

Bartlett wins district title

Farmington senior Courtland Bartlett won the 171-pound championship Saturday in the Division I individual district wrestling tournament at Hartland High School.

Bartlett, who boasts a record of 39-5, had a first-round bye and pinned his first opponent, Charles Woods of Southfield-Lathrup, in one minute and 22 seconds.

He won his next two bouts by decision, beating Waterford Mott's Adam Nuckols, 12-3, and West Bloomfield's Pat Scanlon in the final, 13-7.

Farmington junior Nick Belsky finished third at 189, and junior Jon Schwartz placed fourth at 130.

All three advance to the regional Saturday at Mount Clemens Chippewa Valley High School.

Belsky (29-11) also had a bye and won his first match, 4-3 over Howell's Greg Mixon. He lost to Mott's Wes Graham but won his next two bouts to qualify for the regional.

Belsky won by technical fall over Milford's Phil Tesolin, 15-0, and he pinned Mixon at 2:36 of the consolation final.

Schwartz (29-7) defeated Kyle Cvenegos of Brighton by decision, 14-2, to guarantee himself fourth place and a regional berth before losing to Hartland's Harrison Heilner, 9-0.

Farmington finished ninth out of 14 teams with 64 points. Howell won the district with 169.

North Farmington had no regional qualifiers in the Division I district at South Lyon.

Harrison junior Andrew Moulding qualified for the Division II regional at Warren Woods-Tower in the 215-pound bracket by finishing fourth in the Birmingham Groves district.

Moulding (18-13) advanced to the regional by pinning Warren Lincoln's Nick Blaszyk in 3:19 before losing by pin to Pontiac Notre Dame

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Prep's Anthony Mikulec in his last match.

CC qualifies 8 wrestlers

Redford-Detroit Catholic Central advanced eight wrestlers to the individual regional at Novi. The Shamrocks had four winners and four thirds at South Lyon in a Division I district.

CC did well in the lower weights with firsts from Sean Dong at 103 and Matt Steintrager at 112.

Dong improved to 42-2 on the year after his 10-1 major decision over Ryan Stump of Salem, and Steintrager moved to 45-1 by pinning Craig Hearn of Novi in the final in 3:01.

The Shamrocks also went first and third at 130 pounds with Brad Barram (29-5) beating Livonia Churchill's Levon Mergian in the final, 6-4, while Kian O'Donoghue (15-5) was a 15-1 winner in the consolation final over A.J. Morris of Novi.

Trevor Stewart (36-1) also took a first by beating Dearborn's Hassan Berti in the 160 final.

CC's other thirds were by Pat Clark (29-7) at heavyweight with his 8-6 win over Josh Haron of South Lyon, Scott Schwartzlose (37-8) at 171 with a 3-1 win over Dearborn's Wael Gharbib and Charlie Kovelie (23-12) at 145 with an injury default over Tony Stott of Salem.

Trojans qualify pair

Livonia Clarenceville got two wrestlers through Saturday's Division III individual district at Melvindale.

Senior Nader Al-Mooshi captured the 125-pound title with an 11-0 triumph over Ryan Irla of Madison Heights Larnphere.

Clarenceville sophomore Robert Malady finished fourth at 103 and will advance Saturday to the regional at Yale. Ida's David Tuller decided Malady for third place, 6-4.



The members of the championship Farmington Hills Avalanche bantam hockey team are (front row, left to right) Ian Hart, Evan Abbott, Anthony Petty, (middle row) Nick Martz, Matt McCartney, Eric Beatham, Jordan Altus, R.J. McHall, Alex Mix, Matt Maurer, Andrew Olesko, Chris Perkowski; (back row) coach Scott Thomas, Jesse Jacobs, head coach Jack Mix, coach Dan McHall, Adam Thomas and coach Dan Davis.

Avalanche wins Cleveland tourney

The Farmington Hills Avalanche won the Bantam A-B Division in a youth hockey tournament Jan. 24-26 in Cleveland, Ohio.

Armed with balanced scoring, a commitment to team defense, the ability to roll three lines and the solid goaltending of Anthony Petty, the Avalanche was victorious in all five games it played.

The Avalanche started the tournament by defeating the Nippers, select team from West Virginia, 4-1.

Chris Perkowski opened the scoring with assists by Clay Davis and Nick Martz. The line combined for all of the scoring. Nick Martz had a goal and three assists.

Next were the Bantam A Webster Cyclones. The Avalanche jumped out to a two-goal lead with goals from Eric Beatham and Davis early in the first period.

The Cyclones rallied to tie the score at 2-2 in the second period. The Avalanche responded with four unanswered goals and tight defense to go on to a 6-2 victory.

The team was led by their captain Eric Beatham, who had two goals and one assist. Matt McCartney clipped in one goal and two assists, and Jordan Altus had three assists.

The Avalanche faced the IMA Flint Sabers, who were

undefeated in league play, in the semifinals Jan. 26. In the next game and pulled out a 3-2 win when McCartney scored with 34 seconds remaining.

The Sabers built a 2-0 lead by the end of the second period, but the third period was a different story.

The Avalanche started their comeback at the nine-minute mark on a nice passing play to McCartney, who cut the lead to 2-1.

The grind line of Adam Thomas, R.J. McHall and Matt Maurer used an aggressive forecheck to wear down the Sabers and set the table for the tying goal by Altus at 4:00. Altus and Alex Mix assisted on McCartney's win-

ning goal.

In the semifinals Jan. 26, the Avalanche shut out a team from Lakeland, 3-0, with good defense by Andrew Olesko, Jesse Jacobs, Ian Hart, Evan Abbott and Mix and the goaltending of Anthony Petty.

Later that day, the Avalanche defeated Prime Strategy, a select team from Toronto, in the final game, 4-2.

The Avalanche's Martz tied the score at 1-1 and started of a four-goal surge. Davis scored a short-handed goal to seal the victory. The team was voted the MVP after it outscored opponents, 20-7.

FLYERS

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It was the third game in four nights for the Flyers, who concluded the regular season Wednesday with a home game against Waterford Mott.

Aaron Allor was in goal for Farmington, which improved to 11-0 in the Oakland Activities Association's Division I. Clarkson is 6-5-2 in the division and 10-8-4 overall.

"It was a tough weekend, and we came out of it relatively healthy," Vellucci said. "The last three games we took it one game at a time, one shift at a time. We had great leadership from our captains (Tosolin, Hay, Hand and Laird)."

The Flyers, who were due to get forwards Marc Rauth and

Chris Clark back from injury, planned to attend the Catholic Central-Brother Rice game Saturday. No. 2-rated Farmington plays No. 1 CC in a first-round regional tournament game Tuesday night at Redford Ice Arena.

"We have to play them sooner or later, so we might as well play them now," Vellucci said. "We hope to come out of there with a win. It'll be the biggest game of the year."

"We can't say we're over the hump until we beat CC. It's been our goal since the day we lost to them last year. Since then, we've been undefeated."

REDFORD CC 7, CRANBROOK 1 for a while Saturday. It appeared Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook had found a way to keep Redford-Detroit Catholic Central from scoring.

The Shamrocks took care of that problem in quick order with a five-goal live-minute outburst of the third period to end up with a six-goal victory over the visiting Glens at Redford Ice Arena.

"They have great goalie and a great defensive system and our kids knew that," said CC coach Todd Johnson. "We played it like another one goal game down the stretch and in the floodgates opened, we put them away."

Branon Naurato's goal 1:30 into the game from Eric Giosa and Travis Hornway was the only goal until the third period, when he scored again for a 2-0 lead from Giosa and Andrew Eggerl three minutes into the period. Cranbrook's Chad Lennox cut the lead to 2-1 a minute later, but then the floodgates opened for the Shamrocks.

First, Pat Coldren scored (from Dave McGurdy and Jason Teanema) for a 3-1 lead, then 40 seconds later, Hornway scored from Giosa and Kevin Horst.

Just 45 seconds after that, Harrison Niemann gave CC a 5-1 lead from Nathan Petrich and Bryan Grotzich. Then, Jimmy Burns added another a minute later (from Billy Burns and Michael Evans), and Genrich Ilicin Niemann and Petrichovich had another a minute after that. Andy Chims stopped 37 of 44 shots in goal for Cranbrook, while Jimmy Blanchard made 10 saves for CC and Andrew Godwin stopped one.

CC is 19-3 overall and 8-0 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League.

Whalers freeze Ice Dogs for 4th consecutive victory

The Plymouth Whalers continued their winning ways on Saturday with a 5-2 Ontario Hockey League victory over the Mississauga Ice Dogs.

The win extended their winning streak to four games and improves their overall record to 13-11-8-2 and dropped the Ice Dogs to 18-25-11-1. The win changed the league's James Wisniewski (Canton) and Chris Thorburn, both scoring a goal and an assist.

The first period was a defensive one as the Whalers put only four shots on goal, while the Ice Dogs had only eight and neither team was able to

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capitalize. Thorburn finally opened the scoring 2:47 into the second period, while Nick Vernelli added another goal for the Whalers a little less than 10 minutes later.

The score stayed 2-0 for the rest of the period, as Plymouth went into intermission hoping that a two-goal lead would be enough.

The Ice Dogs woke up in the third period, routing Paul Drew's shutout bid 3:19 into the stanza on a Patrick

O'Sullivan goal. The Whalers countered on a Wisniewski goal at the 6:01 mark. To regain their two-goal lead.

However, the Ice Dogs were not going to go away as they closed the gap to 3-2, on a goal by Dan Siska at the 11:04 mark.

But Plymouth again kept the Ice Dogs at arm's length on Karl Stewart's power-play goal at 14:11, then added an empty-net goal with 15 seconds left from Jimmy Gagnon.

Drew stopped 24 of the 26 shots he faced in net for Plymouth.

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