

Trenton seniors pace win

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TRENTON — The Trenton High wrestling team is experiencing its best season in recent memory and, according to head coach John Neville, it's all due to a corps of eight seniors he had to "pluck out of gym class" in order to get them interested in the program.

Those eight seniors came up big yesterday, recording six pins and a pair of decisions, to lead the Tornadoes to a 60-9 win over Notre Dame in the last home match of their careers.

In other matches at Tornado Alley, Trenton defeated Bordentown 51-10 and Notre Dame beat Bordentown 48-30.

"The emphasis here," Neville said, "has never been on wrestling. They may have had it one or two days in gym class, but there was no real foundation. Now, that Sports Nite is back, they don't even get that."

Sports Nite is the annual show

which divides the school into Red and Black teams and involves most of the student body in athletic competitions. The teams use gym class to practice various specialties such as modern dance, tap dance, cheerleading and shuttle races. Since the boys gym classes are given over to practice it takes away from the time that would otherwise be used to give the boys an introduction to wrestling.

"IT'S TOUGH to compete against schools like West Windsor-Plainsboro and Hamilton, who have excellent feeder programs, when your kids aren't exposed to the sport until they get (to high school)," said Neville.

"Our kids stuck it out though. They're tough. They've been together for four years and now they're seeing positive results. Hopefully it will carry over to next year."

Led by heavyweight Dion Duncan, who needed just 52 seconds to pin Notre Dame's Mike Corboy, the Tornadoes got pins from Arthur Esaw (217), Bobby McCall (187), Melvin Sheridan (172), Clarence Boone (136) and Jose Montanez (106).

Fritz Vaneus recorded a major de-

cision (17-1) over ND's Nick Pyle at 162, while Kenny Davis picked up a 15-6 decision over Mike Shaeffer at 142.

The only loss Trenton suffered (on the mat) was when Notre Dame's Martin Peloquin nipped sophomore Iqual Melvin 11-10 at 126 pounds.

"This is their season," Neville said, "and they know it. We'll have a nice nucleus coming back, but the seniors have been the ones to carry us this year."

TRENTON (11-3) finished its dual-meet season and will now concentrate on the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association's District 25 competition. Neville hopes the seniors can come up big on "the next level."

"They know," Neville said, "that if they finish in the top three in districts, they can move on to the next level and that if they finish in the top three there they can make it to the states."

If the Tornadoes wrestle like they did against Note Dame yesterday, they'll have plenty of opportunities to advance to the states.

And it will all be due to eight kids

who were plucked out of gym class.

Trenton 53, Bordentown 10
102— double forfeit
108— Henry Dixon (T) won by forfeit
114— Mohammad Addar (T) dec. Brian Tazue, 10-2
121— Yombie Caulker (B) dec. Jamar Upshur, 18-9
128— Iqual Melvin (T) won by forfeit
136— Clarence Boone (T) dec. Tim Rice, 20-9
144— Ken Davis (T) p. Pat Ryan, 0-46
152— Chuck Roohr 9B) p. Dwayne Farris, 2:39
162— Fritz Vaneus (T) won by forfeit
174— Melvin Sheridan (T) dec. Nate Roohr, 11-8
187— Bobby McCall (T) won by forfeit
217— Arthur Esaw (T) won by forfeit
Hvy— Dion Duncan (T) won by forfeit

Notre Dame 48, Bordentown 30
102— Tom Simpson (N) won by forfeit
108— Bryan Masterson (N) won by forfeit
114— Brian Tazue (B) won by forfeit
121— Yombie Walker (B) won by forfeit
128— Tim Rice (B) p. Martin Peloquin, 4:48
136— Frank Marrone (N) p. Kevin Woodson, 4:53
144— Mike Shaeffer (N) won by forfeit
152— Chuck Roohr (B) p. Andrew Crawford, 2:56
162— Nick Pyle (N) won by forfeit
174— Nate Roohr (B) p. Jon Sls, 2:40
187— Gerry Van Slooten (N) won by forfeit
217— Dan Lemole (N) won by forfeit
Hvy— Mike Corboy (N) won by forfeit

Trenton (11-3) 60, Notre Dame (4-7-1) 9
102— Tom Simpson (N) won by forfeit
108— Jose Montanez (T) p. Bryan Masterson, 1:28
114— Mohammad Addar (T) won by forfeit
121— Jamar Upshur (T) won by forfeit
128— Martin Peloquin (N) dec. Iqual Melvin, 11-10
136— Clarence Boone (T) p. Frank Marrone, 3:11
144— Ken Davis (T) dec. Mike Shaeffer, 15-6
152— Dwayne Farris (T) dec. Chad Rovner, 16-11
162— Fritz Vaneus (T) p. Nick Pyle, 17-1 (3:04)
174— Melvin Sheridan (T) p. Jon Sls, 2:35
187— Bobby McCall (T) p. Jerry Van Slooten, 1:05
217— Arthur Esaw (T) p. Dan Lemole, 1:36
Hvy— Dion Duncan (T) p. Mike Corboy, 0:52

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Old Newspapers Reflect How Time Marches Past

IN MARCH of 1960

At Trenton Central High, Helen Macai reigned as Miss Trenton High for the traditional Sports Nite (yes, Nite) competition; Gay Grove was mistress of ceremonies and the Red team, captained by Judy Claudili, defeated the Black team, captained by Hermine Brezner, 37-29.

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Trenton High students have a blast reflecting past at Sports Nite

By LISA CORYELL
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TRENTON — If enthusiasm and energy could be bottled and sold, Trenton High School students could have earned enough money last night to fund their own space program.

The cheers in the school's gymnasium were deafening as more than 1,000 people crowded in for the kickoff of Sports Nite 1995, three days of competition pitting the Red Team against the Black Team. The co-ed teams are made up of juniors and seniors.

This year's theme, "A Blast From The Past," gave students a chance to mug it up as '70s throwbacks, outlaws from the wild wild West and characters from other eras, while vying for points in everything from races and dance numbers to cheerleading, and artistic endeavors.

The Black Team dominated opening night, scoring an impressive 9-6 victory, but team members said winning isn't really the point of Sports Nite.

"We act like it's a big competition but really it just gives us a chance to have some fun," said Arthur Esaw, team co-captain. "It brings the

school together in peace and harmony."

Of course that didn't stop winners of the events from enjoying some good-natured gloating.

If points were given for attitude, Black team co-captain Dessalyn Jolley could have single-handedly carried her team to victory.

REVELING IN EACH moment her team was awarded a point, she strutted up to grab the black flag from emcees Kathryn Johnson and Duwayne Barrett and triumphantly parade it in front of her teammates who went wild with glee.

The "I-don't-care-if-it-ruins-my-reputation-it's-only-one-night" award (had there been one) would have gone to Red Team co-captain Kenric Davis for fearlessly donning a huge Afro wig and disco duds.

"I don't mind. It's part of the fun," he said.

"It's the one night everyone can act like a clown and get away with it," said Ila Sababu, Red Team co-captain.

For all the clowning around, however, it was obvious from the moment the students took center stage that they take this fun seriously. Glittering costumes, elaborate choreography and breathtaking gym-

TRENTON HIGH SPORTS NIGHT

FIRST OF THREE NIGHTS

Event	Winner
Marching team	Black
Cheerleaders	Red
Novelty Race	Black
Modern Dance	Black
Tug-o-War	Red
Tap Dance	Black
Volleyball game #1	Black
Volleyball Game #2	Black
Video Dance	Tie (1 point ea.)
Aerobics	Red
Obstacle Race	Black
Cover Design	Red
Band	Black
Art	Red

TOTALS

Black Team	9 points
Red Team	6 points

nastic feats gave testimony to hours of hard work.

Tonight members of the Red Team have a chance to take the lead as night two gets under way at 7 p.m.

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Staff photo by Stanley Brick

Leslie Hallback, center, dances with her Trenton Central High School classmates during the Wild Wild West act at Sports Night '95. The number was performed by members of the Black Team.

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'70s theme of Trenton 'Sports Nite'

By PAUL MICKLE

The Trentonian

Trenton High's troublemakers were nowhere to be found last night as the school's juniors and seniors staged "Sports Nite" and showed, as school administrators always say, that there's a lot of talent at the city's high school.

Everyone's heard about school rumbles and the like. But as last night's program proved, the real students of Trenton High can choreograph and dance, write and act, run fast and jump high and march with a precision that would please a drill sergeant.

It was the second of three nights of such activity aimed at building school spirit through cooperation and competition.

Juniors and seniors, divided into the Red and Black teams, last night squared off for competition in cheerleading; modern and tap dance; volleyball; aerobics; and two wacky races in which students had to hurdle obstacles and move along while on foot-square boards on wheels.

The theme for this year's event, which was revived in 1993 after a 22-year hiatus, was "A Blast from the Past," the "long-ago days of the 1970s," as senior Duwayne Barrett put it.

Red marching team captains Jessica Hernandez and Dena Ware wore psyc



Trentonian Photo/LYNDA BERRY
Tara Govan, cheerleading captain of the Red team, performs during Trenton High's "Sports Nite."

delic outfits. Their counterparts on the Black team, Christina Taliaferro and Willie Reese, sported Flintstones outfits.

The modern dancers performed routines celebrating the birth of the blues and the end of slavery in the United States.

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Trenton excels in sports. It consistently ranks among the top 20 teams in the state in football, boys' basketball and girls' track. Teams have won county championships in all three sports almost every year and the girls' track team had a two- or three-year unbeaten streak. At least one or two students are awarded Division I athletic scholarships to colleges every year.

It is through sports that the school enjoys much of its parental support. Two years ago the school reinstated Sports Night, an elaborate evening of music and exhibition - a full-scale pep rally. Teachers, students, and many of their parents work all year to bring it off.

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