

Clarenceville wins wrestling tourney

Livonia, Clarenceville didn't have to go far to bring home a first place trophy.

The host Trojans took two individual titles and had four runner-up finishes Saturday to win its own 31st annual tournament title.

Clarenceville edged Allen Park by six points, 142-136. See complete results.

It was Clarenceville's first wrestling tournament title in 16 years.

"We've missed placing at other tournaments by single digits," Clarenceville coach Todd Skinner said. "We were hungry and due for a championship trophy."

"We're wrestling well at a pivotal point in the season and this allows us to have something to build on."

Clarenceville's Danny Tondreau (103 pounds) won his third tourney crown in a row by defeating Guy Gibson of East Jackson in the final, 6-5. Teammate Dave Lemmon (130) also emerged victorious with an 8-3 decision over Don Brockway of Dearborn Divine Child.

"Both Danny and Dave are wrestling really well," Skinner said. "Their hard work and determination has been paying off."

Livonia's Franklin, third in the team standings with 106 points, came away with four individual champions led by Steve Myalinski (189), who edged Clarenceville's Walter Ragland for the title, 3-2.

Derek Azzopardi (135) also gave the Patriots a first with a 7-5 overtime decision in the Dan LeClerc of Clarenceville.

Ryan Shiplott (140) of Franklin won his division with a 16-0 victory (technical fall) over Bill Denton of Divine Child.

At 160 pounds, the Patriots' Eric Toaska blanked Clarenceville's Tony Raczko for the crown, 6-0.

Livonia Churchill, fourth in the team standings with 103 points, was led by Steve Vasiloff (119), who pinned

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recruited me. We got real close over this whole process, and it seems I'm going to have a good four years playing there."

Bryant had some contact with U-M coaches early, but the Wolverines faded from the picture. His decision came down to a choice between Ohio State and Northwestern, which also offered a bright prospect for playing early.

He also visited Rose Bowl champion Wisconsin and Michigan State, but they're well situated at the receiver positions as is U-M.

"Hawaii came in the last couple days," Bryant said. "I thought about taking a visit — who wouldn't want to go to Hawaii? — but I didn't want to risk anything."

"I was serious about Ohio State, so I didn't want to do anything to risk it. I canceled one to Purdue, so that would have been wrong to go to Hawaii."

"My chances of playing at Northwestern looked good, also, and that was my main thing. Everything there (OSU) is top of the line. Everything was a plus. It's a wide receiver school."

Bryant, who has qualified academically with a 19 score on his ACT and has a 3.0 grade point, also will be a kick and punt returner for the Buckeyes, who were ranked No. 1 nationally most of last season and shared the Big Ten title with U-M and Wisconsin.

"I'm eager for that; that was part of the deal," Bryant said. "They thought of that as soon as they saw my films."

The Buckeyes also landed

Utica Ford quarterback Craig Krenzell, but Bryant hasn't met or talked with him yet.

He does have a friend in Richard McNutt, a defensive back from Illinois whom Bryant met during his Northwestern visit and has since committed to OSU, too.

Bryant, the only player to be a four-year starter at Harrison, had a distinguished career as a wide receiver and defensive back with the Hawks.

He is Harrison's all-time leading receiver with school records for receptions (136), yards (2,665) and touchdowns (53). His yardage and touchdown totals are also state high school records.

Bryant caught 46 passes for 950 yards and 15 touchdowns last season. He also averaged

16.1 yards on punt returns and 46.1 on kickoffs, two of which he ran back for touchdowns.

Bryant played a major role in Harrison winning its second straight Class A championship and ninth overall state title in 1998. The Hawks were 26-0 the last two years and 45-4 during Bryant's four years as a starter.

Bryant added the recruiting process wore him out.

"I'm not sure I could take a last visit anyway," he said. "It got to the point I was tired of it — coaches calling and coming up to school — and getting me out of class."

"With the first letters, you think 'Oh, I got a letter from this place.' After they send so many letters, you don't even open them up. You just put them in a box. It got to that point."

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The Raiders made the initial pass, but two players collided while going for the ball, which was never returned.

"We weren't putting the ball away; we weren't killing it," North coach Christine Diebold said. "We were being to ante."

"We've improved but we're not consistent. The girls know what we need to do. We have tons of talent; it's a matter of putting it together."

In the game of volleyball, the Falcons could easily have been on the other side of the point swing in the second game, according to Badynee.

"North got us off our game but, to our credit, we didn't get too rattled by that," she said. "We settled down and got back into the game. That's something we have to continue to work on."

"I'm happy with the girls. They're improving and that's what we like to see. We hung in there and came back with excellent serve receive."

In the first game, Krause and Villomonte served two aces each as Farmington could do little wrong and dominated the play. Glovak served both North points, including an ace.

Farmington's Lyndsy Howard, a 6-foot-1 middle hitter, had four kills in that game, Villomonte

two, Krause and Jakacki one apiece. Villomonte had six kills in the match, Howard five. Lauren Kleiman did a nice job on the weak side, Badynee said, as did Krause (eight digs), Julie Kimmel, Howard (six digs) and Julie Rotenheber in the back row.

"(Kimmel) was very composed for a freshman and played very well," Badynee said. "(Rotenheber) did an excellent job serving and playing defense, reading tips and free balls over the net. She did a great job of picking that up."

"We preach to kids we won't do anything unless we play defense, and I thought we did a good job of that tonight."

All Edwards played well as the setter for the Raiders, who also lost to Northville and are 0-2 in WLA matches, Diebold said.

"We weren't getting great passes to the setter, so she was running like a maddog to set everything," Diebold said.

"We didn't cover our blockers and tip players, we need good caught sprawling for it instead of getting underneath the ball."

Glovak and Moses played well for the Raiders, according to Diebold, who added McKeon, Melinda DiVito and Katie Brown made some excellent back-row saves.

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WRESTLING RANKINGS

These rankings are compiled weekly by a panel of area coaches (including Marty Altounian (Livonia Churchill), Jim Carlin (Redford Union), Dave Chiola (Garden City) and Bob Moreau (Livonia Stevenson).

TEAM RANKINGS
1. Redford Catholic Central; 2. Plymouth Salem; 3. Garden City; 4. Livonia Stevenson; 5. Livonia Clarenceville.

INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS
103 pounds: 1. Joe Moreau (Livonia Stevenson); 2. Chris O'Hara (Redford Catholic Central); 3. Josh Gutierrez (Stevenson); 4. Kyle Pitt (Plymouth Canton); 5. Dan Tondreau (Clarenceville).

112: 1. John Mervyn (Plymouth Salem); 2. Mike Koszabi (Wayne Memorial); 3. Pat Soy (GCI); 4. Ronny Thompson (Salem); 5. Jesse Purdon (Westland John Glenn).

119: 1. Jon Gregg (Wayne); 2. Vinnie Zoccoli (GCI); 3. Rob Ash (Salem); 4. Steve Vasiloff (Livonia Churchill); 5. Jim Goutley (Redford Union).

128: 1. Justin Beseler (Wayne); 2. Brian Reed (GCI); 3. Jesse Stevens (RU); 4. Justin Schafar (Farmington Hills Harrison); 5. Paul Goyl (Wayne).

135: 1. David Lemmon (Livonia Clarenceville); 2. Jeff Albrecht (John Glenn); 3. John Pocock (Canton); 4. Trevor Clark (North Farmington); 5. Tony Lema (Farmington).

145: 1. Nate Wansko (Wayne); 2. Josh Henderson (Salem); 3. Jeff Wheeler (Redford CC); 4. Derek Azzopardi (Livonia Franklin); 5. Dan LeClerc (Clarenceville).

160: 1. Jeff Fisher (Thurston); 2. Imad Khadrush (Stevenson); 3. Ryan Shiplott (Franklin); 4. Jim Shelton (Canton); 5. Jake Taylor (Harrison).

170: 1. Mike Carter (Churchill); 2. Ryan Zajdel (Reay); 3. Ken Raupp (Franklin); 4. Josh Fee (GCI); 5. Alan Duff (Franklin).

182: 1. Mitch Hancock (Redford CC); 2. Brandon LaPointe (Churchill); 3. Kevin Stone (Canton); 4. Eddie Traynor (GCI); 5. Mark Ostesh (Farmington).

200: 1. Brian Demick (Canton); 2. Brian Barker (Stevenson); 3. Pete Langor (John Glenn); 4. Kurt Spann (Wayne); 5. Tony Fischer (Clarenceville).

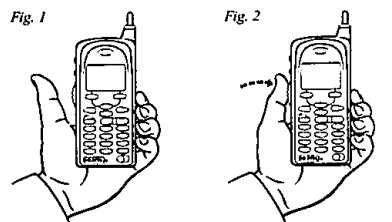
220: 1. Brian Hinzman (GCI); 2. Ryan Mathison (Redford CC); 3. Eric Toaska (Franklin); 4. Adam Marcum (Clarenceville); 5. Mark DeLaFuenta (Thurston).

285: 1. Steve Myalinski (Franklin); 2. Walter Ragland (Clarenceville); 3. Andy Wood (Farmington); 4. Andy Corlin (Redford CC); 5. Chris Muscarella (RU).

300: 1. Brock Naysmith (Redford CC); 2. Will Baker (RU); 3. Bryant Lawrence (Thurston); 4. Eric Puninske (Stevenson); 5. Steve Garrett (Franklin).

375: 1. Casey Rogowski (Redford CC); 2. Brian Brinsden (Farmington); 3. Charlie Hamblin (Salem); 4. Mike Gaffke (Churchill); 5. Carl Lalonde (Thurston).

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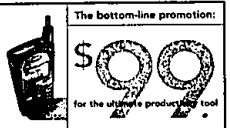
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