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WLAA to crown champs

It's that championship season in the Western Lakes Activities Association, which will crown champions in three sports this week. The parade begins at 6 tonight with the finals in girls gymnastics at Westland John Glenn High School.

Plymouth Salem, the No. 1-ranked team in the state, will attempt to win its fourth consecutive title.

Livonia Stevenson (boys swimming) and Livonia Churchill (volleyball) hope to win their third straight WLAA championships.

The swim competition concludes Friday with the finals at 6 p.m. in the Salem pool. The No. 7 Spartans will be challenged by No. 8 Salem and No. 9 Northville.

Churchill will attempt to defend its volleyball crown Saturday on its home court. The one-day tournament begins at 9 a.m. The final is expected to start in the early evening.

The WLAA basketball playoffs begin Friday, too. Walled Lake Central is the defending champ. Salem, Glenn, Canton, Farmington Harrison and North Farmington are among the contenders.

Soccer coaches clinic

There will be something for everybody who likes soccer at the 1993 Coaches Symposium.

The clinic will consist of three Saturday sessions on March 6 and 20 and April 3 at Schoolcraft College from 1-3 p.m. each day. There is no fee or charge for admission.

The symposium is aimed primarily at assisting soccer coaches at all levels, but parents of soccer players and fans are welcome, too.

Clinic participants will have 18 topics (three per session) from which to choose and will best suit their needs. The program will include lectures, demonstrations and technical sessions.

O'Shea added the purpose is not to tell coaches how to coach but to make them "more knowledgeable about the game."

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Regional next for select wrestlers

North Farmington senior Dave Orow won a district championship at 125 pounds Saturday at the Class A wrestling tournament at Walled Lake Western.

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Observerland will be well represented this weekend at the Class A individual regional wrestling tournament at South Lyon.

No less than 20 area wrestlers qualified for the regional by placing in the top four of their respective weight classes at Saturday's district tournament at Walled Lake Western.

Westland John Glenn's Mike Reeves kept his unbeaten record intact as he stormed through the 160-pound bracket. Reeves, 34-0 and the defending state champ at 152, outclassed South Lyons' Jason Brown (29-6) with a 13-4 decision in the championship match.

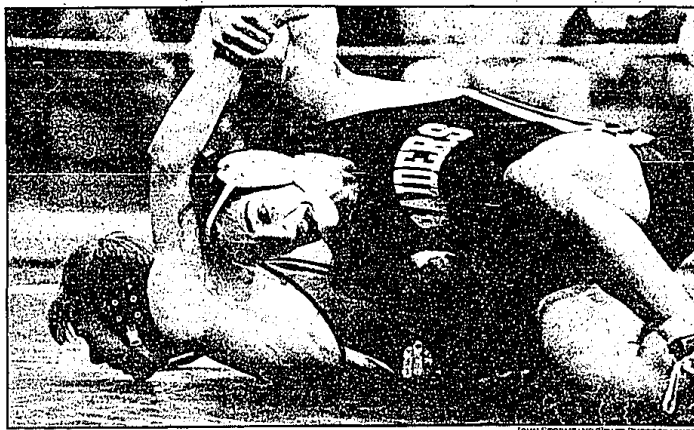
Reeves held a 4-2 lead entering the third period, then used a series of takedowns and back points to secure the win. He earned pins in his first two matches and recorded a 10-2 decision in the semifinals.

Reeves has his eyes set on a repeat performance at the state meet March 12-13 at Battle Creek.

"I'm a year older now and the experience helps," said Reeves, who has been wrestling since he was in seventh grade. "I've been there once and I know what it takes to get there again."

"The guys seem a lot stronger at 160 than they were at 152, but I like to eat so I just try to out-technique them. I do what I have to do to win. It's a job."

Reeves leads a group of four regional qualifiers from Glenn. Anthony Underwood placed third at 112, Gerry



JOHN STORMAND/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

District wrestling: North Farmington's Mark McDonald pinned Churchill's Jeff Stojanowski (above) at 130 pounds but lost his next match 7-5 and failed to qualify for the regional.

Simoneau was fourth at 152 and Brian Kolb was fourth at 171.

Garden City's Jason Peterson rolled through the heavyweight division with a pair of pins and a 9-2 decision.

Peterson, a district and regional champion last year, wasted little time defending his district crown. Peterson took down Plymouth Salem's Ryan Giuliani (29-14) at the opening whistle and pinned the Rocks wrestler just 32 seconds into the match.

Peterson opened the tournament with a pin over Glenn's Shaun Arbogast in 25 seconds and earned a 9-2 decision over Howell's Kevin Matt

in the semifinals. Peterson hopes his experience will help in his quest for a state crown.

"Last year I was coming from out of nowhere. I was extremely overwhelmed at state," said Peterson, who stands 57-2 on the year. "I've been there now and I know what it's all about. I've put in a whole lot of work."

Peterson will be joined at the regional meet by teammate Mike Bulard, who placed fourth at 145.

North Farmington senior Dave Orow won the first district championship of his career when he earned a 7-4 decision over Howell's Matt

Schroeder (22-9) in the championship match at 125 pounds.

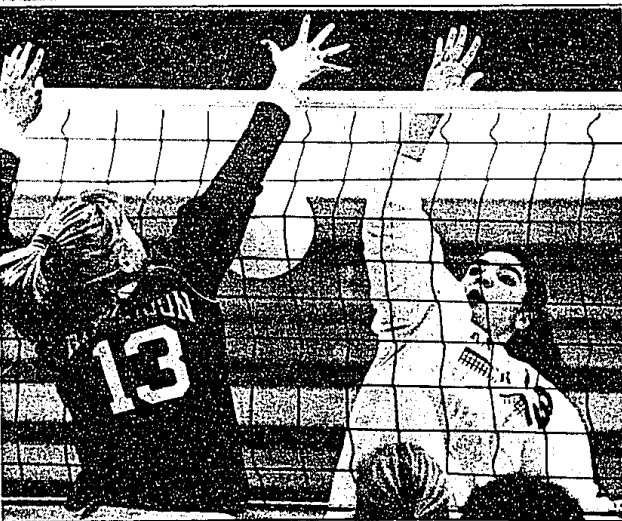
With the match tied 4-4 after two periods, Orow took control in the final two minutes and scored an escape and a takedown to secure the win.

Orow (32-4) earned a technical fall over Novi's Tim O'Sullivan in the semifinals.

"I lost in the districts last year so this really feels great," Orow said. "Last year I didn't motivate myself enough."

"This year I'm not letting anything stop me. I trained real hard over the summer. I'm not psyching myself out

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Not result: Harrison's Amanda Ault (back to camera) stuffs a spike by North's Stefanie White in the final WLAA volleyball match for both teams Monday.

Hawks ready for league tourney

Farmington Hills Harrison goes into the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament hoping to add more sparkle to its best-ever volleyball season Saturday.

The Hawks clinched fourth place and the No. 4 seed in the tournament when they defeated North Farmington (9-5-9) in the dual-meet finale Monday.

Harrison tied with tournament host Livonia Churchill for fourth place, both with 8-3 league records. The Hawks (24-8-5) won the tiebreaker based on their regular-season victory over Churchill.

"The kids are going into it with a lot of confidence," Harrison coach Ron Shortt said. "We've had a good year and they're thinking 'Gee, we've really done something.' We've improved by leaps and bounds over the last three to four years."

VOLLEYBALL

The Hawks will be in the same Pool C with Plymouth Salem, Livonia Franklin and Westland John Glenn.

Pool A has top-seeded Livonia Stevenson playing North, Walled Lake Western and Plymouth Canton. Walled Lake Central, Northville, Farmington and Churchill are grouped in Pool B.

"The last time we played (Salem) we beat them, so we have confidence," Shortt said. "Our pool is the closest of the three; that's the way the seeding system is. We're hoping to finish at least second and go from there."

The top two teams in each pool advance to the playoffs. The first-place teams in A and B receive first-round byes.

The Hawks showed no ill ef-

fects from a week of being idle in the match with North, 0-11 in the league.

Amanda Ault was 26-of-27 attacking and had 10 kills. She also set the ball 18 times and had seven assists. Maggie Chavez led the team with 42 sets and 14 assists.

Harrison's big hitter, senior Julie Heist, didn't get too many attacks due to effective serving by the Hawks, but she had five kills out of eight attacks. Krista Snow was 11-of-12 spiking and also had five kills in addition to five blocks.

Heist led the servers with seven aces, and Lori Hubble had 15 serves with one ace.

"Lori doesn't serve aces, but she serves consistently," Shortt said. "Basically, we got our good servers back there, and they couldn't handle it."

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