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Brandon Garries Earns 100th Career Win on Mat

St. Ignace Competes at Home, at Sault

By David Latva

Brandon Garries became the 12th wrestler at LaSalle High School to post 100 career victories after the junior recorded a 4-1 record during the Sault Super Dual Saturday, February 3.

Garries needed three victories to reach the milestone and, during the fourth match of the day, he registered his 100th win on a first-period pin against Cheboygan.

"Brandon has wrestled hard to reach this mark. It doesn't happen very often that a junior will reach 100 wins," said Saints Coach Harvey Bentley.

The previous Saints wrestlers to reach the mark were Billy Rickley, Michael Green, Andy Fitzpatrick, Matt Beaudoin, Rand Litzner, Tom Horn, Sam Fitzpatrick, Jason Frazier, Tim Moore, Mike Amacher, and Aaron Rickley.

Saints 4-1 at Super Dual

The St. Ignace wrestling team enjoyed a successful day at the Sault Super Dual after three grapplers posted perfect records of 5-0 and four at 4-1. The Saints finished the meet with a 4-1 team record.

Senior James Sayles, in the 215-pound weight division, and juniors, Derek Marshall (171-189) and Shawn Cowell (140) were 5-0, and seniors Sam Fitzpatrick (125) Mario Calcaterra (135), junior Brandon Garries (119), and sophomore Mike McNeely (112) all completed the meet at 4-1.

The Saints started the day with a 51-27 win over Petoskey's junior varsity squad. The team then downed Newberry 57-15, followed by a loss to Gaylord's varsity team 50-19. The Saints then upended Cheboygan 45-36, and edged out Sault Ste. Marie 36-35.

Other Saints wrestlers with victories were Nate Tamlyn (189) at 2-2 and Rob Robinson (145) and Steffan Saffian (152) at 2-3.

"I was pleased with our effort during the entire day," said Coach Bentley, "even against a strong Gaylord team."

The most exciting match of the day was the final team competition

between the Saints and the host Sault Ste. Marie Blue Devils.

The match started at the 130-pound weight class with Tyler Oja dropping a tough 7-2 decision before Mario Calcaterra (135) and Shawn Cowell (140) pinned their opponents for a 12-3 lead.

The Blue Devils won the next four matches as Rob Robinson (145), Steffan Saffian (152), Eric Grondin (160), and Nate Tamlyn (171) were defeated as the Blue Devils increased their lead to 23-12.

Derek Marshall (189) won on a pin and James Sayles (215) scored an 8-2 decision to cut the Blue Devils lead to 23-21, but the Saints had to forfeit the heavyweight and 103 divisions, which made the score 35-21, in the Sault's favor.

Trailing by 14 points, Mike McNeely (112) won on a forfeit, Brandon Garries (119) posted a 10-0 major decision to cut the score to 35-31 and, during the final match of the meet, Sam Fitzpatrick (125) won on a technical fall (five points) to give the Saints a 36-35 win.

Saints Wrestlers Split SAC Matches

The St. Ignace wrestling team split its Straits Area Conference matches, defeating Newberry 48-23, and falling to Cheboygan 50-28 Thursday, February 1.

The biggest drawback for the Saints was giving up 18 points after forfeiting the 103-, 189-, and heavyweight classes, which was evident in the matches against Cheboygan.

"It is tough winning a match after giving up 18 points," said Coach Bentley.

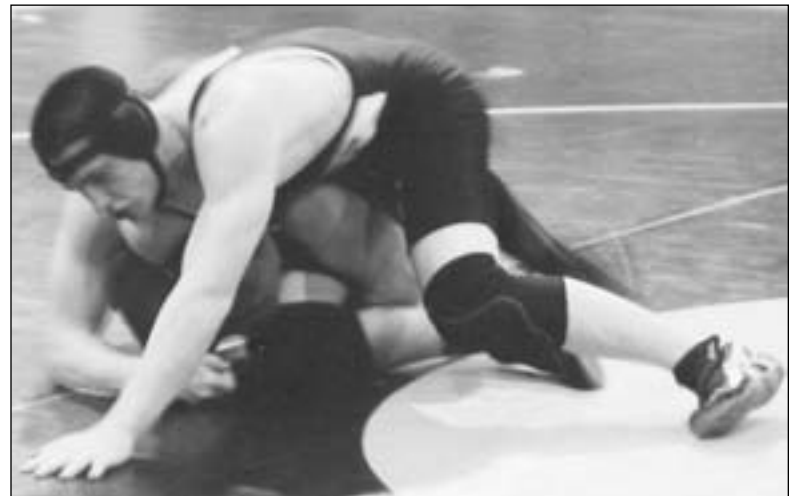
The Saints were led by a trio of grapplers that included Sam Fitzpatrick (125), Derek Marshall (171), and Brandon Garries (119) with 2-0 records, one pin each. St. Ignace's Shawn Cowell (140) finished with a 2-0 mark.

James Sayles (215) recorded a 1-1 mark with one pin and Mario Calcaterra (135) and Steffan Saffian (152) were 1-1 during the tri-match.

St. Ignace will compete in the



Brandon Garries earned his 100th career win with a pin against Cheboygan during the Sault Super Dual.



Derek Marshall notched a 5-0 mark at the Super Dual and a 2-0 record during the tri-match.



Shawn Cowell (140) recorded a 5-0 record at the Super Dual and a 2-0 record during the tri-match.

Straits Area Conference Tournament at Newberry Saturday, February 10, and will host the Michigan High School Athletic Association's district tourney (Rudyard/Charlevoix) Thursday,

February 15 at LaSalle High School.

The Saints will travel to Marquette for the Upper Peninsula Finals Friday, February 16 and Saturday, February 17.

Saints Girls Split Bowling Matches, Boys Drop Both Games

St. Ignace girls bowling team split its last two games, defeating Alpena and falling to Rogers City while the boys team lost to Rogers City and Cheboygan during Northern Michigan Bowling Conference play Saturday, February 3, at Rogers City.

Girls Split

The girls split baker games against Alpena 171-121 and 130-132, but won totals 301 to 253.

Misti Gamble bowled double games of 165-168 (333). Other totals included Desi Allan 150-158 (308), Brooke Allan 131-155 (286), and Melissa Brown 139-125 (264), Anna Krause single game of 132, and Sara Tafelski 93.

The Saints lost baker games to Rogers City, 205 to 141 and 177 to 135.

Boys Drop

Brooke Allan bowled double games of 196-124 (320), Melissa Brown 156-157 (313), Misti Gamble 126-147 (273), and Anna Krause 130-127 (257) and Desi Allan single game of 121 and Sara Tafelski 93.

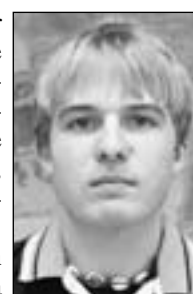
Cheboygan is leading the girls standings, followed by Rogers City, St. Ignace, Gaylord Blue, and Alpena.

Boys Drop Pair

St. Ignace boys dropped both baker games to Rogers City 212 to 184 and 256 to 193.



Misti Gamble
St. Ignace



Josh Feldman
St. Ignace

Chris Binger bowled double games of 279-197 (476), Derek Rutledge 209-180 (389), and Andy Mullins 137-121 (258), Jamin Corwin, in a single game of 168, Trestin Fogelsonger 165, Jeffrey Gamble 161, and Josh Feldman 128.

During the match against Cheboygan, the Chiefs defeated the Saints in both baker games 168-131 and 164-146.

Jamin Corwin bowled double

games of 218-197 (415), Chris Binger 204-193 (397), Derek Rutledge 227-169 (396), and Trestin Fogelsonger 172-159 (331) and Jeffrey Gamble single game of 152 and Andy Mullins 116.

Chris Binger is leading the Saints with an average of 215 and Derek Rutledge at 200.

Rogers City is in first place in the boys standings, followed by St. Ignace, Gaylord Blue, Alpena, Cheboygan, and Gaylord Gold.

St. Ignace will be off Saturday, February 10, before hosting matches at the Gateway Lanes Saturday, February 17, with the girls beginning at 10 a.m. and the boys at 1 p.m.

Pickford Downs Big Bay, 78-67

Pickford split its non-conference games, defeating Big Bay de Noc 78-67 Friday, February 2, and falling to Sault Ste. Marie 67-34 Tuesday, January 30.

Panthers Offense Explodes

The Pickford offense exploded with four players in double figures during the non-league win over the Black Bears of Big Bay de Noc.

The Panthers, 2-9 overall on the season, led 20-16 after the first eight minutes before the Black Bears held an 18-16 scoring edge in the second quarter to cut the Pickford lead to 36-34 at halftime as McKinley Portice scored 11 and Paul Walsh chipped in seven for Coach Vance Barber in the first half.

Jamie Nettleton scored 16 points, Kyle Barry added 12 in the second half. Pickford's offense increased its lead over Big Bay de Noc after outscoring the Black Bears 20-13 in the third quarter for a 56-47 lead, and closing out the contest with a 22-20 advantage in the final period.

Pickford scored 23 field goals, seven treys, and made 23 of 30 free throws. Big Bay de Noc made 22 field goals, one trey, and shot 22 of 41 from the free throw line.

Panthers Stats: Jamie Nettleton, 22 points; Kyle Barry, 18 points; Paul Walsh, 15 points; McKinley Portice, 11 points; Pat Savoie, six points; Matt Rose, Clayton Peppers, and Jordan Potter, two points.

Panthers Fall to Blue Devils

The Blue Devils led 36-20 at halftime and outscored the Panthers 31-14 in the second half to post the win.

Panthers Stats: McKinley Portice, seven points; Kyle Barry and Jordan Potter six points; Preston Hunter, five points; Jamie Nettleton, Matt Rose, and Pat Savoie, two points.



Jamie Nettleton
Pickford

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