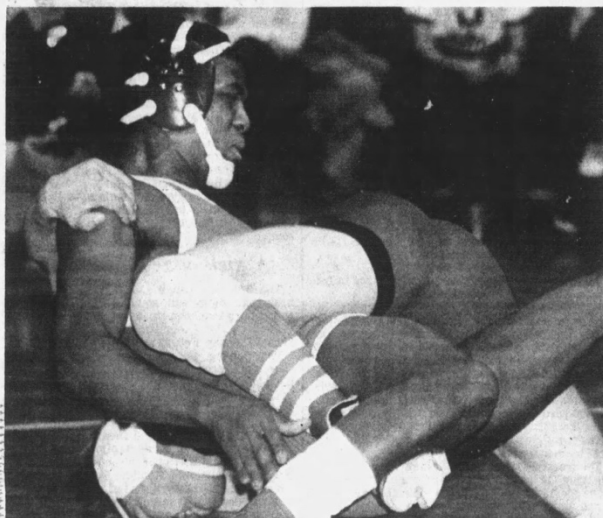


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RICK HEIDELBURG of Ross struggles in his efforts to get around Greg Felton of Elyria in the championship match of the 138-pound division in

the Buckeye Conference Tournament Saturday. The Ross wrestler went on to win the title with a last second reversal.

(N-M photo by Bill Kennedy)

Elyria is BC mat champ

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SANDUSKY—Elyria won its 16th Buckeye Conference Wrestling Tournament here Saturday, easily pulling away from the other five schools.

With Elyria handily in command heading into the finals, it was a dogfight for second between Lorain, host Sandusky, Fremont Ross and Marion Harding. In the end, Sandusky salvaged the runnerup spot, being outpointed by Elyria 167½ to 120½.

Finishing third was Marion Harding with 116½, Lorain, with two falls in the last two matches, took fourth with 114 and Ross was fifth at 109½. Findlay settled for the basement with 58½.

"I told the kids before we came in here," Ross Coach Al Voggenthaler said, "that we could finish either second or fifth. As it was it went right on through before it was settled (second place)."

Lorain's defending champs — 185-pound Vince Villanucci and heavyweight Gary Huff — dumped Ross into the fifth spot. Villanucci pinned Ross's Mike Wendt in the championship finals in 56 seconds and Huff flattened Ross's Tony Gardner

in 1:50 of the final match of the tournament.

Rick Heidelberg was Ross's only champion out of the four Little Giants in the championship finals. He had two falls and a 7-5 decision over Greg Felton of Elyria in the 138-pound division.

The Ross junior was credited with a last second reversal against Felton to win the match. He had surrendered a 5-0 lead after a takedown and a three-point nearfall in the first period. Felton tied the match at 5-5 with a reversal and a penalty point on Heidelberg with 22 seconds remaining in the match.

"Yeah," he admitted, "I was getting tired. He was not as strong as I thought he would be, though."

"It was good getting the Heidelberg name back up there."

The latter referred to his brother, Jesse, a two-time BC champ at 105 in 1976 and 1977.

Ross pulled in runnerup slots at 126, 185 and heavyweight. Corey Beard lost to Elyria's Jim Harju, who won the crown at 119 in 1981, 7-1 in the finals.

Taking third for Ross were Mark Schmidt at 119, Craig Trick at 155, and Reggie Parks at 145. Schmidt defeated

Eldemar Cabotage 8-6 in his consolation finals match while Trick nipped Sam Ayish of Elyria 4-3 in his third place battle.

Parks defeated Mike Repko 6-0 in overtime for his third spot. The score was deadlocked 8-8 at the end of regulation.

Taking fourth for the Little Giants were Jeff Weikert at 98 and Mitch Curless at 167. Curless lost in overtime 6-4 to Pat Costello of Lorain in his consolation finals skirmish.

Huff was named the tournament's most valuable wrestler. The two-time conference champ registered three first period falls in easily winning the individual title.

The conference champs at the weight classes were Brad Farmer, 98, of Harding; Neil McCarty, 105, Sandusky, two-time champ; Darrin Farrow, 112, Elyria; Kevin Pierson, 119, Elyria; Harju, 126; Robert Smith, 132, Elyria;

Heidelberg, 138; Joe Heater, 145, Findlay; Charles Jones, 155, Sandusky, a three-time conference champion; King Mayse, 167, Harding; Bill Curly, 175, Sandusky, two-time champ; Villanucci, 185, and Huff, heavyweight, both repeat champs.

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Team standings

1 — Elyria 167½, 2 — Sandusky 120½, 3 — Marion Harding 116½, 4 — Lorain 114, 5 — Ross 109½, Findlay 58½.

Championship finals

98 — Brad Parmer (MJ) p. Leon Cooley (S) 2:35; 105 — Neil McCarty (S) d. Todd Gorrell (MH) 15-7; 112 — Darrin Farrow (E) d. Jim Sanner (L) 6-4; 119 — Kevin Pierson (E) p. Drake Davidson (S) 3:55; 126 — Jim Harju (E) d. Corey Beard (R) 7-1; 132 — Robert Smith (E) d. Tony Bush (MH) 6-0;

138 — Rick Heidelberg (R) d. Greg Felton (E) 7-5; 145 — Joe Heater (F) d. Darren Cannon (E) 8-7; 155 — Charles Jones (S) d. Randy Jarvis (L) 6-4; 167 — Kim Mayse (MH) d. Jerry Goodson (E) 21-1; 175 — Bill Curley (S) d. Mark Vance (MH) 4:20; 185 — Vince Villanucci (L) p. Mike Wendt (R) :56; HVY — Gary Huff (L) p. Tony Gardner (R) 1:50.

Consolation finals

98 — Jim Wood (E) p. Jeff Weikert (R) 4:04; 105 — Scott Sears (E) d. Elmann Cabotage (F) 5-3; 112 — Mark Schmidt (R) d. Eldemar Cabotage (F) 8-6; 119 — Vernon Reynolds (L) d. Scott McIntosh (F) 4-3; 126 — Dave Roether (F) d. Craig Armstrong (MH) 4-0; 132 — Theotis Jones (S) d. Jim Hoppel (F) 5-1;

138 — Ralph Springer (S) d. Kevin Berry (MH) 5-4; 145 — Reggie Parks (R) d. Mike Repko (L) 6-0, overtime; 155 — Craig Trick (R) d. Sam Ayish (E) 4-3; 167 — Pat Costello (L) d. Mitch Curliss (R) 6-4, overtime; 175 — Tim Roush (L) won by default over Greg Bishop (E); 185 — Jim Gamblin (S) d. Claude Conley (MH) 8-2; HVY — Mark Lust (MH) d. Duke Blakesly (E) 6-0.