

# Falcons send 4 to mat regional

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"I WORKED MY butt off last summer and had a lot of people helping me," Reeves said. "I didn't want to make the same mistake (a loss) I made last year. He (Scappalocchio) was a tough opponent. I went out to wrestle and just tried to hit anything that was open."

Rocket wrestlers joining Reeves at Salem include senior Tom Pace (29-5), who placed second at 105; senior Mike Mancini (28-6), who placed second at 112; and senior Shane Hall (28-8), who placed third at 145. Farmington will be represented at the regional tournament by senior Matt Sikosky (30-8), who placed fourth in the heavyweight division; senior Jon Duff (26-5), who placed third at 125; senior Mike Pallo (30-5-1), who placed second at 160; and senior Hyam Adams (28-4), who placed fourth at 175.

Jason Peterson won the heavyweight championship and will lead a trio of Garden City wrestlers to Saturday's regional tourney. Peterson (24-2), the Northwest Suburban League champ, lived up to his top seed by winning his first three matches by pin. He stuck Livonia Stevenson's John Hull in 29 seconds, Mattened Northville's John Gatlin in 1:34 and pinned Farmington's Sikosky in 3:52. In the championship match, the Cougar junior edged Howell's Art Cunnings (24-5-1), 1-0. Peterson scored the decisive point with an escape in the second period. "He was a pretty strong kid," admitted Peterson after winning his first district crown ever. "I was just trying to keep him down. Now I hope to place in the top four at the region-

## CC fares well in district

Redford Catholic Central will be well represented in Saturday's individual regional wrestling tournament at Plymouth Salem. CC had seven qualifiers for the upcoming after posting three first places, a pair of seconds, one third and a fourth last weekend at the Ferndale district.

The top four wrestlers in each weight class moved into the regional. Coming away with firsts for the Shamrocks were Phil Baehle (130 pounds), Jason Krueger (160) and Dan Kelly (171). Krueger, 39-2 overall, and Kelly, 39-2-1, weren't surprising winners but Baehle was. "He's a junior and has only won one tournament (the Catholic League) and has done a complete 180-degree turnaround from the beginning of the season," CC coach Mike Rodriguez said. "He's one that believes, and it shows in his performance. Some of our people are coming around, maturing a bit. Kelly and Krueger have been consistent all year, but to have some juniors and seniors coming along is also rewarding." Bill Lamb (103) and Mario Scieluna (115) also reached the finals before losing. Dan Rippele (152) won his consolation match to finish third, while teammate Mike Madden (135) earned a fourth.

al and go to states, but I know it's going to take six hard minutes of wrestling in every match."

GARDEN CITY wrestlers joining Peterson at the regional competition will be junior Mike Drenzel (17-9), who placed fourth at 112; and senior Chris Gorak (23-4), who placed second at 130. North Farmington finished the district tournament with a pair of champions in Marcus Brown and Jared Lawrence. Brown (32-3) was pleased with the championship after placing third at last year's district meet. "I was concentrating more this year. I was thinking a lot more on my feet," Brown said. The Redford senior pinned Harrison's Tom James in 1:34 in his opening

match and tied up Salem's Chris Raption in 1:28 in the second round. He earned an 11-3 decision over Brighton's Tom Williams. In the semi and beat Livonia Franklin's Fred Vargas (28-7) in the finals 9-2 in a rematch of the WLAA league championship match. Brown won the league title with a 5-1 decision. "Before I went out there I was a little concerned, because I just wrestled him last week in the league finals," Brown said. "I thought he'd probably do something different and he did. He's real good on defense and today he waited for me a little more."

LAWRENCE IMPROVED TO 27-1-2 when he won a championship in the 160-pound weight class. Lawrence pinned Garden City's Rodney Haw-

kins in 1:39 in the opening round of competition. He stuck Glen's Andy Boguszewski in 4:19 in the second round and earned a 4-2 decision over Mike Shaniklan of Livonia Churchill in the semifinals.

The junior grappler found himself facing a familiar opponent in the finals — Farmington's Pallo (30-5-1). Entering the finals, Lawrence and Pallo had squared off four times this season. Lawrence, winning three of the matches. The other match ended in a draw. Saturday's result was all too familiar as Lawrence prevailed with a 5-2 decision. Lawrence won the WLAA championship a week earlier with a 7-2 victory over Pallo. "Actually, we're fairly good friends," Lawrence said. "It's tough wrestling him so many times. I don't like to know anything about my guy when I go out on the mat, but we know each other pretty well."

Seven other Observerland wrestlers also qualified for the upcoming regional. Churchill, Franklin and Canton will send a pair of wrestlers and Harrison one. Churchill junior Damian Taucher (28-2) placed fourth at 110 pounds, and junior teammate Mike Szalik (20-14) placed fourth at 160. Franklin senior Fred Vargas (28-7) finished second in the 140-pound bracket, and Patriot senior Aaron Shekarian (30-5-1) placed third at 189. Canton junior Dan Phillips (13-14-0) placed fourth at 130 pounds and will represent the Chieftans at the regional tournament as will 171-pound senior George Young (31-3), who finished second. Junior Dave Gloczner, (23-10) placed third at 171 pounds and will be the lone Harrison representative.

# Raiders rally to win WLAA finale

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33 spikes with 17 resulting in kills. Schroeder also was 14-of-15 digging opposing spikes. Gibson was 8-of-9 hitting with four kills, Amy Sosnowski was 65-of-66 setting the ball for his attackers and Hebeck Kling served a string of seven aces straight points in the third game. The Falcons were 66-of-76 to serve reception.

SERVING ALSO played a role in North Farmington's victory over host Livonia Franklin Monday. The Raiders lost the first game 9-15 but won the next three 15-9, 16-14, 15-8. "Our serving improved," North coach Sandy Lubienicki said. "We finally pulled it together on serving and got some key hits in the middle. The first game lasted an eternity.

## volleyball

It was sidout, sidout. We couldn't get a string going until the third and fourth games with Mandi (Terrell) and Jenny (Reif). Reif served six consecutive points in the third game, and Terrell, with the Raiders ahead 10-8 in the fourth, served the last five of the match — four of them being aces. Karen Miller served 15 points (four aces) overall. Sarah Lungren had 12 kills to lead the attack and Carey Perkins eight. Yui Nakamura, Lungren and Reif had nine digs apiece to lead the defensive effort. "Sarah played her always consistent game for us, and Jenny Reif did

a really good job in the back row," Lubienicki said. The Raiders finished 4-7 in the WLAA and have a 12-13 record overall. "I WAS SERVING that led to Farmington Hills Harrison's loss last Monday in a five-game down-to visiting Plymouth Canton, according to coach Ron Short. The Chieftans won the odd-numbered games (15-11, 15-12, 15-13) and Harrison, which missed 13 serves as opposed to just four by Canton, the even-numbered (16-14, 15-13). "Other than that, it was a pretty close match," said Short of the serving. "A few mistakes here or there and it could have gone the other way." "All season we've been improving on not missing serves, and then I don't know what happened. Serving

absolutely killed us." Lubienicki played well on defense and was able to handle a superior attack by the Hawks, who had 139 attacks. "We spiked the ball a lot more than they did, but their defense did a good job of picking them and staying in the net," Short said. Julie Heist had 50 attacks and 20 kills to lead Harrison. Amanda Ault had 45 assists but also contributed 13 kills out of 25 attacks, most of them dump kills. Jodie Whitehead added eight kills, and Kelley West served four aces. Short said the errors "drive me nuts, but I sit back and say, yeah, but we're still playing a lot of freshman and sophomores. We're a young team and we're going to have a lot of ups and downs." Harrison finished 4-7 in the WLAA and is 11-14-6 overall.

## Pioneers rout Shamrocks

Redford Catholic Central's swimming team took on one of the state's best on Saturday, and it was apparent as the Shamrocks lost a 110-75 decision to host Ann Arbor Pioneer. The Shamrocks are no slouches, but according to coach Pete Leonhardt, they couldn't stay with a team as deep in talent as Pioneer. CC, eighth-ranked in Class A, fell to 7-2 in dual meets. Pioneer is second ranked behind No. 1 Bloomfield Hills Andover. "Pioneer isn't going to beat Andover in the state meet, but they will give them a run," Leonhardt said. "Pioneer is very, very deep — it has three guys in every event. They are a good team." Randy Teeters led CC with a pair of individual wins and he also swam on two winning relays. Teeters won the 200-yard Individual Medley in 1 minute, 58.84 seconds and he took the 100 breaststroke title in 1:07.4. James Leslie, Teeters, Steve Reinke and John Brogan placed first in the 200 medley relay (1:41.10) while Brogan, Devon Fekete, Teeters and Chris Meek won the 200 freestyle relay (1:30.76). Leslie won the 500 freestyle (4:31.28) for the Shamrocks.

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## Gibson signs with MSU

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a challenge. It's a challenge with each player you face to take her out of her game."

THE CLASS A all-stater has the physical ability to be a successful college player, according to Farmington coach Cathy Kansman. "She has the size and speed and is an intelligent player, and she will fit into that caliber of (physical) demanding game the colleges play." Gibson also was recruited by Wisconsin, Massachusetts and North Carolina at Greensboro. Former Farm-

ington stars Carrie Maier and Amy Frank play for Wisconsin at Massachusetts, respectively, but Gibson said she liked the idea of staying closer to home. Gibson added the Spartans are recruiting a number of other players from her club team (Michigan Hawks), including Farmington teammates Kim Popyk, Lisa Grace or Troy Althaus and Shannon Wilkinson of Livonia Stevenson. Popyk plans to attend MSU and room with Gibson but is undecided whether or she wants to continue playing soccer or concentrate solely on academics. Gibson said.

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# Blaznek's goal forces tie, 3-3

By Neal Zipser  
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## hockey

When Joe Blaznek was playing Pee Wee hockey, his goal with 14 seconds left broke a scoreless tie and gave his team the state Pee Wee championship. "That was the biggest goal I've ever scored," the junior forward said.

Blaznek's second-biggest goal of his life occurred with just 33 left on the game clock Tuesday, giving Redford Catholic Central a come-from-behind 3-3 tie with host Trenton at J.P. Kennedy Ice Arena. With Shamrocks' goalie Mike Brusseau pulled for an extra attacker, Trenton failed to clear the puck out of its own zone. Blaznek stopped the puck at the blue line and let go of what looked like a seemingly harmless wristshot. The puck bounced and fluttered past several players before banging off the goal post and in the net. Trenton's goalie Jim Blackledge, Pat Casey and Bill Baaki recorded assists on the goal. "I just wanted to get the puck on net and hoped for a tip in or a rebound," Blaznek said. Trenton ranked No. 2 in Class A, fell to 10-1-3 in the Michigan Metro circuit. CC, rated No. 5 in Class A, improved to 8-4-1 in the Metro and 14-4-2 overall. The Shamrocks also averaged a 3-0 defeat to Trenton suffered last month.

like checking, we can be in a game with anybody." Trenton opened the scoring at 3:49 of the opening period. After CC failed to clear the puck, Brusseau made a save on a shot from the blue line and then another save on the rebound. But Trenton made good on its third chance as Joey Chappelle poked the puck into the net. Brian Gilpatrick and Matt Greene assisted. The Trojans made it 2-0 at 11:35 on an unassisted shorthanded goal by senior forward Sen Slater. Trenton outshot CC 15-5 in the first period and held a 31-24 advantage for the game. Trenton scored its second shorthanded goal of the game 3:40 into the second period as Damian Frederick took a Chappelle pass and fired the left lower corner of the net past Brusseau. "Usually giving up two shorthanded goals would deplete a team," Gumbleton said. THE TROJANS could have led by more if not for Brusseau's excellent goaltending. "I have to give credit to Brusseau," Gumbleton said. "He's been steady all year. He gave up the first goal, which was lucky, and then the shorthanded goal. He didn't have a chance on either one."

## CC skates to victory over GPN

Redford Catholic Central skated past visiting Grosse Pointe North in a Michigan Metro Hockey League encounter Saturday at the Redford Ice Arena, 5-0. The game was scoreless until the Shamrocks scored off three goals during a 53-second span late in the second period. Mike Kasper broke the ice at 11:45 of the second from Mike Giordano and Pat Casey. Thirty-five seconds later, Marc Lorelli connected from Scott Johnson and Bill Baaki. And only 18 seconds after that, Johnson scored from Matt Gorski and Lorelli. The Shamrocks added two more goals in the final period — Mike Seller (from Vic Stesjak) and Lorelli's second of the night, at 13:58 (from Tom Denton and Gorski). Jamie Ronayne went all the way in goal for CC, blanking North on 18 shots.

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