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Madison's Mike Johnson (left) outmuscles Franklin's Roscoe Thomas during semifinals of 148-pound class.

Clyburn, Kearney take titles

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Success seems to breed success for Madison's Walt Clyburn and Bishop Kearney's wrestling program. Clyburn was voted most valuable wrestler and Kearney captured the team title in the City-Catholic League wrestling championships last night at East High.

Clyburn, who captured the championship of the 158-pound class last night with an 8-3 decision over McQuaid's George Todd, had quarterbacked Madison's football team to a 7-1 record and a share of the league title in the fall.

"This feels real good," said Clyburn, who was runnerup last year as a sophomore to title-winner Jeff Fisher of Kearney. "I was going for this award too. It's more satisfying than football because in wrestling you're out there all by yourself."

Kearney's team title was its third in a row as the Kings finished with 79 points to 74 for Madison. Kearney put four wrestlers into last night's finals. Tony Germano, a sophomore who was 8-2 this year, decided East's Tony Servati in overtime for the 101-pound title, and Ste senior and Ernie Hanna successfully defended his title by decisioning McQuaid's Chuck Lawless 11-1 in the 115-pound class.

Kearney's two runnersup were Joe Berardi, who lost to top-seeded Chuck Bour of Charlotte, 5-4, in the 122-pound class and Bob Spinelli, who lost a 3-2 overtime for the 101-pound title, and Collichio, fourth-seeded, had won an overtime decision over top-seeded Charles Alvarez of Jefferson in the

semifinals before beating the second-seeded Spinelli.

"It's the kids who did it," said Kearney coach Brian Chadwick of the Kings' success. "The reason for the streak is the kids are trying 100 per cent, pride and tradition."

"For me, I like to look at the kids after they win a trophy, and then I feel my satisfaction that I did my job as a teacher."

"But they're the ones who go out and wrestle. All you do is stand around and watch."

Behind Kearney and Madison, the team standings were: McQuaid, which shared the regular season title with Kearney and Madison, 60½; Charlotte 56; East 46; Franklin 35½; Jefferson 29; Edison 28; Cardinal Mooney 17; and Marshall 2, and Monroe 0.

Madison's Eric Davis, runnerup last year in the tourney to Kearney's Curtis Robinson, decided East's Tom Kennard, 8-3, for the 213-pound title. The top-seeded Kennard had beaten Robinson, 2-0 in the semifinals. Davis won the pin trophy, with pins of 1:24 and 5:36 in the quarterfinals and semifinals.

East's Chester Shellman, who pinned Madison's Lamont Banks at 1:56 for the 218-pound title, his 14th pin in 18 matches this season, also had 2 pins in the tourney.

Except for Robinson, each defending champion retained his title. Madisons Mike Johnson decided McQuaid's Mike Brennan, 8-0, for the 148 pound title, Franklin's Scott Johnson decided Madison's Genorval Hobbs, 7-3, for the 170-pound title, and Jefferson's Mike Dupra, only a junior, decided Char-

lotte's Joe Lynch, 9-8, for the 180-pound title. Dupra avenged a loss to Lynch during the season, his only loss in his career.

In the other weight classes, McQuaid's Steve Miller decisioned Charlotte's Dave Marcello 8-7 for the 108-pound title. Madison's Ken Ladd decisioned McQuaid's Steve Wu 9-3 for the 129-pound title and Franklin's Ray Scott upset top-seeded Harold Moore of Edison, 8-4, for the 135-pound title.

Madison sent six wrestlers into the finals and four won for the most victories by one team in the finals.

Clyburn had never met Todd before, but he was confident nevertheless.

"It was the first time I'd wrestled him, but I knew I could beat him," said Clyburn. "I weakened him and then wore him down."

Clyburn led only 2-1 entering the final period but scored three falls to wrap up the match. Clyburn was top-seed in the weight class and was 10-0 during the regular season.

His only loss was to Caledonia-Mumford's Tim Nothnagle in a non-league meet, but Clyburn will be ready if he meets Nothnagle in the sectionals.

"I'm definitely going for the sectionals now," said Clyburn, who lost as a sophomore last year in the sectionals to eventual champion Clark Barnard of Hilton. Barnard is back this year.

"I wasn't at full strength when I lost to Nothnagle, and I really think I can win in the sectionals."

All finalists will be eligible for the Section 5 wrestling tournament next week.

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High School Wrestling

City-Catholic Championships

101 pounds—Germano (BK) dec. Servati (E) 6-3 ovt.; 108—Miller (Mc) dec. Marcello (Ch) 8-7; 115—Hanna (BK) dec. Lawless (Mc) 11-1; 122—Bour (Ch) dec. Barafat (BK) 5-4; 129—Ladd (Ma) dec. Wu (Mc) 9-3; 135—Scott (Fr) dec. Moore (Ed) 8-4; 141—Collichio (Ch) dec. Spinelli (BK) 3-2 ovt.; 148—Johnson (Ma) dec. Brennan (Mc) 8-0; 158—Clyburn (Ma) dec. Todd (Mc) 8-3; 170—Johnson (Fr) dec. Hobbs (Ma) 7-3; 180—Dupra (J) dec. Lynch (Ch) 9-8; 218—Shellman (E) pinned La. Banks (Ma) 1:56; 253—Davis (Ma) dec. Kennard (E) 8-3.