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champ from Bedford on Saturday. (The Bedford boy) tried to get away from Rogowski and jumped into the fire.

CC's Nate Rodriguez (140), Trevor Stewart (145) and Chris Cracchiolo (171), who was third at 152 last year, are No. 1 at their weights in the weekly Observerland rankings.

Stewart is "a sleeper in the lineup," Rodriguez said. He's 30-0 with a victory over a defending state champ from Dundee. Others with impressive records are Rodriguez at 27-3, Cracchiolo 28-2, Naysmith 26-4, Matt Steintrager (103) 27-3, Matt Kozlarski (112) 25-5 and Pat Clark (275) 23-2.

Chiefs hope to challenge

Canton coach John Demick isn't predicting a title repeat, but he expects the Chiefs to make a good effort in the state final. "It'll be a real fight for us to come out on top," he said. "I'd say CC and (Westland) John Glenn are probably the teams to go after. They look like they're one and two."

"We, along with everyone else, are going to get in there and fight and do what we can do."

Like CC, Canton has been improving since the start of the season.

"I think we started out a little lower than we had hoped," Demick said. "But the last couple weeks we've been growing as a team and moving in the right direction."

While the Chiefs might not be the team favorite, they are one of the top five teams in the area,

PAST WINNERS	
What: 11th Annual Observerland Wrestling Tournament.	
When: Saturday, Jan. 20. Competition starts at 9 a.m. The finals will begin at approximately 5:30 p.m.	
Where: Livonia Churchill High School (Newburgh Road between Ann Arbor Trail and Joy roads). Additional parking is available behind the school.	
Admission: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children (18 and under). Prices are good for the entire day.	
2001: 1. Plymouth Canton, 2. Bedford Catholic Central, 3. Livonia Churchill.	
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according to Demick.

"I'm surprised (area coaches) totally took us out of the rankings," he said. "That was a mistake - that we're not ranked in the top five at this point."

"We've certainly had a couple disappointments along the way, but we still have some good strength to be a team that has a chance to do well."

The Chiefs have won three tournaments - team events at Flushing and Novi and last week the Jackson Northwest Invitational.

In addition to Rothwell (29-0), Day Demick (25-5) and Gr. Musser (24-4) also have "the ability to make it all the way," according to the Canton coach. The Canton lineup also features Chris Hoesy (25-6) and Shaheen Rajace (22-8).

"We're a little more well rounded than some people must

think we are," Demick said. "Observerland is one of those places you're going to need everybody helping out if you're going to do well."

Day Demick was second at 125 last year and is No. 1 at 130. Musser wrestles at 145, Hoesy 150, Siegrist 152 and Rajace 189.

Glenn a solid team, too

One team that could challenge CC on Saturday is Westland John Glenn, sporting a 19-2 dual meet record.

The Rockets are led by Nick Naber, a 103-pounder with a 21-1 record. He finished 4-0 last weekend in the Hartland Invitational dual meet tourney.

Glenn won three of four matches at Hartland, falling only to Gr. Rapids Northwest, ranked No. 5 in Division I. The Rockets earned wins over

Fowlerville, Oxford and Monroe. Other Glenn standouts include Kefentse Mandisa (119), who sports a 22-6 record; Phil Parker (125), 23-7; Reco Cox (130), 23-9; Phil Perry (135), 23-6; Enrique Garcia (140), 20-6; and Nick Wroblewski (160), 23-6.

Mandisa, Parker, Perry and Wroblewski all finished with 3-1 records at the Hartland tourney. Garcia (flu) did not wrestle, but is expected back at Observerland.

The Rockets, however, might have lost 188-pounder Jake Fairchild (possible broken finger).

"I feel confident we can finish in the top three," Glenn coach Bill Polk said.

"I'm sure CC is favored. They're winning matches up top, the higher weights. We're just the opposite. We're better at the bottom."

Polk knows his team must wrestle well to have a chance at the title.

"Glenn has a tough team; they were right behind us at the CC tournament," he said. "Churchill has some good kids, and Wayne could have three or four in the finals. Every school has kids who can get to the finals."

Churchill is ranked No. 3 in the area and will be a factor in the tournament, too.

"It's going to come down to who is healthy to wrestle," Chargers coach Marty Altounian said. "Glenn is really looking good right now. It'll be a tight race between them and CC."

OBSERVERLAND MAT RANKINGS	
WRESTLING RANKINGS	
Team rankings: 1. Bedford Catholic Central; 2. Westland John Glenn; 3. Livonia Churchill; 4. Plymouth Salem; 5. Wayne Memorial.	
103 pounds: 1. Nick Naber (Westland John Glenn); 2. Matt Seitzinger (Bedford CC); 3. Dan McAllister (Livonia Stevenson); 4. Brian Mervyn (Plymouth Salem); 5. Steve Hogg (Canton).	
112: 1. Ramla Bajrami (North Farmington); 2. Gent Abdullah (Livonia Churchill); 3. Drew Conner (John Glenn); 4. Jacob Davis (Garden City); 5. Matt Kozlarski (Bedford CC).	
119: 1. Craig LaBaron (Bedford Thurston); 2. Kefentse Mandisa (John Glenn); 3. Pete Boboe (Salem); 4. Dan Clement (Churchill); 5. Mark Valentin (Wayne Memorial).	
128: 1. Mike Goethe (Salem); 2. Brian Clement (Churchill); 3. Shawn Parker (John Glenn); 4. Harry Ielpitz (N. Farmington); 5. Tim Hammer (Wayne).	
130: 1. Day Demick (Plymouth Canton); 2. Reco Cox (John Glenn); 3. Jason Flecher (Stevenson); 4. Steve Lenhardt (Churchill); 5. Jon Schwartz (Farmington).	
135: 1. Phil Perry (John Glenn); 2. Nate Dillard (Salem); 3. John Goutley (Bedford Union); 4. Chris Usher (Thurston); 5. Matt Noller (Lutheran Westland).	
140: 1. Nate Rodriguez (Bedford CC); 2. Enrique Garcia (John Glenn); 3. Chris Hoesy (Canton); 4. John Dobbins (Wayne); 5. Chris Hopkins (RU).	
145: 1. Trevor Stewart (Bedford CC); 2. Tony Kennard (Salem); 3. Greg Musser (Churchill); 4. Lev Mergian (Stevenson); 5. Chris McGone (Wayne).	
152: 1. Bryan Marsh (Wayne); 2. Matt Radley (Stevenson); 3. Brad Gregory (John Glenn); 4. Adam Schiffer (Salem); 5. Mike Siegrist (Canton).	
160: 1. Steve Wallace (Wayne); 2. Brian Jones (Churchill); 3. Nick Wroblewski (John Glenn); 4. Dario Malinella (Stevenson); 5. Craig Blair (Salem).	
171: 1. Chris Cracchiolo (Bedford CC); 2. Jay Abshire (Churchill); 3. Jack Sares (John Glenn); 4. Jake Bongoro (RU); 5. Cortland Barlett (Farmington).	
189: 1. Ryan Rogowski (Bedford CC); 2. Alex Murray (Churchill); 3. Jake Feilich (John Glenn); 4. Shaheen Rajace (Canton); 5. Josh Herrington (Thurston).	
215: 1. Phil Rothwell (Canton); 2. Thom Vandenbosche (Churchill); 3. Zack Jensen (Salem); 4. R.J. Ramsey (Wayne); 5. Blain Naysmith (Bedford CC).	
Heavyweight: 1. Tony Martinez (Livonia Franklin); 2. Jason LeDuc (RU); 3. Pat Clark (Bedford CC); 4. Nick Renton (Wayne); 5. Mike Robinson (Stevenson).	

BOYS BEST SWIM TIMES	
200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY (state cuts - A: 1:43.09; B: 1:49.59)	
Bedford Catholic Central 1:40.06	
Plymouth Salem 1:44.00	
North Farmington 1:44.30	
Wayne Memorial 1:47.48	
Nick Markou (Bedford CC) 2:23.25	
Brad Nison (Canton) 23.40	
Mark Benivenga (Farm. Unified) 23.00	
Rob Oryk (Bedford CC) 23.75	
DIVING	
Joe Robbe (Bedford CC) 215.20	
Ken Stafford (Stevenson) 209.15	
Tyler Flood (Bedford CC) 195.70	
Ron Hoppe (Bedford Union) 173.55	
Kevin Cates (Canton) 158.75	
Steve Kuljanczyk (Canton) 155.70	
Adam Murovski (Bedford CC) 146.20	
Kyle Mullen (Bedford Union) 140.15	
Nick Ryan (Churchill) 123.15	
Matt Godfrey (N. Farmington) 107.55	
100-YARD BUTTERFLY (state cuts - A: 58.49; B: 66.99)	
Brett Meconis (Bedford CC) 52.24	
Bryan Steele (Bedford CC) 52.63	
Ben Dlatko (Salem) 53.52	
Matt Wisniewski (Canton) 54.31	
Yuhel Uno (Canton) 56.43	
Rob Oryk (Bedford CC) 57.31	
Justin Gold (John Glenn) 57.83	
Brad Baron (Churchill) 58.42	
M. Bachrouche (N. Farmington) 58.76	
Andy Grant (Churchill) 59.00	
100-YARD FREESTYLE (state cuts - A: 49.49; B: 51.99)	
Matt Wisniewski (Canton) 48.86	
Brett Meconis (Bedford CC) 49.40	
Bryan Steele (Bedford CC) 49.43	
Nick Markou (Bedford CC) 49.70	
Joe Le (Canton) 50.12	
Mike Johnson (Salem) 50.14	
Rob Oryk (Bedford CC) 50.83	
Brad Nison (Canton) 51.06	
Kevin Ryan (Bedford CC) 51.38	
Zach Feilrich (Bedford CC) 51.75	
50-YARD FREESTYLE (state cuts - A: 22.89; B: 23.89)	
Brett Meconis (Bedford CC) 22.15	
Matt Wisniewski (Canton) 22.64	
Mike Johnson (Salem) 22.71	
Bryan Steele (Bedford CC) 22.85	
Joe Le (Canton) 22.93	
500-YARD FREESTYLE (state cuts - A: 4:48.99; B: 5:17.99)	
Nick Markou (Bedford CC) 4:59.14	
Nick Dison (Salem) 5:05.23	
Paul Haspenheim (Farm. Unified) 5:10.55	
400-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY (state cuts - A: 3:33.39; B: 3:36.99)	
Bedford Catholic Central 3:16.57	
Plymouth Salem 3:25.22	
North Farmington 3:29.87	
Wayne Memorial 3:34.17	

BOYS SWIMMING RESULTS	
NORTH FARMINGTON 118 WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 68 Jan. 22 at Wall Lake Central	
200-yard medley relay: 1. North Farmington (Brian Clayton, Matt Newman, Jeremy Aker, Thomas Naughton), 1:47.04; 2. North Farmington (William Nava, Ben Sirey, Lucas Gila, Stephen Pearson), 1:59.02.	
200 freestyle: 1. Jeff Mataya (NF), 1:57.42; 2. Glenn Legacki (NF), 2:02.07; 200 individual medley: 1. Jason Bank (NF), 2:10.40; 3. Mohamed Bachrouche (NF), 2:11.77.	
80 freestyle: 1. Alver (NF), 23.78; 2. Naughton (NF), 24.26; diving: 1. Brian Chrzanoski (WLC), 216.70; 4. Matt Godfrey (NF), 107.55.	
100 butterfly: 1. Justin Fennell (WLC), 58.74; 2. Bachrouche (NF), 58.76; 3. Legacki (NF), 1:03.50; 200 freestyle: 1. Alver (NF), 52.25; 2. Clayton (NF), 53.45; 500 freestyle: 1. Bank (NF) and Mataya (NF), 5:15.80.	
200 freestyle relay: 1. North Farmington (Pearse, Bachrouche, Bank, Doug Anderson, Legacki, D'Gala), 1:41.73.	
100 backstroke: 1. Clayton (NF), 1:00.27; 2. Naughton (NF), 1:03.17; 100 breaststroke: 1. Ryan Booms (WLC), 1:05.27; 2. Newman (NF), 1:05.72; 3. Iwey (NF), 1:16.50.	
400 freestyle relay: 1. North Farmington (Bachrouche, Bank, Mataya, Clayton), 3:37.15; 2. North Farmington (D'Gala, Naughton, Legacki, Newman), 3:45.32.	
Coach's comments: "We were very pleased with the team performance," North coach Pat Duttile said. "The guys seem to be keeping performing better every time they step up there."	
"Hopefully, they'll keep going in this direction. Everyone has a role to fill and seems to be doing a great job with it."	
North dual meet records: 3-0 Western Lakes, 3-0 overall.	
REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 128 WARREN DELAWARE 97 Jan. 22 at Wayne Catholic	
200 medley relay: Redford CC (Nick Markou, Mike Kuzewski, Andrew Carlin, Kevin Ryan), 1:47.50; 200 freestyle: Brett Meconis (CC), 1:50.75; 200 IM: Tim Ryan (CC), 2:14.11; 50 freestyle: Nick Markou (CC), 23.65; diving: Tyler Flood, 107.50; 100 butterfly: Mike Kuzewski (CC), 59.50; 200 freestyle: Tosiowski (DLS), 55.97; 500 freestyle: Joe Zalkoff (CC), 5:20.02; 200 freestyle relay: Redford CC (Bryan Steele, Zach Feilrich, Meconis, Ryan), 1:22.97; 100 backstroke: Markou (CC), 57.79; 100 breaststroke: Kutz (DLS), 1:09.14; 400 freestyle relay: Redford CC (Ryan, Feilrich, Steele, Meconis), 3:30.85.	
CC notes: Drew Ruselsowski had two life-time bests, including a time of 58.50 in the 100 freestyle, and Eric Weber's lifetime best was a 1:11.27 in the butterfly. Also, freshman Chris Czech dropped nine seconds from his 100 freestyle time.	
REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 95 BRIGHTON 81 Jan. 19 at Redford Union	
200-yard medley relay: Brighton (Snyder, Hedger, Brand, McDonald), 1:42.60; 200 freestyle: Matt Down (B), 1:49.99; 200 individual medley: Andrew Carlin (CC), 2:06.30; 80 freestyle: Brett Meconis (CC), 22.51; Diving: Ben Kaneles (B), 184.20; 100 butterfly: Bryant Steele (CC), 52.63; 100 freestyle: Meconis (CC), 49.40; 500 freestyle: Matt Down (B), 5:04.04; 200 freestyle relay: Redford CC (Mike Kuzewski, Kevin Ryan, Steele, Meconis), 1:33.14; 100 backstroke: Zach Feilrich (CC), 58.26; 200 breaststroke: Hedger (B), 1:05.02; 400 freestyle relay: Redford CC (Feilrich, Ryan, Steele, Meconis), 3:20.17.	
Coach's comments: "We never had a lead until the final score," CC coach Jeff Baker said. "They were primed and gunning for us, and we initially underestimated their enthusiasm. We came out flat and that showed fast but, luckily, the 400 relay is where we made it happen."	

The Second open letter to all Bill Knapp's Guests from Jamie Brown

To our valued Guests

THANK YOU! Last fall I began communicating that Bill Knapp's was bringing back the Knapp's tradition. The tradition, as it has been defined by the requests of our valued guests. You told us to bring back a more homey decor, you said take the televisions out of the dining areas, you told us of your favorite menu items and continue to tell us what you would like to see return to our menu. But most of all, you said, "Thanks for bringing back the Knapp's I remember". Now, I'm thanking you! I am overwhelmed with the outpouring of support for the improvements we have made. Although the cold weather has not allowed us to change the outside appearance of our restaurants, there are plenty of improvements on the inside:

Decor Improvements:

- We've eliminated TV's, video games, music stations, chalk boards, pinball machines
- We have softer background music & much more subtle wall treatments (no more shower curtains!)

Menu Improvements:
including the return of many favorites like:

- Original Recipes for Chicken Fricassee, Cole Slaw and Chicken Gravy
- Johnston's Hot Fudge, Real Half & Half, Orange Nut Bread, Chocolate Milk
- Broccoli Quiche, Ham Steak, Seasoned Alaskan Salmon, Chef Salad
- Clam Chowder & Chicken Noodle soup (each available on select days)
- Apple Cranberry Salad, Cottage Cheese

Other Improvements:

- Larger dessert portions including Bill's famous chocolate cake
- 15 minute "Snap" Lunch guarantee for those in a hurry

Improved Adult Birthday club and once again acceptance of personal checks

Place mats have returned

Coming Soon:

- East Coast Clams and Tuna Salad in time for Lentil Cherry Pie starting President's Day!
- More menu returns like Ham Croquettes and Tenderloin Steak are on the way!
- Anniversary Celebration Specials

I am certain that there are at least a few items that appeal to you, your friends and family. I want everyone to know that the Knapp's tradition is back, so please share this information with the people you know. If there are other improvements that you would like to see, please feel free to contact me at 616-964-5306 or email Jamie.Brown@billknapps.com. I have appreciated and enjoyed reading and responding to the hundreds of emails and phone calls that I have received and look forward to hearing from more of you.

As a company founded on family dining traditions, we have worked to quickly get back on track. Although we are not finished, I again commit to you that we will work very hard to insure that you realize that we want to be your favorite family restaurant. We intend to accomplish this through our improvements, and continuing to provide a quality meal in clean, comfortable surroundings with friendly, competent service.

Again, I thank you for your support, for sharing information, and most of all..... For coming back! I look forward to serving you, your friends, and your family often. Please accept my personal invitation to visit Bill Knapp's soon. Present this letter to your server before March 31st, 2002 and receive 25% off your guest check just for coming to see the improvements.

Sincerely,
Jamie L. Brown, CEO and President

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