

Grapplers claim seventh in district tournament

Rolling up 55 points in three days of action, the varsity wrestling team pulled in a strong seventh place in the District wrestling tournament held last week at Grant.

The tournament was captured by Marshall, who gained 72 points. There was only a 17 point spread between the first seven places. Benson and Franklin were four points behind Marshall with 68 points each. The next three places went to Wilson, Madison, and Jackson.

The Generals managed to place 11 men into the quarter finals but lost all but five of them. These five went into the semifinals of which only two made it into the finals.

Bill Lott and Bill Curry each fought their way through the brackets in the 130 lb. weight division to the semifinals. At this point

both boys were defeated and sent to battle each other for the third and fourth place titles. In the following match Bill Lott decided Curry in a close 7-4 battle.

In the 157 lb. weight division Ray Denfeld fought his way from the sub rounds to a fourth place title.

Dave Gray and Mike Reinecker, the Generals' strongest hopes, were top seeds in the 141 lb. and 148 lb. weight divisions; they held true to the predictions and fought their way into the finals which were held Saturday night.

Dave Gray, who captured the first place title last year, wrestled Tim Nearing of Marshall who was seeded second in the tournament. Nearing, to the surprise of the predictors, upset Gray in a match which went down to the last 20 seconds be-

fore Nearing caught Gray on a move and pulled out with an 8-2 decision. Nearing was later named as the outstanding wrestler of the tournament. Both Dave and Nearing will travel to the state tournament which is being held today and tomorrow.

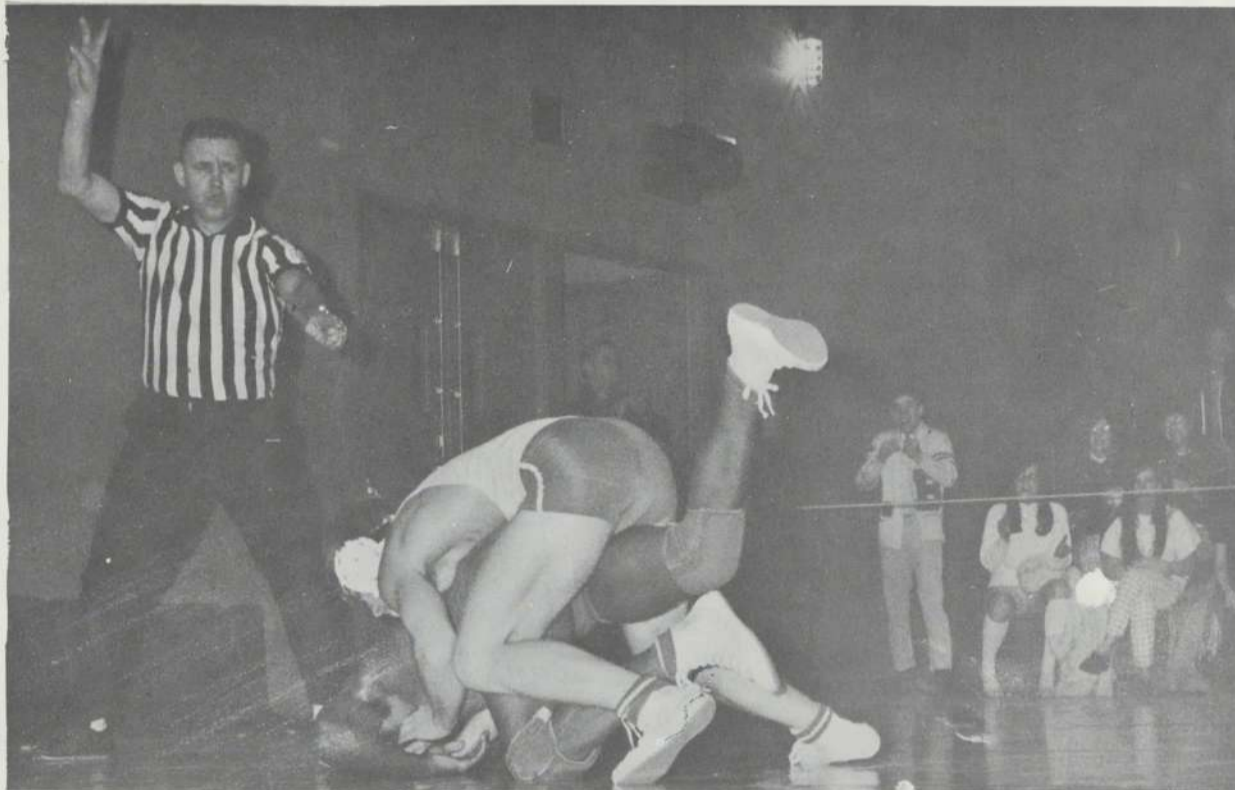
Mike Reinecker placed third in the tournament last year and was pitted against

Carl Summersett of Jackson in the final this year. Summersett was the second place champion last year in the 148 lb. weight division.

Reinecker gained his points off of a takedown with four seconds left in the first round and from a reversal. Summersett managed to get a reversal and an escape but when the final

buzzer rang Mike Reinecker became the District champion in the 148 lb. division with a 4-3 decision.

Mike will be wrestling in the state tournament today and will be trying for a state crown as will Dave Gray. This will be the third time Gray has been in the state tournament. Last year he claimed third place.



MIKE REINECKER gains two points on a reversal over Randy White of Jefferson with 20 seconds left in his semi-final match. Reinecker won the match 2-1 and advanced to the finals where he captured the city title in the 148 lb. division by defeating Carl Summersett, Jackson.

G-Men trample Cleveland, face fourth place Benson

Last Friday the Generals faced Cleveland for the second time this year as inter-division play began. The second meeting proved even more disastrous for the Indians than the first as the G-Men swept past the Tribe 84-69.

In their last meeting the Generals barely nipped the Cleveland cagers 64-62 and did not want to have a game as close last Friday. The G-Men took the lead early in the first quarter and out shot and rebounded the Indians while dumping in 21 points. During the first quarter the Cleveland cagers managed to stay four points behind the Generals by pumping in 17 counters.

During the second quarter of action the Generals managed to increase their lead over the Indians by one as the cagers racked up 19 more points. As the buzzer sounded the end of the half the G-Men led the Tribe 40-35.

In action during the third period the Generals again picked up 19 points but could not manage to increase their lead over the Indians as they were matched point for point over the eight minute stretch.

The fourth quarter proved to be the fatal point for the Tribe as the Generals broke loose and poured in 25 points. The last period was hampered by Cleveland fouls which the G-Men took advantage of. On fouls alone the Generals picked up 11 points, the other 14 came on field goals. During the final period the Indians could only muster up 15 points and as the game ended the Generals had increased a five point third quarter lead to a 15 point fourth period lead.

It was a high scoring game which saw four Generals and four Cleveland cagers score in the double figures. Walt Reynolds of Cleveland was the high scorer for the game as he managed to dump in 30 points. Leading scorer for the Generals was Don Lincoln who hit the basket for 27 points; nine of which

came in the fourth quarter.

Tonight the Generals meet Benson for the second time this year. In their last outing with the G-Men the Engineers were dumped by a score of 61-47. The Engineers had a 6-6 record as of last Friday and could create some competition for the G-Men.

Girls' track squad optimistic; varsity status seen first time

"We should be pretty good," stated Miss Carolyn Fitzwater, coach of the girls' track team. About 55 girls have turned out for girls' track in its first year as a varsity sport.

Sophomore Carolyn Walker, junior Kathy Eckroth, and senior Rita Harris have been cited by Miss Fitzwater. Kathy took fifth in state last year.

The girls work out twice a week on weights and training. Due to quite a few injuries last year, the girls are going to work harder before going onto the track.

The long-distance runners are running every day for one and one-half hours, which is about three to six miles.

Starting about the last week

About 25 of the girls trying out for the team will make it. Miss Fitzwater feels that, "We should have a good team. We have a group of good girls."

in April there will be a meet every week until the district one May 10. Last year the girls won the district meet, and according to Miss Fitzwater, "We should win again."

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