Rock runner-up: Ply-mouth Salem's Char-

lie Hamblin (top) pinned Howell's Matt Beck in 1:04 of the

opening round of the Salem Invitational Wrestling Tourna-ment. Hamblin went

on to finish second overall in the field, which attracted 22 schools. Trenton cap-tured the team cham-

pionship, while Belleville finished

runner-up.

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#### YMCA soccer signup

The Livonia Family YMCA will be conducting open registration for its spring 1999 soccer program. Teams are available for boys and girls aged 3% to 16.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 4 and continues until leagues fill. Registration is first come, first served and there are no residency requirements.

requirements.

New participants must have birth certificate to register.

Parent volunteers conch at all levels.

Registration fee is between \$55 and
\$95 per child, depending on the age

For more information call (734) 261-2161.

#### Churchili, South tie

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Livonia Churchill and Grosse Pointe
South played to a 2-2 tic Wednosday
night in a non-league hockey game
played at Detroit City Arena.
Chris Galatis scored unassisted and
Justin Charnock had the other
Churchill goal, assisted by Adam Krug
and Dan Cook.
Senhomore Ryan McBroom kout

Sophomore Ryan McBroom kept South off the scoreboard after allowing two first-period goals. The Chargera are 3-3-4 overall, South is 5-3-1 overall.

#### 'Skate With Us'

The Plymouth Figure Skating Club is offering figure skating and hockey skills classes for children over 4 and any adults at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth in Plymouth.

No previous skating experience is necessary.Lessons will begin on Jan. 14

For more information, call director Carrie Brown at (734) 459-6688, ext. 1.

#### **Buddenborg alds OU**

Garden City graduate Brad Buddenborg helped the Oakland University men's basketball team end 1998 en a winning note, secring 12 points in the Golden Grizzlies' 81-80 win Tuesday over visiting Loyala (Chicago).

OU, which hadn't played in eight days, improved to 4-8 overall.

Buddenborg joined three others in double figures, Jason Rozyeki came off the bench to score a game-high 21 points, 15 coming on 3-pointers.

#### Meteors win Indoors

The Under-11 Livonia Meteors boys indoor soccer team, joined by a pair of free agents, Lauren Trosell and Wendy Hoots, from the U-11 Livonia Meteors girls team, won the England Diision at the Novi Soccer Zono.

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Members of the Meteors, who were 70-1 overall, included Poter Barlovich,
Nick Biskolonis, Alex Bokas, Shane
Budlong, Jason Clemens, Ben Czerniawski, Joshua Ferraro, Brian Gossen,
Luke Knochol, Stove Minicilli, Ryan
Muzzell, Nick Reed, Sean White and
Sherrick White.
Steve Barnas is the coach and Mimi
Barlovich the manager.

#### AAU girls basketball

The West Metro Cougars 13-under AAU girls basketball program is having tryouts 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10 at Livonia Ladywood High School (Newburgh Road between Schoolcraft and Five Mile

Call (313) 563-6340 (after 5 p.m.).

#### AAU boys basketball

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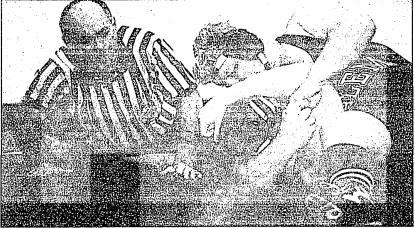
B Basketball City, located at 15100
Northline Road in Southgate, has a pair
of openings to work with the 11 and 12
boys AAU travel teams (experience proferred but not mandatory if knowledgeable in the game and can teach youth).
For more information, call (734) 2851120 or (734) 283-2874 (after 5 p.m.)

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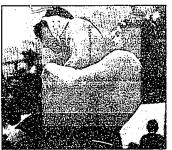
■ Basketball City also has openings for on the 11-12, 13- and 15-and-under

teams.
Open tryouts will be 5:16-6:30 p.m.
Thursdays and noon-1:30 p.m. Sundays,
Jan. 7 through Jan. 21.
For more information, call Mike
Cashin at (734) 283-2972.

To submit items for the Observer Sports Scene, write to: Observer Sports, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mi. 48150; or send via fax to (734) 591-7279.



### Trenton rules Salem Invitational



Boar hug: Churchill's Mike Carter (right) won the 145-pound class. He pinned Henry Lumbard (left) Pioneer in the 1st

Trenton, with four individual wrestling champions and 174 1/2 team points, took home the championship trophy of the Plymouth Salem Invitational Wednesday.

The Trojans, who were third last year behind Holt and Salem, had a pair of repent winners in Mark Straub (160) and Keith Scott (152).

Straub won last year at 152 and Scott at 130. Trenton's other winners were Jason Saineghi (140) and Mike Zack (189).

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The tournament was dominated by non-Observer-land teams as seventh-place Salem had the best finish of any area school.

Garden City tied the Mount Pleasant for 11th piace, but area teams filled five of the last six places in the 22-team field.

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Observerland had six wrestlers in the championship finals, producing a pair of winners.

Garden City's Brian Hinzman was a repeat champion at 171 pounds, winning on injury default over Justin Gessner of Monroe defferson.

Livonia Churchill's Mike Carter captured the 145-pound title with a 4-2 decision over Belleville's Derrick McCarter in the finals.

Salem heavyweight Charlie Hamblin was the run-ner-up again, losing in the championship round to

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the tournament's most valuable wrestler, Brett Faulkner of Novi.

Faulkner won all four of his bouts by pin and spent a total of nine minutes and eight seconds on the

Nearly half of that total (5:50) was registered in the finals as Hamblin was 10 seconds short of going the distance.

faulkner pinned Garden City's Brad Tinney (0:33), Jefferson's Jon Ferguson (1:10) and Belleville's Calab Hatfield (1:35).

The other area wrestlers in the finals were Livonia Stevenson's Joe Marcan 103), Churchill's Brandon LaPointe (152) and Westland John Glenn's Pete

LaPointe (152) and Westland' John Glenn's Pete Langer (160).
Alsoi winning titles were Adrian's Dan Duncan (103), Monroe's Ryan Nowitzke (112), Novi's Dan Jilg (119), Brighton's Leif Olson (125), Mount Plensant's Jason Borrelli (130), Brighton's Pete Bordenkircher (135) and Jefferson's Kurt Kleinon (215).

See statistics, C2.

## MSU veteran stars in G

By Steve Kowalski Staff Writer skowalski@ce.homecomm.net

As much as Jeff Kozakowski prides himself on playing defense for the Michigan State University hockey team, it's no wender he went parts of three seasons without scoring a goal.

Kozakowski broke out of his slump in a big way, and at a very opportune time, scoring two goals in the Great Lakes Invitational at ce Louis Arona.

The Spartans wen their second-straight GLI title with a 3-1 win over the University of Michigan in last Sunday's championship game after beating Northern Michigan University, 5-3, in Saturday's semifinal.

Kozakowski, a senior defenseman and a Gardon City High graduate, scored six goals as a freshmen and three as a sophomore but none as a junior.

junior.

His goal at 6:05 of the second period against NMU tied the score 2-2 and broke a personal 61-game streak without goals. He also scored the first goal in the win over U-M.

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His unexpected offense, combined
with his usual steady defense, carned
him GLI all-tournament honors.
"I'll tell you what, he keeps scoring
like that and I'll have to put him in
front of the net (on offense)," MSU
coach Ron Mason said. But he does an coach Ron Mason said. "But he does an excellent job defensively. He blocks

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shots. I don't think I'll take him away

shots I don't hink I'll take him away from the blue line."
Kozakowski's goals couldn't have been more different.
The one against Northern came when he picked up a loose puck in the slot after an MSU rush and blasted a 25-foot slap shot past the NMU net-

minder.

"It came to the slot, my eyes got big, I put my head down and buried it," said Kozakowski, nicknamed 'Kozy.'

On the goal against U.M, Kozakowski found an open space, rushed the net and scorod from close range after receiving a pass from teammate Rustyn Dolyny with 18:41 left in the first period.

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Maybe it was just his turn.

Last year, MSU defenseman Mike
Weaver won GLI Most Valuable Player honors, scoring two goals, including the game-winner, along with two assists in

honors, scoring two goals, including the game-winner, along with two assists in the championahin game.

Kozakowski, who plays the point on power plays, also has three assists for the Spartans, who are 13-3-2 overall and 7-2-2 in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association.

"Anyone can score these goals, like last year when Weaver was MVP," said Kozakowski, before joking about his role. "There's too much skating

involved (playing offense). I think I'll stick to playing defense." Kozakowski also was on the ice when U-M's Mark Kosick missed a wide-open net after MSU goalie Mike Greal went behird his net to chase down an errant

Kozakowski provided just enough interference for Kosick's shot to go

interference for Kosick's shot to go wide.

Grest was starting in place of Livonia Churchill graduate Joe Blackburn, who was playing for the U.S. National Junior Toam at the World Junior Championships.

"They dumped it in, the puck came off the boards funny and fortunately they didn't score," Kozakowski said.

Kozakowski is not only a leader because he's a senior but because he he seen oldest on the team, turning 24 hast Halloween.

He played three years of junior hockey after graduating from high school in 1992, including an all-star season with the Dubuque (Iowa) Fighting Saints of the United States Hockey League in 1994-95.

1994-95.
Kozakowski, who leads all active Spartans with 141 career games played, has a 2.8 grade point average and anticipates graduating in the sum-

mer with a communications degree.
He'd like to pursue a career with one
of the many professional hockey
lengues before stepping into the work



Kozy surroundings: MSU defenseman and Garden City native Jeff Kozakowski scored a pair of goals in the GLI Tour-ney, won by the Spartans.

"I can't believe there's only a half a year left now," Kozakowski said. "I've met a lot of great friends I'll have for-

### Lady Crusaders capture Taylor Tourney crown

Things were looking up Wednesday night for the Madonna University women's basketball toam in Upland, Ind.

The Lady Crusaders lifted their overall record to 11-4 by beating host Taylor University in an invitational tournament final, 79-74.

Chris Dietrich led the winners with 25 points, nine rebounds and four assists, while tournament MYP Katie Cushman added 24 points, four assists and three steals.

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Both were named to the all-tournament team along with teammate Lori Enfield, who finished with 14 points.

Kathy Panganis also grabbed nine rebounds.

Tara Shellaberger and Carrie Fields led Taylor, (69.8 percent), missing just eight of 38 two-point to a 14-20 triumph over Ohio Dominican.

attempts.

Panganis, nine of 10 from the floor, finished with a game-high 22 points. Cushman contributed 15 points and 10 assists.

Carless Glirkki added 13 points and seven rebounds, while Dietrich chipped in with 12 points, six rebounds and three assists.

Julie Mueller paced Dominican with 17 points.

Taylor defeated Albion in the other first-round game, 86-65.

In the consolation final, Albion downed Dominican the consolation final.

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In the consolation final, Albion downed Dominian, 74-70. an, 74-70.
The Lady Crusaders open their Welverine-Hoosier Conference schedule Wednesday, Jan. 6 at home against Aquinas. (Game time is 7 p.m.).