



League champ: North Farmington's Dave Orow added a WLAA individual title to his Observerland Invitational championship.

# Wrestling has good sports

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It's easy to preach about good sportsmanship, but it's another thing to practice what you preach. Last week was designated Good Sportsmanship Week in the Western Lakes Activities Association and Livonia Stevenson wrestling coach Don Berg capped off the week with a true act of sportsmanship at the WLAA wrestling tournament at Walled Lake Central.

Stevenson sophomore Chris Mullett was seeded second at 145 pounds and advanced to the championship where he met top-seeded and undefeated senior Travis Ilaqua (33-0) of Walled Lake Western.

Ilaqua picked Mullett off his feet at the start of the match and brought the Spartan wrestler to the mat with a body slam.

Mullett was injured on the move and couldn't continue wrestling. Ilaqua was penalized a point and would have lost the match if Mullett was unable to continue.

"When he tried to get up he couldn't; he was kind of wobbly," said Berg. "I said right then he wouldn't continue, but we didn't want to win the match like that."

Instead, Mullett shook off the injury as best he could and returned to the mat. As soon the referee blew the whistle to restart the match, Mullett retired, giving Ilaqua the win.

"The same thing happened to one of my wrestlers many years ago, and he would have been a state qualifier," Berg said. "I said at the time I would never do that to a kid."

# N'ville prevails in WLAA tourney

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The dual meet wrestling season in the Western Lakes Activities Association was a "Battle Royal" this year.

Three teams — Westland John Glenn, Plymouth Salem and Livonia Stevenson — fought to a three-way tie in the Lakes Division as each team finished the season at 4-1 in the division.

Walled Lake Western won the Western Division with a 5-0 record, while Northville placed second with a 4-1 record after dropping a 39-27 contest to the Warriors.

So it came as no surprise that Saturday's WLAA tournament at Walled Lake Central was a dog-fight to the end.

Entering the finals, the team standings were deadlocked, with Glenn and Northville at the top of the chart with 139.5 points each. Salem was third with 124, and Stevenson was fourth with 108.

But when the final match was over late Saturday evening it was Northville standing alone at the top. The Mustangs won the tournament with 166.5 points, edging John Glenn, which finished second with 163.5. Salem finished

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third with 146 points, followed by Stevenson with 126 and Western with 124.

"I really didn't know if we could do it," said Northville coach Bob Boshoven, whose team placed 10th in the state tournament a year ago. "I'm real proud of the way the kids responded. Up and down the lineup, this is an incredible group of overachievers."

"We only have two seniors on the team; the rest are underclassmen. We came here with 12 wrestlers and we placed 10th of them. I can't ask for anything more."

The Rockets also placed 10 wrestlers, led by three-time league champion Mike Reeves, who breezed through the 160-pound bracket.

"It was a pretty mediocre day for us," said Glenn coach Dave Hill, whose team sports an 8-1 dual meet record. "We've had better days."

For Reeves, the defending state champion and two-time WLAA champ at 152 pounds, the day couldn't have been much better. Reeves won his first two matches

by pin (0:35 and 3:13) then earned an easy 18-0 major decision over North Farmington's Jared Lawrence — the defending league champ at 160 — in the finals. Reeves is 28-0 on the season.

"We really have a fine team," said Reeves. "We only have four seniors on the team and the rest are underclassmen. Everyone came together as a team and the sophomores are really coming on strong."

The Rockets also received strong performances from second-place finishers Mike Henry (125 pounds) and Matt Graca (140) and third-place finishers Anthony Underwood (112) and Gerry Simoneau (152).

Plymouth Salem finished the day with nine wrestlers placing in the top six, including three champions. John Svec won the league crown at 152 with a 3-2 decision over Northville's Adam Lynch.

Wade Langdon won the crown at 171 with a 5-3 decision over Franklin's Jesse Shakerian, and Salem heavyweight Ryan Giuliani won his first league title with a 3-2 decision over Stevenson's Dave Ross.

"We wrestled well, but there were a couple bad situations," said Salem coach Krueger. "I don't like to cry, but the officiating here today... Well, we saw some kids get hurt."

Krueger was especially pleased with the progress of Langdon, the

only senior on the team. "I'm real happy for Langdon," Krueger said. "He sat out last season with a shoulder separation, but he came back this year and went through the league and won it. I'm real proud of him."

Scott Goldman and Craig Martin led the Spartans by winning championships in their respective weight classes. Goldman earned an 18-8 major decision over Glenn's Matt Graca in the title match at 140 while Martin stuck Harrison's Dave Gletzner in 3:18 at 169.

Western finished with three league champions. Rob Fritz earned an 11-2 major decision over Northville's Mike Steiner in the championship match at 103 pounds. Andy Fritz improved to 30-0 when he clipped Central's Lee Southard 7-4 in the title match at 112. Travis Ilaqua won the 145-pound division when he earned an injury default over Stevenson's Chris Mullett. Ilaqua is 33-0.

North featured a league champ in 125-pounder Dave Orow, who earned a 9-1 major decision over Glenn's Mike Henry.

Canton's Nick Spano, the defending WLAA champ at 130, won the 135-pound championship with a 7-6 decision over Central's Frank Lovio.

The other league champions were Northville's Jason Tarrow at 119 and Matt Allison at 130.

## SPORTS SHORTS

Items for the Sports Roundup should be submitted by 5 p.m. Tuesday (for Thursday edition) and 5 p.m. Friday (for the Monday edition).

### BASEBALL PLAYERS

There are still a few openings for a newly established area travel baseball team for 11 and 12 year olds.

The Bloomfield Bulls Federation team will have tryouts this week. Interested players should call Dennis Patterson at 553-8119.

### BASEBALL TRYOUTS

North Farmington-West Bloomfield will have baseball tryouts for an 11- and 12-year-old travel team. NFWB plans to enter a team in the Little Caesars Baseball Federation for the first time. For information call NFWB manager Bob Sopo in the evening at 661-6276.

### SOCCER SIGN-UP

Registrations forms for the Farmington Soccer Club's spring season are available at the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department and the Farmington Hills YMCA.

The season starts Friday, April 23, and lasts eight weeks. The fee for new players is \$50, for returning players from last fall \$30.

The deadline to register is Monday, Feb. 15. Any registrations received after that date will be assessed a \$5 late fee. For information, call Jan at 553-8691 or Vince at 474-4541.

### CRACKERBOX SPORTS

Crackerbox Sports in Farmington Hills is organizing men's, women's and coed softball and volleyball leagues. For information, call Michael Callahan at 474-6176.

## Salem downs Farmington

Farmington on Monday lost to Plymouth Salem (10-15, 9-15, 12-15) in a Western Lakes Activities Association volleyball match.

The loss drops Farmington to 10-15 overall, 3-6 in the WLAA and 2-2 in the Lakes Division of the WLAA.

Salem's Nick Schroeder led the Falcons with 14 kills and seven digs. Schroeder also was 8-for-8 in serve reception.

Senior Michelle Lorenz made good on 37 of 40 sets. Junior Erin Phelps had two kills, four digs and was 10-of-12 passing.

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