with two champions — junior Jason Krueger and senior Dan Kelly.

Krueger, seeded first, won the title with a 10-4 win over Holt's Jim Workman in the final round. To reach the final round, Krueger won his first match by void, beat Mount Pleasant's Tom Huchins, 15-0, and East Detroit's Brian Carr, 10-0.

KELLY ALSO WAS seeded first and after a first-round victory by

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Hawks' Story, Anderson will play for MAC champ

By Steve Kowalski
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Bowling Green, which won last fall's Mid-American Conference football race and the 1991 California Raisin Bowl, appears to have won its share of recruiting battles in Observerland as well.

BG received commitments this week from Farmington Hills Harrison seniors Mike Story and Duanie Anderson and Redford Catholic Central's Dave Bruhowski.

Story, a 6-foot-6, 280-pound offensive lineman, picked BG over Central Michigan, while Anderson, a 6-2, 165-pound receiver, selected the Falcons over Western Michigan. Bruhowski, a 6-5, 235-pound defensive end, chose BG over the University of Toledo.

Another Harrison standout, defensive tackle Leon Jefferson, has committed to Eastern Michigan, while Westland John Glenn defensive tackle Jason Hagelthorn has committed to Central Michigan.

Players can sign binding national letters-of-intent on Wednesday, Feb. 5.

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Bowling Green finished 11-1 last fall and earned a No. 30 national ranking by the Associated Press and USA Today after a 28-21 upset victory over Fresno State in the Raisin Bowl. The players seemed encouraged by those numbers as well as coach Gary Blackney's commitment to the program.

Blackney, who was an assistant at Ohio State University prior to taking over last fall at BG, recently signed a five-year contract extension. The Falcons return most of their skilled players, including 6-5 quarterback Erik White, who will be a senior.

"I THOUGHT THE coaches were a lot more friendly and there was more of a family atmosphere," said Anderson, who was a first-team All-Observer choice last fall — only his second season of organized football. "And the California Bowl win was

definitely a push toward the school. I'm really excited about it."

Anderson, who plans to study business, is looking forward to being Story's teammate again.

"It's great having a fellow state champion going with me," he said. Story began his career at Harrison on the golf team before finally putting football pads on his massive frame as a junior.

"I guess there was a lot of peer pressure for me to play because of my size — everyone thought it would be great if I played — and I just got paid off," Story said. "All the BG coaches told me I was just starting to reach my peak."

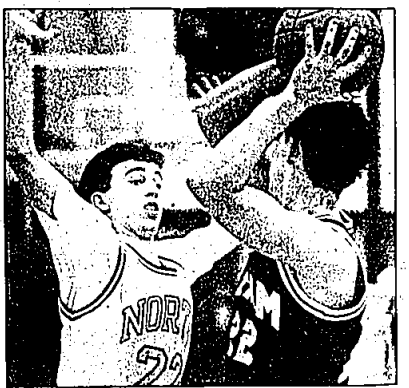
Like Anderson, Story was impressed most by the coaching staff and the players' winning attitudes. BG is playing at Ohio State University on Sept. 12 next fall and the following week at the University of Wisconsin.

"Overall, their team spirit is on fire and they can't wait to play again — that's kind of the way we were," Story said. "A winning attitude was

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Thrilling victory

North Farmington's Dean Pennala guards Jack Selby of Birmingham Seahorn in a non-league basketball game Tuesday. Pennala, who scored 17 points, and his teammates won the game in double overtime, 58-57 over the visiting Maples. See story on Page 2B for details of that game and those involving Harrison and Farmington.



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