

# Honor roll includes big names, rising stars



Dave Orow  
N. Farmington

## 1993 ALL-AREA WRESTLING TEAM

**FIRST TEAM**  
 Hwt: Jason Peterson ..... Garden City  
 100: Bill Lamb ..... Redford CC  
 112: Anthony Underwood ..... John Glenn  
 119: Luley Haddad ..... Thurston  
 125: Dan Brown ..... Farmington  
 130: Garry Aral ..... Redford Union  
 135: Nick Spano ..... Canton  
 140: Scott Goldman ..... Farmington  
 145: Chris Mullett ..... Stevenson  
 152: Garry Simonau ..... John Glenn  
 171: Jason Krueger ..... Redford CC  
 189: Craig Martin ..... Canton  
 Coach: Mike Rodriguez

**SECOND TEAM**  
 Hwt: Todd Lacey ..... Redford CC  
 100: Scott Hughes ..... Salem  
 112: Craig Shaler ..... Lun. Westland  
 125: Mark Burley ..... Chesham  
 130: Steve Bonn ..... Farmington  
 135: Mike Prough ..... Farmington  
 140: Phil Bacha ..... Redford CC  
 145: Jeremy Smith ..... Farmington  
 152: Liam O'Donoghue ..... Redford CC  
 160: Jason Lawrence ..... N. Farmington  
 165: Dan Krueger ..... Redford CC  
 171: Varion McClelland ..... Wayne  
 189: Dave Goetting ..... Harrison

**THIRD TEAM**  
 Hwt: Pat Sirock ..... Redford Union  
 100: Alan Waddell ..... John Glenn  
 112: Bill Lembeck ..... Stevenson  
 119: Brian Hurlock ..... Salem  
 125: Mike Henry ..... Farmington  
 130: Mark McDonnell ..... N. Farmington  
 140: Eric Aral ..... Redford Union  
 145: Scott Porter ..... Redford CC  
 152: John Svec ..... Salem  
 171: Wade Langston ..... Salem  
 189: Phil Haynes ..... Salem

**HONORABLE MENTION**  
 Lutheran Westland; Steve Faith, Jason Brazzale, Garden City; Jason Kane, Mark Owendal, Steve Horvath, Mike Butard, Jeremy Williams, Redford Union; Dan Boyton, Chris Reich, Farmington Harrison; Brian Atkinson, Mark Letourneau, Mark Glendon, Darrel Primer, Derek Jaeger, North Farmington; Fred Lurnal, Mark Helfmann, Farmington; Matt Michaels, John Lane, Mark Mason, Chris Neville, Scott Holladay, Redford CC; Mark Backler, Dave Gardner, Franklin, Tony Denton, Redford Union; Jesse Shakharian, Adam Hill, Stevenant, Dave Rubin, Bill Lembeck, Ken Lewis, Chesham; Mike Shakharian, Al Ramana, Thurston; Ezra Kramer, Dan Nicholson, John Glenn; Matt Graca, Aaron Teague, Brian Korb, Jim Lock, Salem; Phil Michalek, Canton; Bill Burgo, Dave Smith, Frank Toemae, Dan Greenleaf.

**BY STEVE KOWALSKI STAFF WRITER**  
 Veteran stars like Mike Reeves, Jason Krueger, Nick Spano and Jason Peterson appear on this year's All-Area wrestling first team.  
 But what makes the team all the more impressive is the influx of underclassmen. Six of the 13 on the first team are underclassmen, including five sophomores.  
 So the future, especially at Livonia Stevenson (with three first-team sophomores), looks bright but let's reflect on some of the past.  
 Reeves (Westland John Glenn), Krueger (Redford Catholic Central), Spano (Plymouth Canton) and Peterson (Garden City) provided Observersland with excitement the last four years.  
 Reeves finished his career as a two-time state champion, losing only once in the last two years; Krueger was 177-27 for his career, Spano 146-28. Peterson graduates with a 171-27 record.  
 CC's Mike Rodriguez is the Coach of the Year after leading the Shamrocks to the championship of the Observersland Invitational.  
 Here's a capsule look at each member of the first team:

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## ALL-AREA WRESTLING

In the Western Lakes Activities Association and third in the district.  
 "Anthony is an excellent artist; he did a drawing of all our wrestlers in 45 minutes," Glenn coach Dave Hill said. "He's extremely quiet, intelligent and well motivated."  
 Luley Haddad, 119, Thurston: Haddad finished 33-10, won a Class B regional and finished in the state meet. Haddad won the Observersland tournament, placed second in the Tri-River League, Dearborn Fordson and Erie-Mason meets. Haddad, only a sophomore, was third at Thurston's tournament and third at the Gibraltar-Carlson tournament.  
 "Luley definitely has the potential to be a two-timer (state champion)," Thurston coach Jeff Newton said. "He wrestles with a tremendous amount of heart and gets better after every match. Luley beat some tough Class A guys this year."  
 Garry Aral, 130, Redford Union: Aral finished a memorable career with a 100-32 record. He was 41-0 this season, qualifying for the state meet after taking third in the regional and second in the district. He was a Tri-River League champ, won four Invationals and placed third at the Observersland meet.  
 Aral also excelled in AAU, taking the 1992 100-pound state championship and fourth place in the AAU Junior Olympics the same year.  
 "I have had a handful of state finishers and he's the one wrestler that impressed me the most was Garry Aral," said RU coach George Houttekkor, who has been coaching 10 years. "His desire and drive to better himself throughout his career was outstanding. He has brought back the pride the Redford Union wrestling team was once known for. We have junior and high schoolers that accept Aral as a role model and want to be just like him."  
 Nick Spano, 135, Canton: Spano was a WLLA, district and regional champion. He was a tri-most valuable wrestler of the Observersland meet, in which he also was a champion. Spano, who was 41-2 this year and finished his career with a 146-28 record. Last year he took sixth place at the state meet in the 130-pound division.  
 "Nick became a better wrestler this year because he used the moves he already knew but was afraid to use last year," coach Ray Chvora said. "It helped him pull off matches in the last second because he was willing to take a chance. He worked on a variety of moves for different situations."  
 Scott Goldman, 140, Stevenson: Goldman showed tremendous improvement over last year, when as a freshman he was 5-15. Goldman enjoyed a 32-3 record this year, winning the WLLA and Observersland meets. He was a regional qualifier after placing third in the district. Goldman holds a school record for take-downs this season.  
 "Scott is a very talented athlete who always gives 100 percent in the practice room," Stevenson coach Don Berg said. "We call him 'Mr. Take-down' because he's so good on his feet. Scott's goal for next year is not just to go to the state meet but to place as a junior."

Chris Mullett, 145, Stevenson: Like Goldman, Mullett took his lumps as a freshman before enjoying a banner sophomore campaign. Mullett was a state qualifier, finished 32-15 and won the Observersland meet. He placed second in the WLLA and district and earned fourth place at the regional.  
 "What makes Chris so good is that he is relentless at all times," Berg said. "If anyone thinks they can beat Chris, they not only have to be a better wrestler, but they better wrestle for a full six minutes. Not only does he work hard, but he helps his teammates try to improve, which is why he was elected a captain."  
 Garry Simonau, 152, John Glenn: Simonau was 27-12 as a senior with a first-place finish at the Observersland and second in the WLLA. He was fourth in the district.  
 "He's a very stylistic, smooth wrestler and has a lot of holds," Hill said. "He's in excellent condition, an excellent student with high-level classes."  
 Mike Reeves, 160, John Glenn: Reeves hopes to make the U.S. Olympic Team and coach Dave Hill wouldn't be surprised to see it happen. Hill has watched Reeves wrestle for more than two years, that coming on a disqualification, and he is a two-time Class A state champion. Reeves last year won the 152-pound division at the state meet and was undefeated in 44 matches this year at 160 pounds.  
 "Mike is the most dedicated wrestler I've ever worked with," Hill said. "He's driven from within, wins for himself. He's always right there for his teammates and was a true sportsman this year."  
 "He's too fast, too strong for high school wrestlers. He wants to be an Olympian. Someday we'll sit in front of the TV and watch him."

Jason Krueger, 171, Redford CC: Krueger had a 47-2 senior season, capped by a third-place finish in the Class A meet. He was first at the regional and district and also took first place in the Catholic League and Observersland tournaments and meets at Tranton, Lansing Sexton and CC. He finished his career with a 177-27 record.  
 "It's young men like Jason who make my coaching at Catholic Central a true joy, not because of his wrestling ability, but because he is a fine outstanding young man who will be very productive in our society down the road," CC coach Mike Rodriguez said. "I am very proud of his grit. He's always been a champion in my eyes."  
 Craig Martin, 189, Stevenson: Martin took second place in both the district and regional to qualify for state. He was a champion at the Plymouth Canton, Salem, Garden City, Observersland and WLLA meets. Martin finished his sophomore year with a 35-8 record. Two of his four losses came against a state champion.  
 "He plans on staying at 189 next year, but it doesn't matter; he will do very well at any weight," Berg said. "He is a great kid who leads our team as well as the wrestles."



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