



## Sidelines

### CC swamped

Birmingham Brother Rice dominated the swim meet from start to finish and most places in between on Thursday night and came away with a 143-38 win over Catholic Central



"Our kids swam well, but we were low in numbers because the kids missed practice," said CC coach Jeff Baker. "It was a struggle, but we're improving. We had quite a few good swims out of our kids. Ben Spisak swam the 500 freestyle and the 200 for the first time and swam well."

The Warriors took all the firsts and most of the seconds as CC (0-6, 0-3 Catholic) took just three seconds. Chris Banas was second in the 200 freestyle (1:58.62), Tyler Flood was second in diving (177.05) and Dave Morrow was second in the 100 breaststroke (1:18.25).

### Coach wanted

Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard is looking for a junior varsity baseball coach.

Those interested can call varsity coach Rich Shook at (734) 455-1984.

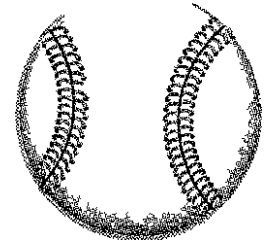
### Softball tryout

Plymouth High School will be holding tryouts for the girls freshmen and junior varsity softball teams from 4:30-6:30 p.m. on March 15 and 16. Potential players are asked to meet in the high school gym.

For more information, please call the athletic department at (734) 582-5700.

### Baseball meeting

The Kensington Valley Baseball Softball



Association will hold a travel baseball meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2 in the Brighton High School cafeteria.

The meeting is for the 2004 season and is for any new and returning U9-U18 teams.

For more information, please call Jeff David at (810) 227-2332 or visit the Web site at KVBSA.com

### Golf registration

The Michigan PGA is holding registration for its youth golf program, the Top 50 Junior Tour. The tour is for golfers 12 to 18 years and is a regional tour offering players tournament experience and an opportunity to earn college scholarships. Play runs June 14 to Aug. 20, consisting of 10 qualifying rounds and 10 tourney rounds.

For more information, visit the tour's Web site at Top50JrTour.com or call (248) 321-9900.

# Plymouth wins school's 1st title

It was only a matter of time before Plymouth High School won some kind of title.

The wrestling team earned its spot into the record books on Wednesday night as the Wildcats stopped Redford Thurston and Dearborn Heights Crestwood to earn a Division II district title.

"The kids are really excited," said Plymouth coach Sam Amine as his team improved to 10-5 overall. "They wrestled

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their cans off. We didn't have the toughest competition (winning 11 matches by void), but our program is really a junior high school program."

The district title puts the Wildcats into Wednesday's regional at Allen Park against Gibraltar Carlson with the winner facing either Tecumseh or Dearborn

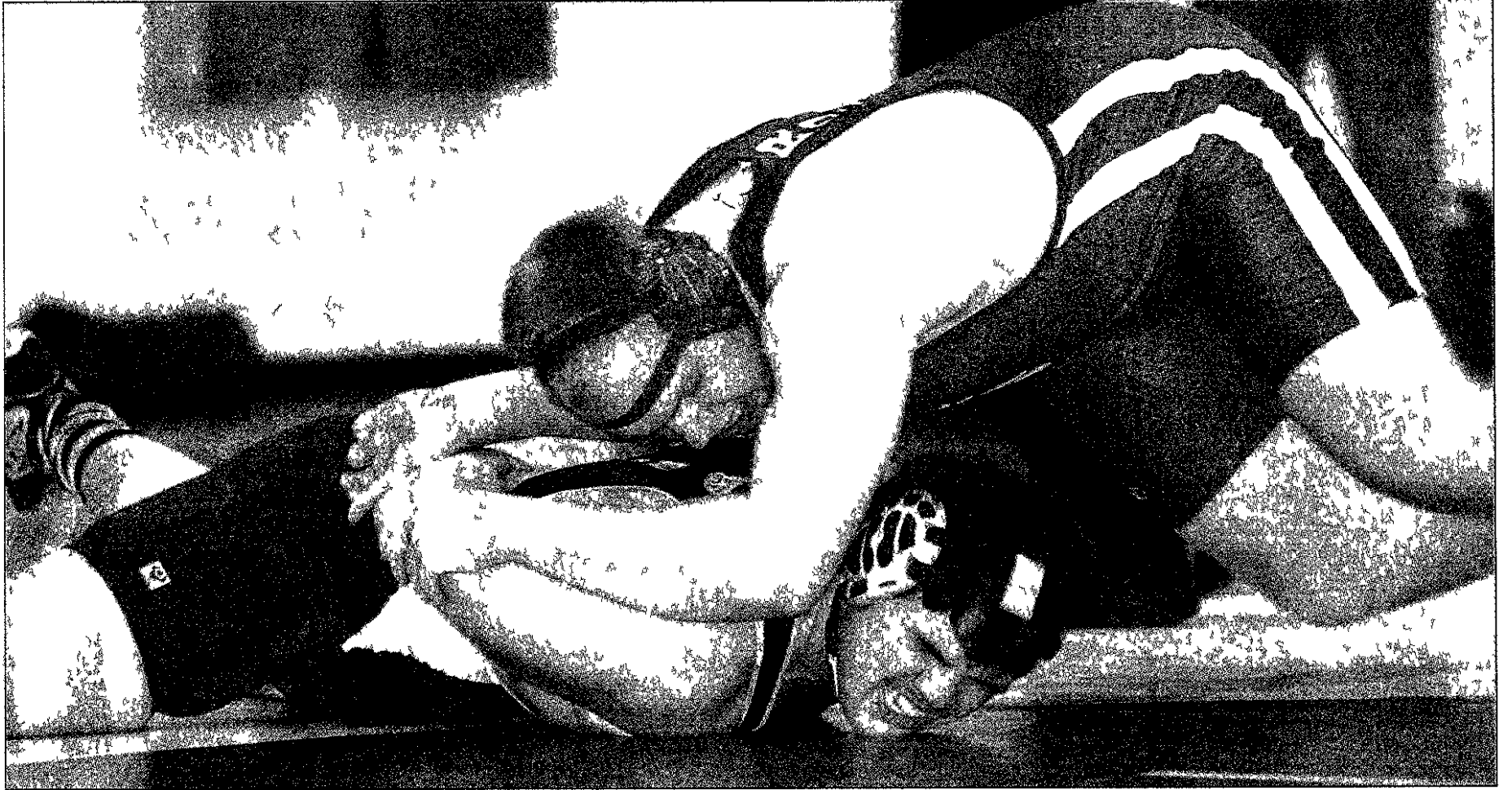
Heights Annapolis in the finals.

"If we wrestled the way we wrestled to win the district, a lot of things can happen," said Amine. "A lot of teams could overlook us because we're a new program, but we have nothing to lose and everything to gain."

The wins came easy, as far as the score was concerned. The Wildcats beat Thurston in the semifinal, 66-12, and stopped Crestwood in the final, 71-6.

"My athletic director heard people saying that we won an easy district," said Amine, "and that's great. But remember that in two years when these freshmen and sophomores are juniors and seniors. We've had to teach them the basics all year, nothing fancy. But to win this district, the kids really caught fire."

"All of the things they didn't do during the year, they did in the district. I'm very happy for them."



## Gotcha

Salem's Jeremy Walker works on Wayne's Nick Orr to win the heavyweight match during Thursday's district semifinal. While Walker won the match by pinning Orr in 3:24, the Zebras got the last word with a 40-31 win over Salem. See the results on page B3.

# WL Western runs past Chiefs, 66-52

The Canton boys basketball team got caught flat-footed Friday night losing to host Walled Lake Western, 66-52.

Western, one of the hottest teams of late in the Western Lakes Activities Association with five-straight wins, improves to 9-7 overall and 4-2 in the Western Division.

Canton slips to 10-7 and 3-3. "They (Western) get you in a track meet and we did not get back on defense, especially early in the game," said Canton coach Charlie Paye, whose team trailed 38-30 at halftime. "We also made 23 turnovers, which is uncharacteristic for us."

"We made a bit of a run in the third quarter where we got them to turn the ball over, but then we turned it over right back. We couldn't capitalize on those."

A great deal of that is due to the

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Warriors changing their scheme over the last two months.

"I don't want to say we're like Loyola Marymount of 1990," said Western coach Rex Stanczak, referring to the highest-scoring team in NCAA history, "but we're close. We had to change our offensive philosophy because we're so small. We fast break on all makes and misses and went to a zone-trapping defense and I am normally a man-to-man guy."

"We started 0-4, but since Christmas when we made the change, we're 9-3." Sophomore guard Denard Branch tallied 15 of his game-high 18 points in the opening half for the Warriors.

Senior forward Brian Kowaleski and junior guard Anthony Acho both

chipped in with 14. Senior forward D.J. Bridges scored 13 to lead the Chiefs. Junior guard Andy Cortellini added 12, while junior Julian Smith had 10. Senior center Brad Wadmann grabbed seven rebounds.

Canton went to the foul line just seven times, making three. Western was 12-of-17 from the stripe.

**AUBURN HILLS OAKLAND CHRISTIAN 55, PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 53:** A 23-10 scoring edge in the final eight minutes Thursday enabled host Oakland Christian to rally for MIAC Blue Division victory against Plymouth Christian.

The win moved the Lancers to 5-3 in league play and 9-7 overall. Plymouth Christian fell to 12-7 overall.

Travis Serra topped the winners with 17 points and six assists. Aaron Cibrowski paced Plymouth Christian with 18 points.

# Ocelot men leave WCCC speechless in 90-67 win

What can a coach say?

Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team used Wednesday's game against Wayne County CC as little more than a practice. The Ocelots worked on their defense and their fast break, with all but one player on the roster getting into the game.

And it didn't seem to matter who was on the court, SC outscored the Wildcats by 12 points (48-36) in the first half and by 11 (42-31) in the second, all resulting in a 90-67 rout in an Eastern Conference game played at SC.

The Ocelots will be one of the top two seeds in the Eastern Conference in this week's MCCA Tournament.

So in a game in which the outcome never seemed in doubt, what can be gained?

"A lot," answered SC assistant coach Fred Cofield. "That (Wayne) team plays very aggressively. The score was not indicative of the kind of game it was. We've got to rebound our own boards."

"Defense was the difference. They've got some athletes and we held them to 27 percent shooting."

That, indeed, was the decisive factor in

the game. SC connected on 38-of-79 floor shots from the floor (48.1 percent), Wayne was 21-of-76 (27.6 percent), including just 4-of-22 on three-pointers (18.2 percent).

Two areas in which the Wildcats did outplay SC were on the boards -- they had a 55-49 advantage, with a whopping 26-15 margin on the offensive glass -- and at the free-throw line. Wayne was 21-of-37 (56.8 percent) to the Ocelots' 10-of-19 (52.6 percent).

But the numbers can be somewhat deceiving, considering the outcome never seemed in doubt. The Wildcats led twice in the game -- at 2-0 and 5-3. Following Marc Williams' three-pointer with 17:39 left in the first half, SC went on a 9-0 run, five of those points scored by Anton Palmer.

Over the next six minutes, the Ocelots would outscore Wayne 12-5 to take a 24-12 lead, their advantage would never be less than 10 the rest of the game, although the Wildcats did manage to put together a bit of a run to end the half (14-9), trimming a 17-point deficit to 12.

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Wayne CCC's Tyrell White (44) tries to block a shot by Schoolcraft's Lamont Arrington (55).

# Canton icers blank Warriors

Solid goaltending and forechecking carried Canton to a 3-0 boys hockey victory Friday over host Walled Lake Western at the Lakeland Arena.

The Chiefs, winners of four of their last five, are 7-12-2 overall and 2-3 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Tony Hylko, who made 14 saves, posted the shutout.

"We got some decent goaltending and forced a lot of turnovers," said Canton coach Jim Wheaton, whose team unloaded on Western for 36 shots.

Reece McCabe's short-handed, unassisted goal in the opening period proved to be the game-winner.

Garrett Hyman added an unassisted goal in the second period and Brett Baker capped the scoring in the final period with a goal assisted by Nick Leadford and Hyman.

## Spartans ice Salem

Livonia Stevenson built a 4-0 lead through two periods Friday en route to a 5-2 victory over host Salem at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

The Spartans improved to 13-5-4 overall and 5-1-1 in the Lakes Division of the Western-Lakes Activities Association.

Salem drops to 11-9-2 and 4-4.

Adam Stoner scored a pair of goals and added two assists for the victorious Spartans. Dave Kubert and Jimmy Nawrocki each added a goal and one assist, while Brent Medlen tallied his first career goal.

Sean Sachau also chipped in with two assists.

Salem scored twice in the final period -- Aaron Cheesman from Andy Thackaberry and John Maurer, and Kyle Emmons unassisted.

Ryan Dennett made 19 saves in goal.

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