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North's Bajrami earns all-area honor

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After more than a decade in virtual anonymity, the Westland John Glenn wrestling program was back on the map for the 2001-02 season.

The Rockets captured their first Western Lakes Activity Association championship since 1988 and also brought home the Lakes Division and WLAA crossover dual-meet titles. Glenn also was a close second to Redford Catholic Central in the Overland Invitational.

Glenn reached the Division I team regional semifinals before falling to Belleville. The Rockets

finished with an 18-3 dual-meet record under coach Bill Polk, who garnered Overland Coach of the Year honors in only his second year at the varsity helm.

This year's All-Observer squad includes state champion Ryan Rogowski of Redford CC in the 185-pound class. Catholic Central, a Catholic League and team district champion, leads the way by placing six on the squad of 20 selected by the area coaches. Glenn garnered four first-team berths.

ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM

Matt Steintrager, 103, Redford CC: One of the cornerstones of CC's wrestling team now and in the future is

sophomore Matt Steintrager. The 103-pound district champion also took home first-place medals in the Overland, Salem and Toledo St. John tournaments, and he compiled a 45-0 record.

Coach Mike Rodriguez said Steintrager's work ethic has been a key part of his improvement. "Matt has worked diligently these past two years to place himself at this level of competition," he said.

Nick Naber, 103, Westland Glenn: The junior was Glenn's first state qualifier in six years, posting a mark of 39-7, including an unbeaten record in dual meets.

He reached the finals in six of his eight tournaments and placed at least third in all eight. He is a three-year varsity starter with a record of 68-21.

"Nick is a natural for the sport of wrestling," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "He is very determined to be a champion. Nick has worked hard for his success, and we look forward to his senior year."

Ramla Bajrami, 112, N. Farmington: Bajrami captured the Overland and Oakland County championships; he also won the Lakeland Invitational title. He was second in the WLAA, Wyandotte and Berkeley tournaments.

Bajrami compiled a 27-9 record this year with 27 pins and was 98-40 during his career.

"Of the wrestlers I've coached, he's probably the toughest," coach Jim Stuef said. "For him to make 112 pounds, he had to be disciplined and not let himself balloon up. He was a captain and a good leader in the room. He always worked hard."

Kelentse Mandisa, 119, Westland Glenn: The senior captain went 33-8, winning three tournaments including Catholic Central, Overland and Vpsalmi. He also placed second in the West-ern Lakes. Mandisa's career record is 57-28.

"Kelentse's dedication to his team and wrestling has helped build a new tradition at John Glenn," Polk said. "He is one of the hardest working wrestlers I have ever coached."

Mike Goethe, 125, Ply. Salem: His list of accomplishments from this season is indeed impressive — first at both Salem Invitational, first at the Wyandotte Invitational, first at the Overland Tournament (and tourney MVP), first at the WLAA Tournament (for the second time), fourth at state meet.

But perhaps the best thing on Goethe's list is that he's just a junior — a junior who was 48-5 this season and already has more than 100 career wins (107-40).

"Mike realizes how good he can be," said Salem coach Greg Woodchuk. "We hope that he steps up and brings along some of his team."

Brian Clement, 125, Liv. Churchill: The junior placed sixth in the Division I meet and also qualified for the state meet with his 100th victory. This season he finished 42-12, upping his overall mark to 102-35.

"Brian is one of those people you could tell to run in a blizzard, and there would be no questions asked," Churchill coach Marty Altounian said. "His improvement this year not only showed on the mat, but in his leadership on this team. He made the guys around him want to excel like him."

"I'm eager to see where next year takes him. He has a chance to be one of the best ever at Churchill."

Jason Fletcher, 130, Liv. Stevenson: The junior finished 22-1, including an Overland title and a second-place finish at the Division I district.

"Jason has the potential to be an all-state wrestler next year with dedication, determination and hard work in the off-season," Stevenson coach Bob Moreau said.

Race Cox, 130, Westland Glenn: Just a freshman, Cox launched an impressive career by going 30-11, including a win at the WLAA meet. He also placed first at the Vpsalmi Invitational and was runner-up at the Salem and Overland meets.

"Race is one of the most dedicated athletes I've ever seen," Polk said. "Race is the type of wrestler you can build a solid program around. Even as a freshman, he stepped up as a leader. Everything he does he puts 110 percent into it."

Phil Perry, 135, Westland Glenn: The senior captain reached the finals of six of eight tournaments, while placing in the top three in all eight.

The three-year varsity performer finished 65-24 in his career, including a 38-9 mark this season.

"I wish I had Phil one more year because he's been a great example for

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City Clerk

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