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Eastwood state qualifying gymnast Brooke Mangette. (Photo by Danielle DeFalco)



Eastwood state qualifying gymnast Natalie Redfern. (Photo by Danielle DeFalco)

## Eastwood gymnasts Mangette, Redfern head to state

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Eastwood has two individual qualifiers to the state gymnastics meet on Mar. 4-5 at Hilliard Bradley High School.

Gymnastics became an officially sanctioned sport at Eastwood just two years ago.

The Eagles have come a long way in the short period since, already a threat to compete among the best in the Northwest District.

"Our team has really come along in the last three years. We added two freshmen this season that have really helped the team by giving the four juniors a back-up," said coach Jessie Hodulik.

For the Eagles, junior Natalie Redfern qualified for state in the floor exercise and freshman Brooke Mangette in the vault. Individual qualifiers had to finish in the top five at the district meet.

"She (Redfern) has attained multiple skills on bars, beam, and vault since last season," Hodulik said. "Although I would like to mention that we are a really balanced team and when one athlete is struggling the others are able to step in and pull their weight. All of these gymnasts are very talented athletes."

In the vault, Mangette scored 9.175 to place fourth behind Perrysburg's Grace Helton (9.3) and Ava Kincaid (9.275) and Anthony Wayne's Emily Liskai (9.2). AW's Brooke Miller was fifth (9.15).

In the floor exercise, Helton (9.45) placed first, followed by AW's Hannah Chen (9.35), Ontario's Chasity Mies (9.25), Liskai (9.2) and a fifth place tie between Redfern and St. Ursula's Cali Mitchey at 9.1.

"I couldn't have asked anymore from the two gymnasts that qualified to the state competition," Eastwood coach Jessie Hodulik said. "Brooke Mangette qualified in fourth on vault and stuck a perfect Tsuk on her second attempt to score a 9.175. Natalie Redfern, who qualified on the floor, also landed every pass perfectly and had no mistakes to score a 9.1 placing fifth."

At the district meet, Perrysburg finished first with 140.175 points to qualify their entire team to state, but Eastwood scored fifth out of 21 teams with 132.6 points. Second through fourth were AW

(132.75), Notre Dame (132.75) and Findlay (132.65).

"The competition is serious this year," Hodulik said. "Perrysburg and Anthony Wayne have some talented athletes on their teams."

Eastwood's team performance was a 50 percent improvement from last year's score and set a program record for highest score. Just .15 points better and the Eagles could have finished in the top two, and another one-tenth of a point and they would have had third place outright.

"It was really great to see these girls improve at each meet during the season and to end on such a high note," Hodulik said.

"Our best performance was on the vault. We placed third on vault as a team. We were so close to getting that third place spot I was shooting for. We only missed it by one-tenth of a point. I am so proud of this team and the hard work they put in this season."

"Our strengths are the hard work and dedication this team is willing to put in to improve themselves. They are a very coachable group of kids not to mention kind and

caring. They also really get along great as a team. They are really friends in and out of the sport," Hodulik added.

Following Eastwood were St. Ursula (131.65), Sylvania Northview (129.775), Ottawa Hills (126.525), Maumee (125.425), Napoleon (123.65), Liberty Center (123.475), Clay (119.45), Patrick Henry (119.1), Springfield (114.6), Tinora (94.275), Whitmer (79.75), Antwerp (69.1), Ontario (66.225), Ashland (59.675), Holgate (31) and Rockford Parkway (25.8).

Hodulik, who is also the Springfield coach, has coached the Eastwood team all three years, but there are no other Northern Buckeye Conference schools currently with gymnastics teams. Last year at the district meet, Eastwood placed sixth out of 15 teams.

Hodulik has coached at Springfield 12 years, and her team won three straight Northern Lakes League championships and qualified for state five times as a team. They won the district meet once and were runner-up once, and she has had multiple individual state qualifiers. She has now made the trip to the state tournament as a coach 10 years in a row.

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Sandusky Bay Conference Swimmer of the Year and state placer Alyse Sorg. (Photo by Laura Bolander)



Coach Ed Heintschel, an East Toledo native. (Press file photo by Scott Grau)

# Oak Harbor top NW Ohio team at state

Oak Harbor scored 70½ points in the Division II state swim meet at C.T. Branin Natatorium in Canton, good enough for 12th place out of 43 teams scoring.

Oak Harbor's 200 freestyle relay team of senior Amelia Mizelle and sophomores Skyler Turner, Paige Krupp, and Alyse Sorg placed fifth in 1:38.78, just over three seconds behind the championship team from Gates Mills Hawken (1:35).

The same foursome competed for the Rockets' 200 medley relay, placing seventh in 1:48.98, a little over four seconds behind the championship team from Shaker Heights Hathaway Brown (1:44.02)

Turner finished sixth in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:05.84, just a little over four seconds behind champion Jessey Li (1:01.02), a Cincinnati Hills Christian senior.

Sorg finished 11th in the 100 backstroke with a time of 59.57. In the 100 freestyle, Sorg finished in 54.26, good enough to finish 18th, but not good enough to advance to the finals.

The Rockets 400 freestyle relay team, Mizelle, Krupp, senior Sydney Overmyer and sophomore Marissa Mapes, placed 22nd at preliminaries (3:47.18) and did not advance.

Hawken won the state team championship with 269½ points, followed by Hathaway Brown (243), Cincinnati Hills Christian (161), Cincinnati Seven Hills (123), Kettering Alter (121), Alliance Marlinton (116), Cincinnati Indian Hill (103 ½), Gates Mills Gilmour (88), Cincinnati Mariemont (74), and Columbus School for Girls and Columbus Grandview Heights tied with 71 points each, making Oak Harbor the highest point team from the Northwest District, but the meet was dominated by Cincinnati area schools.

### Calvin Price places twice

In the boys D-II meet, Eastwood senior Calvin Price placed sixth in the 50-yard freestyle, finishing in 21.41, less than a second off the time of state champion Columbus St. Francis DeSales senior Brady



State placer Skyler Turner. (Photo by Laura Bolander)

McInerney (20.65). Price advanced out of the preliminaries with a time of 21.56.

Price placed seventh in the 100 freestyle with a time of 47.06, nearly two seconds off the state championship time of McInerney (45.07). Price advanced out of the prelims with a time of 47.33.

Price scored all 25 points for Eastwood, good enough for 30th place out of 62 teams scoring. Hunting Valley University School won the team title with 188 points.

Eastwood junior Ian Sander placed 19th, one spot out of advancing to the finals, with a time of 2:03.87 in the 200 intermediate medley.

Eastwood's 200 medley relay team of Price, junior Ian Sander, and freshmen Eric Sander and A.J. O'Brien finished 23rd at preliminaries with a time of 1:44.47 and did not advance to the finals.

Oak Harbor juniors Karson Lajti and Karter Lajti combined to qualify for the state D-II meet in four events, including both in the 200 intermediate medley (Karson, 2:03.15; Karter, 2:04.07), and the 100 backstroke (Karter, 55.21) and 100 breaststroke (Karson, 1:01.7), but did not get out of prelims in any event.

Oak Harbor's 200 medley relay team, Karson Lajti, Karter Lajti, and juniors Nathan Buderer and Keegan Witt placed 19th in prelims, finishing in 1:41.2, which was not good enough to advance. The Rockets' 400 freestyle relay, Buderer, Karson Lajti, Karter Lajti and senior Josh Ashton were disqualified in the prelims.

In D-I, Clay senior Joslyn Jurski qualified in the 200 freestyle (1:56.17) and 500 freestyle (5:10.22), but did not advance out of prelims.

# Ed Heintschel to share knowledge

From the basketball court to the classroom, legendary high school coach and East Toledo native Ed Heintschel is on a new mission to improve student outcomes.

The retired St. John's Jesuit coach is taking what he learned from his 40-years on the court to help teachers nationwide strengthen their practice. On March 11, Heintschel will be featured on the Coach Replay Show to discuss coaching lessons that instructional coaches and school leaders can apply to their work with teachers.

"The pandemic is presenting monumental tasks for teachers and coaches, and educators are exhausted," said Heintschel. "Reaching kids and making sure they know we care is crucial to their success. I hope that by sharing my lessons learned, I can help current educators to persevere during these trying times."

Heintschel finished his career in 2019 and is ranked fourth in all-time wins in the state. He will be inducted into the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame this year.

The Coach Replay Show, which can be watched at sibme.com or YouTube, is designed for instructional coaches or leaders looking for tips, strategies, and tools to enhance coaching. This weekly web-show hosted by Sibme's Director of Professional Learning Cory Camp features expert coaches to break down classroom instruction, coaching moves and strategies and discuss important topics in education, instruction, and leadership.

Heintschel grew up on Euclid Avenue on Toledo's east side. Heintschel attended the old St. Louis Elementary but chose to go to St. Francis High School instead of Waite.

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# Stout defense has Genoa Comets turning the corner

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When Genoa boys basketball lost to Cardinal Stritch, 64-52, on January 15, they fell to 3-10.

It's safe to say the team has redeemed itself by undergoing a massive turnaround that has seen it win eight of its last 11 games to improve to 11-13 while winning the program's first sectional title in three years.

Genoa coach Tim Hausfeld has seen his team's defensive prowess become its identity as the Comets have given up an average of just 43.7 points per game in their last 11 games.

He credited the entire team for its defensive effort, in particular 5-foot-8 point guard Griffin Meyer and 6-2 wing Aiden Brunkhorst. They are both standout soccer players, so marking, or guarding, an opponent is in their makeup.

"It's definitely at the top of things that we need to be good at to stay in games and to win games. Griffin Meyer sets the tone in that sense. He has really become the tip of our spear on the defensive end. He's flying all over the place and making it difficult for teams to get into the defense," said Hausfeld, a standout player at Sylvania Southview and collegiately who is now in his third year as coach at Genoa.

"That's what he did against Archbold. They're a really good team, and Griffin got after their guard, Cade Brenner. One of the main reasons we beat Archbold was because of his defensive play. Brenner had a decent game, but the constant pressure on him made it tough for them to run their offense.

"Archbold is a team that averages about 55 points. We shut them down to 41. I thought that was the main reason we won that game and we did a really good job on D.J. Newman, too."

That defense was not only the difference in the 42-41 victory over Archbold, a 15-win team, in a Division III sectional final last week, but Meyer scored a game-high 15 points and Robert Messenger chipped in



Genoa 6-foot-4 senior forward Aiden Hemmert looks for an open man during the Comets' 42-41 win over Archbold at Wauseon. (Press photo by Russ Lytle/Facebook.com/Russ-Lytle/RHP)

with 12. With the score tied at 34 after three quarters, Genoa held the Blue Streaks to just seven points in the final eight minutes.

Brunkhorst made two free throws with 14.4 seconds remaining to give the Comets a 41-38 lead and sank one more with 5.2 seconds to play to push the advantage to 42-38. Genoa had beaten Lake, led by college-bound standout Cam Hoffman, 54-47, in the sectional semifinals.

On January 28, in Genoa's 44-40 victory over Eastwood, Brunkhorst held Eastwood's Jacob Meyer, the Northern Buckeye Conference's Player of the Year, to 13 points. He also held Swanton's Nick Borojevich in check in the Bulldogs' 36-33 win over the Comets on Jan. 22.

"Brunkhorst, in his development in being our defensive stopper, has been key.

Jacob Meyer is a really good player and Brunkhorst held him in check. His development and progress as a defensive stopper has helped us turn the corner," said Hausfeld.

"With keeping Swanton close and beating Eastwood, those teams had really good mismatch guys. Swanton had Nic Borojevich, who was averaging about 18 points per game, and Brunkhorst did a good job on him."

The win over Eastwood cemented Genoa as a serious contender. The Eagles, who are the No. 1 seed in the Toledo district, where the Comets are seeded seventh, won the NBC with a 13-1 record and have won 20 games. Genoa finished 8-6 in the league, good for fourth place, but downing the Eagles temporarily stirred up the NBC

standings. "Up until that game, I think it's important to be honest with them, and I said that we haven't yet gotten over the hump, we haven't gotten to the top. I emphasized beating Eastwood at home. It could get the ball rolling. That was the first game where we put four quarters of solid basketball together," Hausfeld said.

"Overall, I would just say we really played solid basketball. They were pumped and I think after that win, something clicked. We realized that we can play with anyone in the district. It was good for me to tell them that we beat the best team in the area."

Genoa and Eastwood could have met again. The Comets were to play Cardinal Stritch Thursday in the district semifinals while the Eagles took on Liberty Center. The district final and right to advance to the regional final was Saturday.

Joining Griffin Meyer, who is averaging 8.1 points, and Brunkhorst in the starting lineup are two other wings in Skyler Ju (6-0), who leads the team in scoring average with 12.3 points, and Messenger (5-9). Senior Aiden Hemmert is a 6-4 post.

"Skyler can shoot it, get to the basket, he's been a really important player. He has made extreme strides on the defensive end," said Hausfeld. "Last year, he struggled a bit on the defensive end, but this year, he's really stepped up and bought into our defensive (system)."

Jon Huston, a 5-9 guard, was starting and averaging 9.4 points before he sustained a concussion and was replaced by Messenger.

"Robert stepped in and has done a phenomenal job," said Hausfeld. "Jon is our first guy off the bench and provides a spark for us."

Gus Trainer and Will Nissen, both 6-2 posts, are also part of the rotation.

For four seasons, from 2016-19, the Comets, under the guidance of Zac Alt and behind the play of Jacob Plantz and Andrew Bench, claimed three league titles, four sectional championships and reached the district finals on two separate occasions.

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# Liskai saying goodbye after 20 years at Gibsonburg

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It takes a village. Brent Liskai is quick to credit others and praise his community for their support over the last 20 years since he's been the Gibsonburg boys basketball coach.

Not bad for a guy who lost his first 15 games as coach of the Golden Bears in 2002.

Now, Liskai, a 1989 graduate of Gibsonburg, steps away with 235 victories, by far the most in school history. Keith Diebler ranks second with 168 wins.

Liskai's 20th season ended with a loss to Old Fort in a Division IV district semifinal on Tuesday, the culmination of a career that has spanned two decades while building a program that has represented the community and the school in a first-class manner. The Bears finished 15-10.

"Our community is second to none when it comes to supporting our kids. They're there for them," he said. "Our community wants the kids to play right. They want them to play hard. To say it was easy, I'd be lying. To say it's worth it, absolutely. They're hard-working people that expect a lot of their kids and their coaches. I've been blessed, that's the best way to say it. I never took lightly representing them. What a place it is."

"It's been the biggest thrill of my life, but it brings a whole lot of pressure that you don't get elsewhere. I had a friend who said 20 years at your alma mater should be like 30 or 40. You've got to stay focused on kids, and everybody is different. You probably hear more noise than if you weren't at your alma mater. You go through it together every day when it's your alma mater. Has it been worth it? Absolutely, I love seeing the orange and black."

Liskai says Diebler was his mentor and meant the world to him.

"He's been a great influence on me, we still talk a lot. He taught me how to work hard, build a culture, build a family," said Liskai, who teaches social studies at the



It is nothing but hugs from family and friends for longtime Gibsonburg boys basketball coach and alumnus Brent Liskai. (Photo by Jeff Holcomb)

high school. "He's been a big part of the successes I've had."

The Bears have won four sectional titles, two league championships and one district title in Liskai's tenure.

Perhaps his most accomplished team was the 2006 squad that won a Suburban Lakes League title and just the third district championship in school history. That team had to eke out a 59-56 victory over Seneca East in a Division III sectional final before defeating Liberty-Benton, 55-52, in the district final, a win that was clinched on a clutch three-pointer by Jordan Kirwen with 57 seconds remaining.

Perhaps the best team Liskai coached was the 2015 team that went 22-0 during

the regular season and won a sectional title.

More than anything, Liskai loved being a mentor to countless teenagers.

"That's everything it's about, coaching the kids. It's about relationships. You push kids hard because this game is hard and fast. You push them and you push them and you push them. You want them to know you care. It's hard on them, it's hard on you. It's about accepting roles," Liskai said.

"Our kids have always been great about that. When I knew health-wise I couldn't go on, I relied on others more — my staff, my players. It's not about wins and losses, it's about relationships. The last home game, I had an amazing amount of players there. They've all gone on to do great things."

"Hopefully playing basketball for us taught them some important things. I love hearing when they're engineers or doctors. I've had the best kids, the kids are amazing. I've had a bunch of great ones."

"I hope I've done it well. It's about the kids. I have good kids. Over the years, I've had so many kids that gave their heart and soul to the team. The amount of texts, people reaching out, it's been amazing, and I'm very thankful to do what I do in front of people that I love very much."

Liskai says he has surrounded himself with some fine men on his coaching staff.

"I brought Mike Haar on about 13 years ago. He was the coach at Woodmore. He's more than an assistant, he's a brother. I can't even say what Mike means to me," Liskai said.

"My JV coach, Tony Egbert, is a former player. I have another former player, Darren Widmer, and there's Kevin Strausbaugh. I've got outstanding men around our kids. They're extremely loyal to our kids. You're only as good as the people you surround yourself with, and I've got the best."

Liskai has been fortunate to coach some great players during his time in Gibsonburg. Five of his players earned All-Ohio honors — Egbert, Jordan Kreglow, Matt Kreglow, Brent Ernsthansen and Gage Beaber — and four were named player of the year in the conference — Ernsthansen, Beaber, Jordan Kreglow and Matt Kreglow.

This year's team won a sectional title and upset two teams in the process. The Bears beat New Riegel in the sectional semifinals, 61-53, and knocked off Mohawk, 55-51, in the finals.

"I've never been happier for a group of guys. We've got a very talented team, but we've faced a lot of adversity with injuries. Aiden McGough played on two sprained ankles, Austin Rodriguez came back, and we've had some banged up kids," said Liskai. "We stayed together, had a hard-fought game against New Riegel, and we had a tough game against Mohawk. And then we play a great team in Old Fort. I can't say enough about these kids, they answered the bell."

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# Eastwood's Jacob Meyer voted NBC POY

Eastwood 6-foot-3 senior forward Jacob Meyer and Elmwood 6-0 senior guard/wing Brooklyn Thrash are Northern Buckeye Conference Players of the Year.

Meyer, who has been averaging close to a double-double 20 points and 10 rebounds all season, has led the Eagles to the Division III district tournament, where they were to take on Liberty Center (11-12) at Central Catholic's Sullivan Center on Thursday. The winner was to meet the Cardinal Stritch (17-7)-Genoa (11-13) winner on Saturday for the right to move on to the regionals at Bowling Green State University's Stroh Center next week.

To earn a return trip to the districts, the NBC outright champion Eastwood (20-3) had little trouble getting by Delta (11-13), 55-30, at Springfield High School.

Meyer led Eastwood with 14 points, Case Boos scored 12, Gavin DeWese scored nine, and Andrew Arntson scored eight. Jacob Limes had five points, Lake Boos scored three, and Noah Smith and Brady Weaver scored two apiece for the Eagles. The Eagles led by only 30-21 at halftime but held the Panthers to nine points on three field goals in the second half.

Meyer is joined on the All-NBC first team by Elmwood senior Bryce Reynolds, Fostoria senior Lakai Robinson, Lake senior Cam Hoffman and two Rossford players, senior Ben Morrison and junior Derek Vorst.

Eastwood senior Gavin DeWese and junior Case Boos are joined on the second team by Rossford juniors Brendan Revels and Jake Morrison and Elmwood sophomore Kade Lentz. Filling out the second team are Fostoria sophomore Jordan Ferguson and Woodmore senior Aaron Miller.

Eastwood honorable mention choices are seniors Lake Boos and Jacob Limes, Elmwood senior Kyler Heiserman and junior Hayden Wickard, Otsego senior Chase Helberg and sophomore Jack Simpson, Lake senior Richie Hayward and Rossford junior Garrette Murphree.

Also getting HM All-NBC are Fostoria senior Zach Ward and sophomore Machi Johnson and three Genoa players, juniors Griffin Meyer and Skylar Ju and sophomore Jon Huston.



Thrash is joined on the All-NBC girls first team by Lake senior guards Delani Robinson and Ava Ayers, Eastwood senior forward Aubrey Haas, Genoa senior guard Gina Goodman and Woodmore junior guard Macey Bauder.

Second team All-NBC choices include Eastwood senior forward Brenna Moenter and Elmwood junior post Anna Barber and junior wing Cara Frank.

Filling out the second team are Fostoria freshman shooting guard Alicia Middlebrooks, Woodmore senior forward

Sophie Blausey and senior post Camryn Ivy. HM selections include Rossford freshman guard Scarlett Williams, senior guard Kierston Johnson and senior guard Katie Glowacki, Eastwood sophomore guard Kayla Buehler and senior forward Paige Rost, Lake senior guard Kelsie Gladieux, Otsego junior guard Lauren Hillesheim, and Elmwood junior guard Anna Meyer. Also getting HM are Fostoria freshman power forward Lyrique Johnson, senior power forward Jasmine Groves and Genoa junior forward Gabby Lopez.



Billy Christopoulos

## Christopoulos top goalie, again

Toledo Walleye goaltender Billy Christopoulos has been named Warrior Hockey ECHL Goaltender of the Week for February 14-20.

It is the fourth time he has won the award in his career and the second time this year after taking the honor for the week of December 13-19.

Christopoulos led the Walleye to a perfect 3-0 week with a 2.31 goals against average and a .939 save percentage, starting all three games. He had 27 saves in Toledo's 3-2 win at Cincinnati on Wednesday, then picked up 37 stops in the 6-3 win at Fort Wayne on Friday. He saved his best for Sunday, a 3-2 overtime win in which Christopoulos posted a season-high 43 saves.

The 28-year-old is 16-3-2 this year in his return to the Walleye with a 2.46 GAA and a .923 SVP. He ranks third in the league in wins, is tied for third in save percentage, and ranks sixth in goals against average. On top of his great season with the Walleye, Christopoulos has a 2-1-0 record in the AHL with a 2.36 GAA and .922 SVP when he landed for a few weeks with Charlotte.

Christopoulos had a breakout season in 2019-20 when he went 23-3-3 with a 2.30 goals against average and a .932 save percentage for Toledo. That year he was named as the goaltender for the ECHL All-Rookie Team. In his ECHL career, he has appeared in 61 games with a record of 45-10-5 with a 2.36 GAA and .924 SVP.

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Lourdes University guard Joey Holifield. (courtesy Ryan Wronkowicz/Lourdes Athletics)

## Holifield Newcomer of the Year

Lourdes University's Joey Holifield (Cardinal Stritch) and Nick Welch (Monroe St. Mary, Mich.) were named to the All Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference first team with Holifield also named the league's Newcomer of the Year.

Little Anderson (Stritch) and McRay White (Garfield Heights) garnered second team All-WHAC accolades and Welch was selected to the All-Defensive Team.

Holifield is averaging a team-leading 15.7 points per game while shooting 51.5% from the floor and 83.7% from the free throw line. He has grabbed 4.9 rebounds per game and handed out two assists per night while notching 52 steals. The sophomore has scored in double figures in 30 of 31 games this season.

Welch has tallied 14.8 points and a team-high 9.2 rebounds per outing. A 51.6% shooter from the floor, he also added 1.9 assists per game and defensively recorded 32 steals and five blocked shots. He surpassed 1,000 collegiate points during the WHAC tournament.

Anderson has scored 12.7 points per game for Lourdes this year while making a team-high 56 three-point field goals. He has added 3.8 rebounds and 2.0 assists per night while tallying 49 steals and 15 blocks.

White chips in 12.7 points and 7.5 rebounds per outing while blocking a team-high 30 shots this year. He has shot 63.3% from the field.

Holifield and Anderson, both of whom are 6-foot-2, are known to area fans for leading the Cardinals to the state semifinals three years ago under the guidance of current St. Francis coach Jamie Kachmarik. During the run to the final four, Anderson and Holifield were instrumental in helping Stritch win the regional title.

Anderson scored 23 points in the Cardinals' 68-58 win over Coldwater in the regional finals, and two games before that, Stritch beat Genoa, 55-44, in double overtime and Holifield led all scorers with 16 points in the dramatic district final victory. (— Includes file copy by Press contributing writer Yaneek Smith)

## Stencel, Sanchez were top seeds

It's out there for the taking. And the team that is in prime position to claim the crown is the one that dominated for years.

The Central Michigan wrestling team goes into the two-day Mid-American Conference Wrestling Championships at Ohio's Convocation Center as the favorite after a 12-4 dual-meet season including a 7-0 mark and a first-place finish in the MAC West.

Matt Stencel (Clay) headlines a strong CMU lineup that won most of its MAC duals rather handily.

Stencel, who wrestles at 285 pounds, will vie for his record fifth MAC individual title, a situation that resulted in an extra year of eligibility granted by the NCAA due to COVID. North Carolina State's Hayden Hidley will go for his fifth ACC title this weekend. Stencel and Hidley could become the first college wrestlers to capture five league titles.

Stencel is winding down a magnificent career during which he has twice earned All-America honors, has posted a remarkable 128-34 career record, recorded a program-record 72 pins, and has gone 40-2 against MAC wrestlers, winning his last 34 consecutive league matches.

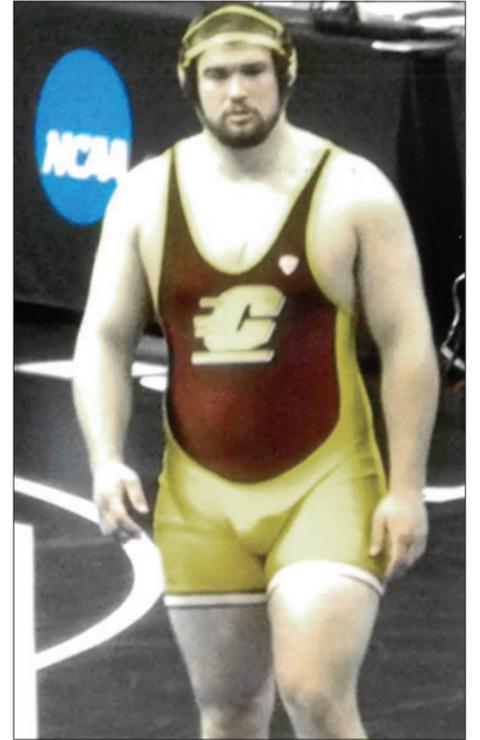
Stencel, who wrestled for coach Ralph Cubberly at Clay, is seeded No. 1 in his weight class and is ranked eighth nationally in a stacked weight class.

CMU, which is ranked 23rd in the InterMat dual meet national poll, won 14 of 15 MAC Championships titles from 1998-2012. That streak was followed by a number of second- and third-place finishes after Missouri joined the league in 2013 and proceeded to win nine consecutive crowns through 2021.

The Tigers have left the MAC for the Big 12 and the Chippewas are right where they have been so many times in legendary coach Tom Borrelli's three-plus decades in charge of the storied program.

The Chippewas go into the tournament with two defending champions and they are seeded No. 1 in three weight classes. CMU is seeded in the top four in seven of the 10 weight classes.

"You have to show up and perform," Borrelli said. "Nobody's going to give you



Central Michigan University wrestler Matt Stencel. (File photo by Dan Jaksetic)

anything; it's not going to be easy. Our conference is pretty balanced in just about all the sports. You just have to perform."

MAC supremacy is important to the Chippewas, and ultimately, that leads to berths in the NCAA Championships. The champion in each weight class advances to the NCAA, scheduled for March 17-19 at Little Caesars Arena in Detroit. Additional qualifying spots are at stake in most of the weight classes, and the number per class varies based on the collective strength of the league in a particular weight class.

Ohio wrestling is represented by seven wrestlers in the pre-seeding: redshirt sophomore Oscar Sanchez (Genoa).

At 125 pounds, Sanchez is seeded seventh; overall, he's 17-8 on the season and 4-4 against MAC opponents with one technical fall and three major decisions.

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