

Ross Grapplers Open With Sylvania Tourney

Fremont Ross wrestling coach Mal Mackey will field a veteran lineup tomorrow when the Little Giants open their season in the eight-team Sylvania Tournament.

Mackey has a lineup that will include eight lettermen. And, eight of the 13 Ross starters will be underclassmen.

"I'm anxious to get started," Mackey says. "The kids have looked good in practice, but that is nothing like the real match.

"A coach can't tell anything about a club until it meets someone strong. The tournament at Sylvania has an excellent field so we're going to find out quickly how good we are."

The Little Giants and the host school will be joined by Adrian, Mich., Toledo Bowsher, Defiance, Toledo DeVilbiss, Monroe (Mich.) Central Catholic and Springfield. The first round is slated for noon and the finals begin at 7 p.m.

Ross will employ the following lineup: 98 — Eric Wolfe; 105 — Dave Alejandro; 112 — Kevin Haynes; 119 — Alan Cook; 126 — Paul Branco; 132 — Ed Farson; 138 — Bob Stierwalt; 145 — Jim Billow; 155 — Dave Mierke; 167 — Dave Skergan; 175 — Dale Reiter; 185 — John Crispen, and heavyweight — Jack Rhodes.

The only non-lettermen in the lineup will be Haynes, Cook, Stierwalt, Crispen and Rhodes.

"I look for big things from all the boys who wrestled for us last year," Mackey said. "Wolfe and Alejandro seem to be much improved and Branco makes improvement every day. Farson is also making a lot of progress. "Billow has looked extremely

good in practice. Mierke has been hampered by an ankle injury sustained during the football season, but once he has recovered we expect him to have a good season.

"Skergan has had his problems getting started but we're expecting big things from him. Reiter looked awful good in our two scrimmages."

The Little Giants have a 40 man roster, but lack depth in several positions. There are only four candidates for the 98, 105 and 112.

"We don't have very much depth

in those three areas," Mackey said. "I think the high school boys who would qualify there are swimmers."

Mackey, who will be starting his 19th season as pilot of the Ross grapplers, expects his squad to end up on the winning side of the ledger.

"We should have had a winning season last year," Mackey said.

"We had a 4-5 record and I thought it should have been either 5-4 or 6-3. Our young fellows wrestled some outstanding matches. That's why I expect

better things from them this season."

The varsity roster by weight class:

98 — Eric Wolfe.

105 — Dave Alejandro.

112 — Kevin Haynes, Doug Smith.

119 — Alan Cook, Keith Petriford, Anthony Wright.

126 — Paul Branco, Terry Fiber, Charles Hutchings, Carl Niggenyer, Vincent Price.

132 — Ed Farson, Rodolpho Martinez, Jon Michaels.

138 — Bob Stierwalt.

145 — Jim Billow, Ron Kanan, Steve Billow, Terry Hinkle, John Kinkaid, Jeff Mazzocco, Tod Mazzocco, George McAfee, Steve Reiter, Mark Wilson.

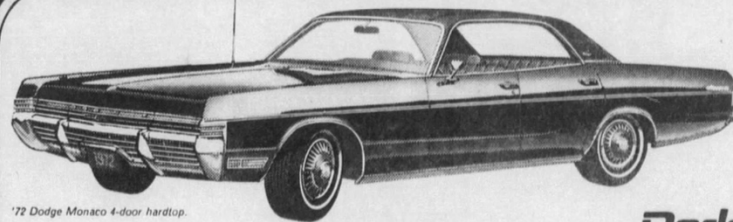
155 — Dave Mierke, Larry Parks, Denis Weickert, Don Wensinger.

167 — Dave Skergan.

175 — Dale Reiter, Commodore Burel, Rick DeLaSerd, Reiter, Jeff Tschumy.

185 — John Crispen, Michael Gyurica.

Hvy — Mark Cooley, Jack Rhodes, Warren Wymer.



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Little Giant Matmen Tie For Third Place

SYLVANIA — Fremont Ross produced three champions, but still finished in a tie for third place at the Sylvania High School wrestling tournament Saturday.

The Little Giants received first places from 98 pounder Eric Wolfe, Ed Farson (138) and Dale Reiter (175).

Ross and Sylvania each had 70 points. Toledo Bowsher scored 89½ to win the tourney. Springfield and Adrian, Mich., tied for second with 75 points apiece.

"Overall, I was well pleased with the performance of my kids, especially the three champions," Ross head coach Mal Mackey said.

"Most of the fellows wrestled well all day. We got a lot of experience. The champions had to wrestle three matches and most of the other boys wrestled at least two times."

Wolfe bested Henry Johnson of Adrian in the finals. Farson disposed of Springfield's James Rogaski in the championship

round and Reiter took care of Bowsher's Larry Hendricks in the finals.

Other point winners for Ross included Dave Alejandro, Paul Branco, Dave Mierke, Dave Skergan and Jack Rhodes.

Alejandro took a fourth at 105, while Branco finished second in the 126 pound division. Mierke placed fourth at 155. Skergan decisioned John Bach of Bowsher for third place at 167 while Rhodes was fourth at heavyweight.



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Elyria Seeks Sixth Title

Little Giant Grapplers In Pioneer Tournament

Fremont Ross is one of nine teams entered in the Ninth Annual Pioneer Wrestling Tournament at Elyria high school Wednesday.

Ross and the host school, which has won the tourney five times and is the defending champion, will be joined by Lorain Admiral King, Delaware, Fairview, Midview, Parma Senior and Rocky River.

Delaware is the only new team in the field. The Pacers will replace Cuyahoga Falls.

Ross head coach Mal Mackey announced last night that he will not field an entry at 98 pounds. Eric Wolfe, who wrestled at that weight in the Sylvania Tournament and also in a dual meet against Lorain Senior earlier this month, has been moved to 105.

The rest of the Ross lineup will have Dave Alejandro (112), Terry Haynes (120), Paul Branco (126), Bob Stierwalt (132), Ed Farson (138), Jim Billow (145), Dave Mierke (155), Dave Skergan (167), Dale Reiter (175), John Crispin (185) and Jack Rhodes (heavyweight).

Reiter is the only Ross entry sporting an unblemished

record. He's 4-0 with three victories in the Sylvania Tourney and had a fall in the dual meet at Lorain.

Farson is 3-0-1. He won the Sylvania Tournament but could only manage a 6-6 draw in the Lorain match. Wolfe sports a 2-2 record.

The Pioneer Tourney will draw just two defending champions — Tony Lucki of Midview (167) and Nate Cilimborg (105) from Fairview. Cilimborg won that crown at 98 last winter.

Elyria piled up 107 points to walk away with last year's title. Second place went to Parma with 70 points and Admiral King totaled 66 for third.

Elyria and Admiral King each have four winners returning. Parma and Midview have three each and Rocky River two.

Scoring will be done on a 10-7-4-2 basis. A point will also be awarded for advancement and a pin. And, a half point will be awarded for superiority (if an individual beats his opponents by 10 points or more).

The seeding meeting will start at 11 a.m. with preliminary matches slated to start at 1 p.m. The finals have been scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Elyria Grapplers Establish Scoring Mark

ELYRIA — Elyria broke the tournament scoring record with 118½ points as it rolled to its sixth championship in the Ninth Annual Pioneer Wrestling Tournament yesterday.

Fremont Ross, which didn't have a champion, finished sixth in the eight team meet.

Elyria, which won the title for the second consecutive year, was followed by Parma (102), Lorain Admiral King (49), Rocky River (38½), Midview (37), Ross (34), Fairview (31½) and Delaware (29½).

The victorious Pioneers broke their own record of 112 points in rolling to the easy victory. The old mark was set in the 1965 tournament.

Ross had only one wrestler make it to the finals. Dale Reiter was pinned in the second period by Fred Sweigard of the host school.

Jack Rhodes, Ed Farson and Dave Mierke were the only other place winners for the Little Giants. Rhodes took a third at heavyweight while Farson and Mierke were fourth at 138 and 155, respectively.

Elyria finished with six champions. Parma had four, Admiral King grapplers took two titles and the other went to a Rocky River contestant.

Ross is now idle until it entertains Port Clinton January 11 in a dual meet that begins at 2 p.m.

Team Scoring

Elyria 118½	Midview 37
Parma 102	Ross 34
Adm. King 49	Fairview 31½
Rocky River 38½	Delaware 29½

98—1. Redd, Elyria; 2. Stepanek, Parma; 3. Brumbach, Admiral King; 4. Schoeffel, Midview.

105—1. Vonsternberg, Parma; 2. Hambrick, Delaware; 3. Camera, Admiral King; 4. Graham, Midview.

112—1. Noble, Admiral King; 2. Madison, Elyria; 3. Parlik, Fairview; 4. Beem, Delaware.

119—1. Currier, Elyria; 2. Butterfield, Parma; 3. Christensen, Rocky River; 4. Pijor, Midview.

126—1. Lewis, Elyria; 2. Hrnchar, Midview; 3. Grealis, Fairview; 4. Sickel, Parma.

132—1. Longley, Parma; 2. Gallagher, Elyria; 3. Vanderau, Rocky River; 4. Marks, Midview.

138—1. Murton, Rocky River; 2. Buchnar, Parma; 3. Goodman, Admiral King; 4. Farson, ROSS.

145—1. Kumerow, Parma; 2. Bally, Elyria; 3. Billow, ROSS; 4. Brammelin, Rocky River.

155—1. McBean, Parma; 2. Waldo, Elyria; 3. Martin, Rocky River; 4. Mierke, ROSS.

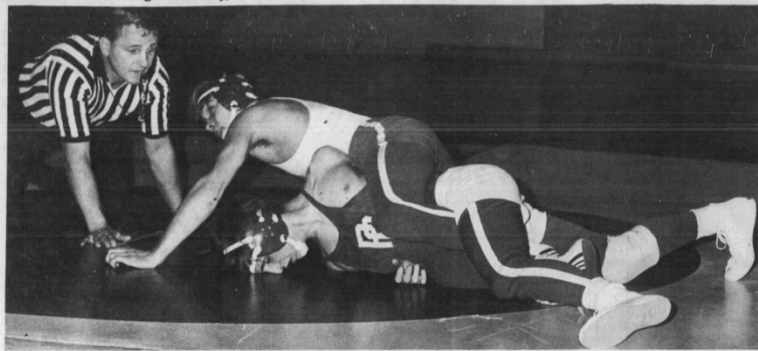
167—1. Jackson, Admiral King; 2. Darwal, Parma; 3. Lucki, Midview; 4. VanDyke, Elyria.

175—1. Sweigard, Elyria; 2. Reiter, ROSS; 3. Cain, Delaware; 4. Braun, Rocky River.

185—1. Waugh, Elyria; 2. Bunia, Parma; 3. Moore, Delaware; 4. Pettrie, Fairview.

HVY—1. Miles, Elyria; 2. Budzinski, Fairview; 3. Rhodes, ROSS; 4. Wells, Midview.





JIM BILLOW OF ROSS CONTROLS PORT CLINTON'S JACK WALLACE
Referee Lyle Smith Checks Action In 145 Pound Bout

MAC Commissioner Favors Frosh Rule

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—Mid-American commissioner Fred Jacoby favors the new NCAA rule permitting freshmen to play varsity football and basketball and thinks his conference will adopt it in the spring.

"It's permissive legislation. A conference can adopt it or not. I think we will go for it," said Jacoby.

Athletic directors and faculty representatives of the eight Mid-American schools will discuss the issue in April and probably recommend its adoption by the conference's Council of Presidents in May.

"This way they will have a chance to fully digest it and see any implications," said Jacoby. Although he would not disclose the vote by Mid-American members on the freshmen issue, Jacoby said the majority

favored it when it was passed at the NCAA convention last week.

Jacoby said the big reason for playing freshmen in all sports is the financial squeeze on college athletic departments.

"Basically, it will be a cost saving factor," he said. "It should mean fewer grants-in-aid."

"We're getting down to the bare bone financially," said Jacoby. "The schools I really feel sorry for are the private ones."

"A grant costs them close to \$3,000 a year. For state institutions, it's in the \$1,800 to \$2,000 range," he said.

Toledo, Ohio University, Miami of Ohio, Kent State, Bowling Green, Western Michigan, Central Michigan and Eastern Michigan, current Mid-

American members, all are state-supported universities.

Jacoby dismissed the main criticism of the new rule—that freshmen are too young and inexperienced and they need a year to adjust to campus life.

"If they were playing right away, I would have more reservation," he said. "but most of them won't be unless he's a punter, punt returner or wide receiver."

Jacoby's major concern is the affect of the prospective freshman athlete not on a grant.

"I hope it doesn't discourage the walk-on from trying out,"

said the Mid-American leader. "Some boys don't want to fool with them. On freshmen teams, they felt they had a better chance," he said.

Current Mid-American regulations permit five freshmen games in football and 14 in basketball. That, according to Jacoby, will be revised.

"Most coaches would like a junior varsity schedule," he said, permitting freshmen who do not make the varsity as well as upper classmen to join the jayvees.

Critics of the freshmen rule say the pressures of recruiting

blue chip high school stars will be worse than they are now.

Jacoby disagrees.

"I don't think it will be a key factor because the outstanding kids already are recruited strongly," the commissioner said.

Jacoby contends a college team hit hard by graduation won't dip into the high school ranks for varsity replacements the next season.

"A team losing a lot of seniors will go to the junior college ranks for more experienced players," he explained.

Vic Guerrieri turned in a 37-

point performance to pace the Oberlin Yeomen to an 89-76 victory over Muskingum in Ohio

loss record, four of them in conference play.

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Ross Wrestlers Rout Redskins

By DON FOGLESON
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Ross high's Little Giant grapplers recorded their second dual meet victory in as many outings this season by thrashing visiting Port Clinton, 49-12, Tuesday.

Ross scored five pins and six decisions in a meet head coach Mal Mackey described as "not much of a test for our boys."

Following an opening bout loss by 96-pound grappler Ken Young, the Little Giants notched ten consecutive wins. Young was pinned by Port Clinton's Jack Rex at 1:48 of the third period, but that seemed to awaken the Ross bench for the rest of the meet.

Eric Wolfe got things started at 105 when he recorded a fall at the hands of Port Clinton's Mark St. Clair. It took the wry little wrestler just 73 seconds to register the pin.

Ross's Dave Alejandro kept the ball rolling in the 112 weight class when he decked Tim Flynn with just 49 seconds gone in their match.

"I was real glad for Dave (Alejandro) to get that pin," coach Mackey said following the victory. "That kept us rolling and got the other boys more enthused."

Kevin Haynes took home a convincing win in the 119-pound weight class as he ran up a 7-0 lead after two periods and finished with a 10-2 win.

With a large crowd of Little Giant boosters looking on and crying for more Ross points to be put on the scoreboard, Paul Bruno managed an escape with just seconds left in his match at 126 and finished with a 6-4 victory.

Teammates Bob Stierwalt (122), Ed Farson (138) and Jim Billow (145) followed with Ross

decisions before big Dave Mierke pinned Port Clinton's Jay Schriber with 32 seconds to go in the first period of their 155-pound match.

Mierke's victory knocked Port Clinton completely out of the meet and it seemed to show as the Little Giants recorded wins in three of the four remaining matches.

The Little Giants' Dave Skerger upset John O'Nan at 167 with a narrow 5-1 score. O'Nan had been undefeated up to that time.

Ross's Dale Reiter fell Bruce Below at 1:49 of the second period in the 175-pound match before Port Clinton finally distributed its side of the scoreboard with a pin at 185.

Victim of the six-pointer was Ross's John Crispin, who was manhandled from the start before being decked at 6:49 of the second two-minute.

Jack Rhodes put the finishing touches on the Ross team victory, though, by pinning Port Clinton's Jim Sass with 35 seconds left in their heavyweight clash.

"We really didn't know what to expect from Port Clinton," said Mackey. "At first I thought they might be tougher than we had anticipated."

"But after we started recording those early decisions and the falls I knew it wouldn't take long to run up a big margin."

Ross is looking ahead to its Saturday encounter with always-tough Lorain Admiral King, a squad which should give the Ross grapplers their first stern test of the young season.

"It'd be interesting to see what we do against Admiral King," Mackey said in looking towards the Buckeye Conference match. "I know we have the potential to be a Buckeye Conference con-

tender but it all depends on how

bad our kids want it."

Adding to Ross's sweet taste of victory Tuesday was an astounding 70-0 junior-varsity victory over the Hopewell-Loudon varsity squad. The Little Giant reservists recorded eight pins and one decision in addition to taking 18 points for forfeits at 105 and 112 and 138.

Pins were scored by Al Cook (119) after he had taken an 8-0 lead in the second period, Rudy Martinez (126), Don Wensinger, (132), Dennis Weickert (145), Terry Hinkle (155), Jeff Tschurny (175), Dennis Reese (185) and Ken Kreas (HVY).

The lone decision was by Ross's Larry Parks, who scored an 11-0 win.

Ross 49-Port Clinton 12
96-Jack Rex (PC) pinned Ken Young.
105-Eric Wolfe (R) pinned Mark St. Clair 73.
112-Dave Alejandro (R) pinned Tim Flynn 49.
119-Kevin Haynes (R) dec. Ron Winkler 10-2.
126-Paul Bruno (R) dec. Steve Solis 6-4.
138-Robert Stierwalt (R) dec. Dave Regal 5-2.
155-Ed Farson (R) dec. Rick Morgan 5-0.
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ELMORE—Woodmore won the first three bouts by forfeit and

Ross Grapplers Defeated

LORAIN—Ross forfeited the 98 pound match and those six points proved to be the difference as Lorain Admiral King administered a 26-24 defeat to the Little Giants here Saturday night.

The loss was the first in three dual meets for the Sandusky Countians. They hope to get back on the winning trail tomorrow

when Toledo Whitmer invades the Ross gym for a 6:45 p.m. match.

Ross victors included Al Cook (119), Robert Stierwalt (132), Terry Hinkle (155), Dave Skergan (167), Dale Reiter (175) and Jack Rhodes (heavyweight).

Reiter was the only Ross entry to score a fall. He decked Tom Ballish in 1:41.

Skergan scored a minor upset in downing Wayne Jackson, 5-2. Jackson, who was undefeated in previous matches this winter, is the defending Buckeye Conference champion. After a scoreless first period, Jackson reversed Skergan to start the second period. Skergan countered with a reversal and put Jackson on his back for a three-point near fall.

Two Ross grapplers—Dave Alejandro (112) and Ed Farson (138) — lost one point decisions. Alejandro was beaten 3-2 by James Nobil and Bob Goodman took a 2-1 verdict from Farson.

Frazier Scores TKO During Fourth Round

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Heavyweight champion Joe Frazier accepted congratulations from the man and told him, "I hope to see you soon big fellow." The man was George Foreman. The meeting would be in the ring.

"He's okay. He wants to fight again in a couple of months," manager Yank Durham said Sunday after Frazier knocked down Terry Daniels five times and stopped him in the fourth round Saturday night in his first fight since he outpointed Muhammad Ali last March 8.

"I'd like to fight again in maybe a month or two," said Frazier. "I don't like to hide

Ali has contended that he really beat Frazier and put him into the hospital, and although Frazier said this did not bother him, he also said, "I feel Clay is gonna have to respect me more because I don't need him."

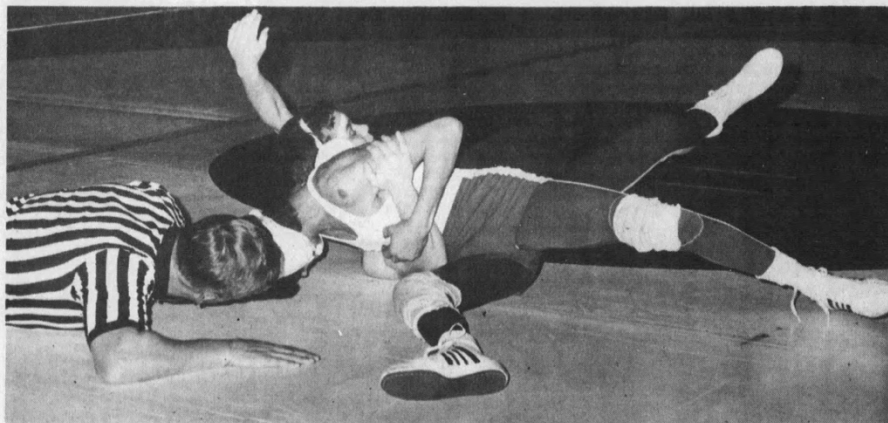
Frazier, 28, who did have high blood pressure after the Ali fight, appeared in good condition Saturday night although he did weigh the heaviest of his career at 215½. His previous high was 209 each for Marion Connors and Jimmy Ellis.

Frazier said he felt he fought at 90 per cent of peak performance but it would be hard to convince Daniels that the

The results:

Admiral King 26-Ross 24

- 98—Dan Brumback (AK) won by forfeit.
- 105—Mike Camera (AK) dec. Eric Wolfe, 9-4.
- 112—James Nobil (AK) dec. Dave Alejandro, 3-2.
- 119—Al Cook (R) dec. Mark Mrosek, 9-2.
- 126—Lewis Mosley (AK) pinned Rudy Martinez, 5:08.
- 132—Robert Stierwalt (R) dec. George Munoz, 13-2.
- 138—Bob Goodman (AK) dec. Ed Farson, 2-1.
- 145—Jim Billow and Dennis Tijor drew, 0-0.
- 155—Terry Hinkle (R) dec. Scott Towner, 7-3.
- 167—Dave Skergan (R) dec. Wayne Jackson, 5-2.
- 175—Dale Reiter (R) pinned Tom Ballish, 1:41.
- 185—Ty Mance (AK) dec. John Crispen, 3-2.
- HVY—Jack Rhodes (R) dec. Ed Cieslik, 10-2.



ROSS' DAVE ALEJANDRO HAS WHITMER'S GREG WEIBLE IN TROUBLE
Little Giant Received Three Points For A Near Fall

Ross Grapplers Bounce Back After Falling Behind By 18

Never say die.

The Ross high grapplers learned that last night when they fought back from an 18-point deficit to defeat visiting Toledo Whitmer, 33-21, in a dual wrestling meet.

The Little Giants, who won only one of the first seven matches, came back and recorded victories in each of the six remaining bouts, including four pins. The win gave Ross a 3-1 dual meet season record and set the stage for a crucial Buckeye Conference meet at Sandusky Saturday afternoon.

"We knew Whitmer would be strong in the lighter weight classes," wrestling coach Mal Mackey offered after his squad's impressive victory. "We didn't expect Eric (Wolfe) or Dave (Alejandro) to get beat, though."

Wolfe ran up against Steve Lanham at 105 and was soundly defeated by a 4-0 margin. Lanham is expected to make a

strong bid for the state championship this year at that weight class.

"Eric will get stronger as the season progresses," Mackey said. "Maybe he just wasn't ready for the bout with Lanham."

Alejandro was administered his worst defeat of the season when he was out-wrestled by an 11-6 count at 112. Brian Weible of Whitmer handed the young Fremont grappler the loss.

"Dave will do fine at his weight class in the tourneys this year," Mackey said. "He's another one of our wrestlers who'll surprise a lot of people come tournament time."

Ross's Ken Young was pinned in the opening 98-pound match at 1:25 of the first period. Following Wolfe's and Alejandro's defeats at the next two weight classes, unpredictable Al Cook took a rigorous beating at the hands of Mike Arnold at 119. The score was 8-0 in favor of the Toledo wrestler, and the loss put the Little Giants down by a 12-3 score.

Paul Branco (126) followed Cook to the mat and lost a close decision (6-5) to Whitmer's Jim Peterbaugh. Two more decision losses by the Giants' Rob Stierwald (7-3) at 132, and Ed Farson (6-2) at 138 put the Ross wrestlers behind at 21-3 with six matches to go.

That's when the big boys took over for Ross.

Jim Billow started the comeback at 145 when he quickly decked Whitmer's Ken Kramer at 1:02 of the opening round.

The Little Giants' Terry Hinkle displayed some fine moves at 155 and defeated his Toledo counterpart, 9-3. It was Dave Skergan, who pinned Peter Lantz with a minute to go in the second period of their 167-pound match, who got the Ross crowd back on their feet again.

Skergan's six-pointer put the Little Giants within three at 21-18, and less than a minute later they took the lead for keeps.

Dale Reiter assumed the hero role as he recorded a fall at 1:18 of the first period of his 175-pound bout to allow the Ross wrestlers to pull ahead of Whitmer, 24-21.

John Crispen surprised the entire Ross gymnasium when he pinned Whitmer's Greg Wainscott at :40 of the second round. The 185-pound class victory put the icing on the cake of a remarkable Ross victory.

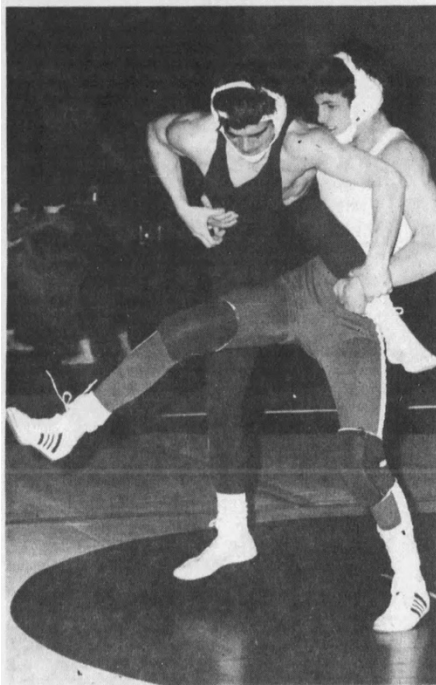
Ross heavyweight Jack Rhodes, who improves with each meet, manhandled his competition in the final bout of the evening, rolling up a 10-5 win.

"Of course, our heavier weights are always stronger for us," the Ross high grappling coach added. "But for our guys to come back like they did really proves a point."

"They've got the winning instinct . . . and that means more than anything in any sport," Mackey pointed out. "You have to want to win."

Ross high's junior varsity wrestling team rolled to a convincing 47-11 victory over the Whitmer J. V. last night.

Ross high travels to Sandusky Saturday for a Buckeye Conference meet beginning at 2 p.m.



HIGH-KICKERS—Paul Branco (right) of Ross and Toledo Whitmer's Bruce Peterbaugh appear to be going through a dance routine during their 126 pound match at Ross last night. Branco had control at the time and was attempting to put Peterbaugh back on the mat. The Ross grappler lost a 6-5 verdict. (News-Messenger Photo)

Cage Ducats Being Sold

Tickets for Ross' next two home basketball games Marion (Friday) and Findlay (Jan. 29) went on sale today at Tremper's and the high school.

Ross athletic director Dick Sherman said fans interested in seeing the Findlay contest must purchase their ducats before

for 1,000 tickets. Ross has sent 300 ducats and promised to send any unsold tickets that haven't been purchased by next Tuesday. The Little Giant gym seats approximately 1,200.

Sherman indicated last night that it's quite possible there will be no tickets sold at the gate the

Sandusky Cops 26-25 Verdict

Blue Streak Matmen Nip Ross

SANDUSKY — Sandusky built up a 20-3 advantage in the first six matches and then held on to trim Ross, 26-25, in a scholastic wrestling match between the two Buckeye Conference rivals Saturday.

Sandusky won five of the first six matches. The only Ross victory in that span came at 105 where Eric Wolfe decided freshman Brad McPhillamy, 9-2.

Wolfe had a first period takedown and went ahead 4-0 when he scored a reversal early in the second session. McPhillamy then got a reversal before Wolfe came up with a similar move to make it 6-2. In

the third period, Wolfe had a predicament. He also received one riding-time point.

Sandusky's Curt Shene pinned Ken Young at the 1:25 mark of the first period to give the Blue Streaks a 6-0 lead.

Following the McPhillamy-Wolfe bout, Sandusky received decision wins from Dave Braeuning (112), Ernie Ferguson (119), Gary James (126) and Greg King (132).

Braeuning and Ferguson each picked up four team points with lopsided wins. Braeuning, a senior, routed Doug Smith, 25-0, and Ferguson downed Al Cook, 12-2.

Gary James followed with an 8-1 win over Dave Hendricks and then Greg King scored a 5-1 verdict over Rob Stierwalt to provide the hosts with their early 17-point edge.

After King's win, Ross got a pair of decisions from Ed Farson and Jim Billow.

Farson led by 5-4 after two periods before coming up with an escape, penalty point and takedown in the third round. He also had riding time to gain a 10-4 decision.

Billow jumped out to an 8-0 lead in the first two minutes and was never in trouble. Billow took Steve Lekrer down and added a

pair of near falls to gain the early lead. Lekrer received a penalty point in the second period before Billow scored a reversal to make it 10-1. The final two minutes found Billow scoring a reversal and Lekrer getting a reversal and predicament. Billow's final point came from riding time advantage to make it 13-5.

At 155, Sandusky's unbeaten Jeff Ward decided Terry Hinkle, 8-3. The score was tied 3-3 midway through the second period when Ward reversed Hinkle and added a predicament. The Blue Streak senior also had a point for riding time.

Ross narrowed Sandusky's lead to 23-19 when Dave Skergan downed Ken Taylor (155) and Dale Reiter flattened John Carver during the second period.

Skergan led 4-2 after two minutes. In the second period, he reversed Taylor and scored a predicament and near fall before the buzzer sounded to go ahead, 11-2. Skergan began the last

round with a near fall before Taylor escaped and added a takedown. The Ross grappler was also awarded a riding-time point.

Dale Sartor guaranteed Sandusky its team victory with a 7-5 win over John Crispen at 185. Difference in the bout was a penalty point and reversal for Sartor in the final two minutes.

Ross heavyweight Jack Rhodes pinned Steve McKillips with 50 seconds gone in the second period to give Ross its final six points. There was no score in the bout when Rhodes recorded the fall.

In the junior varsity match, Ross fell behind 18-0 but bounced back to take a 39-23 verdict.

Winners for Ross included Kevin Haynes (119), Rudy Martinez (126), Don Wensinger (132), Steve Reiter (138), Tod Mazzocco (145), Larry Parks (175), Dennis Reese (185) and Mark Cooley (heavyweight). Ross forfeited the first three bouts.

The Ross grapplers were

without their head coach Mal Mackey. He was ill at home.

Little Giant officials also noted that in Tuesday's meet with Whitmer 105-pounder Dave Alejandro won by an 11-6 count. It was reported in the N-M story that Alejandro had lost.

The results:

Sandusky 26-Ross 23
99—Curt Shene (S) pinned Ken Young, 1:25.
105—Eric Wolfe (R) dec. Brad McPhillamy, 9-2.
112—Dave Braeuning (S) dec. Doug Smith, 25-0.
119—Ernie Ferguson (S) dec. Al Cook, 12-2.
126—Gary James (S) dec. Dave Hendricks, 8-1.
132—Greg King (S) dec. Rob Stierwalt, 5-1.
138—Ed Farson (R) dec. Terry Whittaker, 10-4.
145—Jim Billow (R) dec. Steve Lekrer, 13-5.
155—Jeff Ward (S) dec. Terry Hinkle, 8-3.
167—Dave Skergan (R) dec. Ken Taylor, 15-5.
175—Dale Reiter (R) and John Carver drew, 2-2.
185—Dale Sartor (S) dec. John Crispen, 7-5.
HVY—Jack Rhodes (R) dec. Steve McKillips, 6-0.

Meet Has Four Draws

St. Joseph Grapplers Decision Clyde, 51-11

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Ross Athletic Program Loses Mal Mackey

Hoosier Put Football Program On Map

By MARK CARLSON
News-Messenger Sports Editor

Mal Mackey, who made Fremont Ross a feared named on Ohio High School football fields, is dead.

Mackey, 53, who coached Ross during the glory years of 1960-1966, died late yesterday afternoon of a heart attack at Fremont Memorial Hospital where he had been admitted Saturday.

Although he resigned as football coach in December, 1966, Mackey was still on the Ross coaching staff at the time of his death. He founded the Little Giant wrestling program during the 1963-64 school year and was still serving in that capacity.

Mackey led Ross to numerous league championships during his tenure as football coach. Ross won the old Buckeye League in the 1961, 1962, 1963 and 1964 seasons.

The Little Giants won Buckeye Conference grid championships during the 1965, 1966 and 1967 seasons. They were co-champions with Sandusky in 1961.

Under Mackey, the Little Giants were unbeaten in 1961, 1965, 1966 and 1967. The 1961 and 1967 seasons were blemished by ties.

In these same years, Ross was constantly among the top 10 in the Associated Press high school polls.

The Little Giants were the AP's mythical state champs during one of those unbeaten seasons in the mid-50s.

Ross compiled a 104-59-8 record under Mackey in football.

In wrestling, the Little Giants had a 105-71-3 record during Mackey's tenure. The Little Giants are currently 5-2 this season and were scheduled to wrestle Clyde tomorrow night.

Mackey's last coaching assignment came last Tuesday when he watched the Little Giant matmen roll to a thrilling 33-21 win over Toledo Whitmer after trailing by 18 points.

Later in the week Mackey reviewed the win:

"I've never seen anything like it," Mackey said. "One kid got things started and they just kept rolling. I've never had a victory like that. It even had me excited to see the kids come back like that."

Mackey was never one to show his emotions during wrestling meets. Most of the time he could be found sitting under the scorer's table in the gym, away from his team. It was only during a close match that the West Lafayette native would leave his seat.

He produced one state wrestling champion—Jim Mooney, who won the 120-pound title in 1968.

For 11 years Mackey was also track coach, seven years as head coach and four as assistant. In the last few years, he taught physical education, but he was hired to teach history, geography and economics.

Prior to coming to Fremont, Mackey had three undefeated years and two mythical Indiana State Championships at West Lafayette, Ind. He coached previously at West Lafayette and Rensselaer in Indiana and Leyton, Ill.

In addition to his glossy high school record, Mackey had assisted on coaching staffs at his alma mater, Purdue, and Western Reserve.

Mackey spent most of his early years in West Lafayette, where burial will take place Friday. Services will be conducted in the First United Presbyterian Church of Fremont Friday at 9 a.m.

The body is at Keller and Son Funeral Home and calling hours will be from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. tomorrow.

Ross athletic director Richard Sherman said this morning that wrestling matches with Clyde (Thursday) and at Bellevue (Saturday) have been postponed. The Clyde match has been rescheduled for next Tuesday and a date will be set later for the Bellevue meet.

Bucks Take 50-44 Verdict

Ohio State-Minnesota Clash Ends In Brawl

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (AP)

Wayne Duke, Big Ten commissioner, ordered Minnesota and Ohio State officials to confer with him today on a brawl that stopped a basketball game between the schools Tuesday night, leaving two players hospitalized.

The game was halted with 36 seconds to play, and Ohio State was awarded a 50-44 victory

Taylor and Coach Bill Musselman of Minnesota had differing views on what triggered the fight before a crowd of 17,775 at Williams Arena.

"Three Minnesota players were bad nothing our boys at the half," said Taylor.

Musselman said Witte hit Minnesota guard Bob Nix, 6-3, on the head as the half ended. "We went up eight points as

and fans to terminate the game at that point."

Wardell Jackson scored 16 points for Ohio State and Witte contributed 14 with 13 rebounds.

Maryland, No. 18, got 29 points from sophomore Tom McMillen as the Terps defeated Buffalo 83-68. Bob Vartanian pumped in 27 points for the Bulls, who were within three

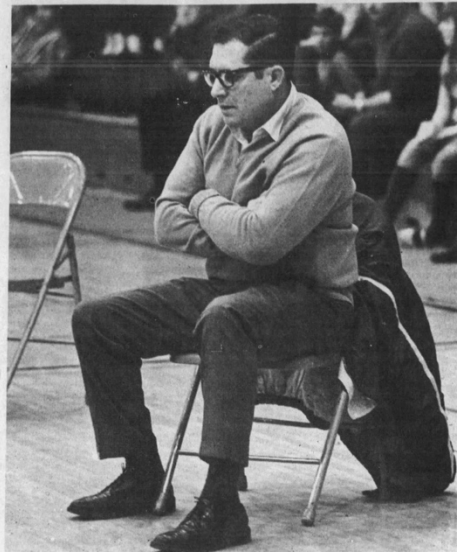
Tech 99-68; Southern Methodist downed Arkansas 85-51; Boston University edged Connecticut 70-67.

It was also Louisiana Tech over Southern Mississippi 91-63; Texas A&M topping Texas 10-9; Christian 81-74; William & Mary beating Virginia Military 76-59; Tulane stopping Loyola 76-59; Tulane stopping Loyola 76-59; Tulane stopping Loyola 76-59.

In other Ohio college basketball games, Wooster kept its Ohio Conference record unblemished at 4-0 with a 78-65 victory over Baldwin-Wallace.

John Creamer of Wooster and scoring honors with 20 points apiece. The loss evened the Yellow Jackets' league mark to 3-3.

Otterbein edged Ohio Wesley-



MAL MACKEY—ON WRESTLING SIDELINES

Mal Mackey, Ross Coach, Succumbs

Malcolm Glass Mackey, 53, 1011 Amsden street, died Tuesday at 4:55 p.m. in Memorial hospital where he had been admitted Saturday. He had been head wrestling coach and physical education instructor at Ross high school.

Mr. Mackey came to Fremont from Rensselaer, Ind. as head football coach in 1950. He suffered a heart attack in 1956 but continued as head football coach until 1966. He had been head wrestling coach since he came to Fremont and continued to coach that sport after resigning the football coaching position.

A graduate of Lafayette Jefferson high school, Mr. Mackey was a 1942 graduate of Purdue university. There is a brick in the Football Hall of Fame, Canton, with his name inscribed.

Born May 28, 1918, in New Albany, Ind., Mr. Mackey was the son of Drane and Myrtle Glass Mackey. He married Ellen Jane Jones January 8, 1939, in Logansport, Ind. She survives.

Surviving also are sons, Jay, Sandusky; Lew, Fremont, and Robert at Loring Air Force Base in Maine; one daughter, Mrs. Paul (Barbara) Adams, Mansfield; his mother, Mrs. Myrtle Mackey, West Lafayette, Ind., and a brother, Weston, West Lafayette. There are five grandchildren. His late brother, Guy Mackey, had served as athletic director at Purdue. His father is deceased.

Affiliations include the First United Presbyterian church, Brainard Lodge No. 336, Fremont, and the Zenobia Shrine.

Friends may call at the Keller and Son funeral home Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Funeral services will be Friday at 9 a.m. in the First United Presbyterian church with the Rev. Robert Geyer officiating. Burial will be in Grand View cemetery, West Lafayette.

Masonic services will be Thursday at 7 p.m. in the mortuary.

The family suggests memorials may be made in the form of contributions to the American Heart Fund.

Mark My Words

'Marvelous Mal' Leaves Niche In Ross Lore

By MARK CARLSON

New-Messenger Sports Editor

Officially, his name was Malcolm Glass Mackey. His friends and students just called him "Mal."

For this writer, he was "Marvelous Mal."

He's gone from our ranks. "Marvelous Mal" was buried in the soil of West Lafayette, Ind., today but will never be forgotten.

Our friendship with Mal extended over only two years. But his untimely death Tuesday will leave a big void in the life of everyone who knew the man who put Ross on the Ohio high school football map.

Unfortunately, we never knew him during his football coaching career. Our association came while Mal coached the Little Giant wrestlers.

He initiated the mat sport here during the 1953-54 school year and coached Little Giant matmen until his death. In fact, one of his last acts was to coach the Purple and White to a thrilling 33-21 victory over Toledo Whitmer after his club trailed by 18 points.

That came on Tuesday, January 18. We talked to Mal the following morning and then had an opportunity to visit with him again later that afternoon.

"I've never seen anything like it," Mackey said in reviewing the thrilling comeback. "One kid got things started and they just kept rolling. I've never had a victory like that. It even had me excited to see the kids come back like that."

Excitement was not a good thing for "Marvelous Mal." He knew it and so did everyone else. He had a heart condition which eventually caused his death.

Mal tried to keep calm.

In fact, he didn't even watch the meet against Whitmer from the team bench. Instead, he stood in a far corner of the gym, behind the bleachers, peeking out over the fans to view the action.

"I just can't afford to get excited," Mal said. "The ticker (he pointed to his heart) is acting up."

Later Mackey explained the problem to another close friend. The suggestion immediately arose that he might be forced to relinquish his coaching reins.

A typical Mackey answer followed: "Never, I would rather die on the football field or wrestling mat." Unfortunately, it almost became reality.

Why we nicknamed him "Marvelous Mal" we're really not sure. It started early this fall when we first met to talk about the wrestling program.

We planned to meet at 2 p.m. to discuss the program. He forgot and scheduled something else so it was set for later in the day.

We eventually were able to talk with Mal about the prospects for this season. And, it was a typical Mackey interview. He never knew first names of his grapplers and it was a struggle that night finding them out. We both picked our brains, but eventually came up with the entire roster.

This continued through the season. It was always a struggle to get the names of Ross wrestling opponents because Mal would never have the scorer put anything in the scorebook but the last name. Last Tuesday he promised to remember for the next meet.

Unfortunately, there never was another meet for "Marvelous Mal."

The Little Giants wrestled Sandusky Saturday afternoon but that was the day he entered the hospital.

We often had the feeling that Mal would just as soon do without members of the Fifth Estate. During our first season of covering the Little Giants it always seemed to be a chore for him to talk with us.

That changed, however. It wasn't a pleasant chore for Mal to sit and answer questions after a meet. Many times he would

answer a question but it would be "off the record." When he did answer, it was often just a one-sentence answer.

Still, it was a pleasure watching the Mackey-coached matmen perform. They were well-trained and well-coached and we always knew the Little Giants would never quit. Under Mackey they gave everything they had well on the mat. It was a trait of Mackey's personality that carried over to his athletes.

We understand it was the same in football.

"He had a great rapport with the players and coaches," Rod Lash, Fremont's safety-service director, recalled yesterday. Lash served on Mackey's football staff during the 60s.

He made every assistant coach feel like he was the head coach," Lash continued. "Each assistant was given a job to do and he was just like a head coach in that area."

Lash remembers a lot more about Mackey off the football field, however.

"He was a great one to help people," Lash said.

"Look at how the assistants have gone on to better jobs. Jim Getz is now athletic director at Heidelberg. Al Ziemke is the athletic director at the junior high school, Jim Groden is now an assistant at Dayton. Bob Seale was principal at the junior high school for many years, Lyle Smith has a very important position at Vanguard, and Gary Nossaman is now faculty manager at Ross."

He also was a big help off the field to his players. Jim Tiller now has a good job in Detroit. Terry Berk is doing well in the insurance business and Mal's own son, Jay, is a highly respected law enforcement officer.

Lash saw Mackey in a different vein than most of us.

"He had a tremendous personality," Lash said. "On the football field he was all business but off the field it was a relaxed atmosphere. He tried to keep the staff together at all times. We had some great times at clinics and private get-togethers."

No one will question the fact that Ross has its football name today because of what Mackey did during 1950-56 when his teams authored a success story almost unparalleled in Ohio high school football annals. They won seven league championships and shared another. Constantly the name of Fremont Ross appeared in the high school polls. The Little Giants were 104-99-8 during his tenure.

"He was a great organizer," Lash said. "He got assistant coaches just because they wanted to be part of his program. A lot of schools in Ohio copied the program. I know Elyria used a lot of his coaching theories to get its program started."

Mackey had many great moments, but the 1962 win over Massillon's famed Tigers will undoubtedly be remembered as his greatest win.

"Your paper had a picture of Mal on the shoulders of the players smoking a big cigar," Lash said. "That was a typical Mal Mackey picture. He was happiest when he was with the kids."

He had a special way with kids. I'll always remember the night we were playing a big game and things were real tense in the locker room. The kids were tense and Mal was trying to fire them up. Just as he was finishing, he kicked a box. His foot went right through and I don't think Mal ever realized it. He then started to walk away with the box on his foot. It really broke everybody up. The kids were loose the rest of the night and we went on to just beat the heck out of the other team. I still don't know whether Mal did that on purpose, but I know that it put the kids at ease."

Many others could also relate stories about the Mackey era. Some are funny and some are serious. Undoubtedly, there are many being told in the homes of former players and coaches tonight.

Still, this writer will always remember him as "Marvelous Mal."

Giants Pin Clyde, 63-6

By MARK CARLSON
News-Messenger Sports Editor

Powerful.

That's about the best adjective that can be found to describe Ross High's 63-6 wrestling victory over Clyde on the Little Giant mats last week.

The Little Giants had nine falls in the 12 matches they won and picked up lopsided decision wins in two of their other three victories.

"I expected things to be rough, but never this rough," Clyde head coach Wade Smith said. "Ross looked like a mighty fine wrestling team out there."

Clyde's freshman 98-pounder, Bob Imke, prevented the Little Giants from scoring a shutout. Imke got a quick takedown and flattened Ken Young with only 25 seconds gone in the match.

Then the Ross power show got underway.

A fall by the Little Giants Eric Wolfe at 105 made it 6-6 in the team race. Wolfe and Mike Hoffman were only one the mat for 48 seconds.

Ross zipped into the lead with Dave Alejandro's second period pin at 112. Alejandro's victim was Steve Bowersox. Alejandro led 11-0—takedown, two predicaments, a reversal and near fall—before the pin came with 3:08 gone in the match.

At 119, Kevin Haynes couldn't get a pin but he did blank Kevin O'Beill, 6-0. Haynes had a pair of takedowns plus an escape and riding time.

Pins by Paul Branco (126) and Rob Stierwalt (132) raised Ross' advantage to 27-6. Branco, who had an 8-0 lead, decked Bill Cook with 49 seconds remaining in the first period while Stierwalt waited until 43 seconds remained in the match before getting his pin. Stierwalt led Jeff Wott, 10-1, at the time of the pin.

The string of pins was interrupted at 138 where Ed Farson decisioned Bruce Meggitt, 12-3. Farson took Meggitt down in the first period and added a predicament to go ahead, 4-0. Meggitt countered with a reversal, however.

Farson, a junior, started the second period on the bottom but quickly escaped and added another takedown. Meggitt managed to escape but was again pulled down by Farson and the Little Giant had a 9-3 lead with two minutes remaining. In the final round, Meggitt escaped before Farson got his fourth takedown. The Little Giant also had riding time.

"I thought Farson looked real good," acting Ross head coach Dave Long commented. "Meggitt is supposed to be their best wrestler and Farson handled him fairly easy."

After Farson's win, the Little Giants resumed their pin parade.

First, it was Jim Billow who flattened Randy Miller at 145. Then Terry Hinkle, who wrestled at Clyde last winter before transferring into the Ross school district, decked Tom Beier. Dave Skergan made the team score 48-6 with a pin at 167 and Dale Reiter followed by putting Mike Hessick on his back at 175.

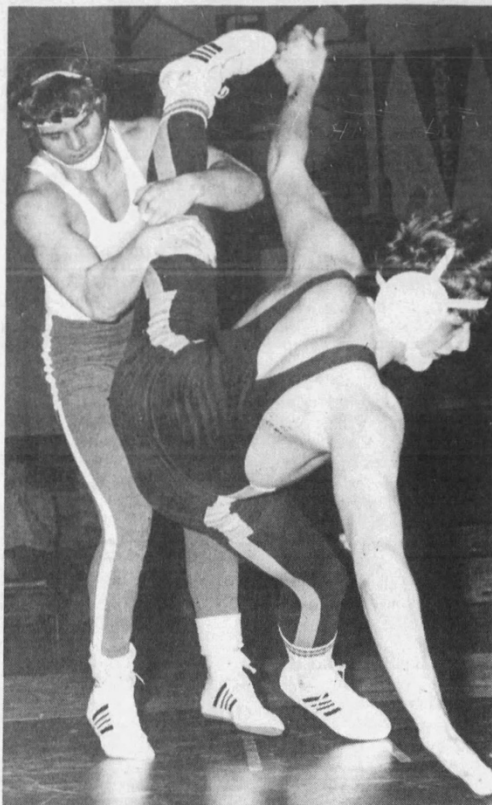
Billow, Hinkle and Reiter ended their matches in the first period. Skergan had to wrestle 35 seconds in the second period before putting McGrath on his back.

Ross' Dave Mierke, who usually weighs in at 175, downed Ron Beier, 3-1, at 185. After a scoreless first period, Mierke reversed Beier in the second. In the third period, Beier, a junior, received a penalty point. Mierke's third point came for time advantage.

It took senior Jack Rhodes 1:27 to flatten Steve Lippert in the heavyweight bout.

"This was a good workout to prepare us for the Buckeye," Long said. "That's what the kids are aiming for. We'll work out hard tomorrow (Wednesday) and Thursday and then taper off Friday."

In an abbreviated reserve match, Ross grapplers won in the only three weights that were contested. Don Wensinger picked up a decision win at 132, Jeff Mazzocco pinned his 145-pound opponent and Mark Cooley had a fall at heavyweight.



BALANCING ACT—Ross' 185-pounder Dave Mierke controls Ron Beier during their dual meet bout on the Little Giant mats last night. Mierke won a 3-1 decision. (News-Messenger Photo by Mark Carlson)

Take Tom Darden

Browns Wanted Defensive Backs

CLEVELAND, Ohio (AP)—Cleveland Browns coach Nick Skorich says two defensive backs were top choices in the National Football League draft because "obviously we weren't satisfied with our defensive backfield last season."

Skorich said he and his coaches felt that Tom Darden of Michigan and Clifford Brooks of Tennessee State "are outstanding defensive backfield prospects."

The coach said Darden was "No. 2 on our rating sheet among the defensive backs. He was right behind Willie Buckanan of San Diego State, perhaps just about even."

"He's big and strong at 6-2 and about 200 pounds. He has the speed to handle the coverage and can tackle. The fact that he also is a kick return man is a bonus."

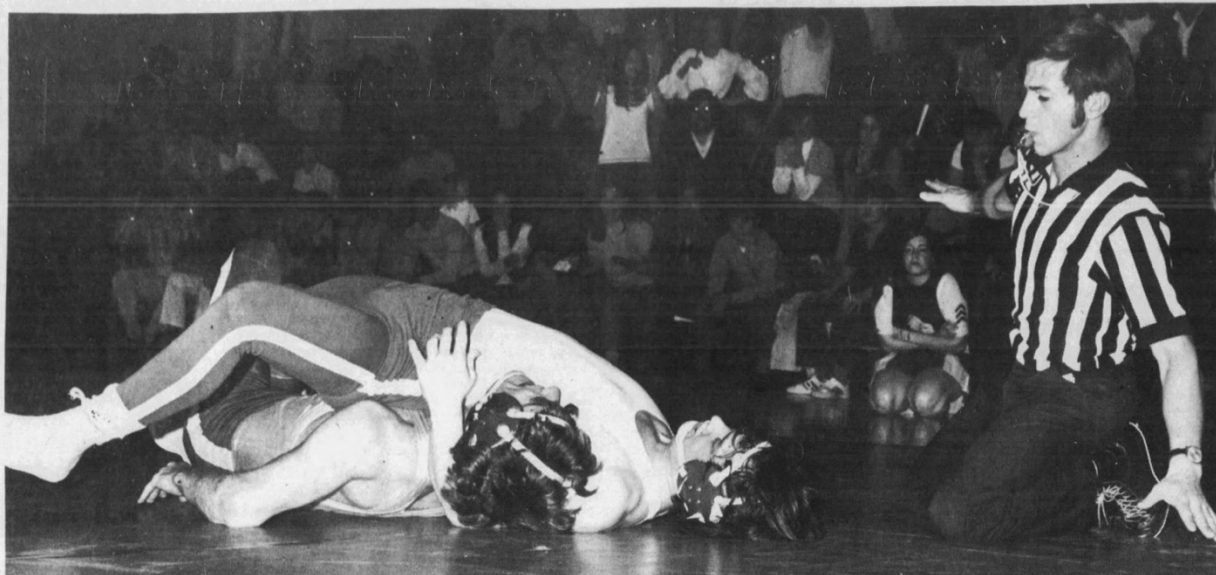
Darden is a native of Sandusky, and his family still lives there.

Skorich said Brooks was "in our top five defensive backfield people going into the draft. He has good height at 6-3 and probably will add to his 180 pounds. He has been timed in 4.5 seconds for the 40-yard dash."

The coach said the picks were no reflection on Clarence Scott, a rookie who took over as a cornerback last season. Skorich said he was concerned about Ben Davis, who was hampered by injuries.

The Browns got two picks in the second round and took Lee Sims of Alabama State, a husky defensive end, as their third choice in the lottery.

Cleveland got no choices in the next two rounds but had two in the fifth round, taking George Hunt from the University of Tennessee, a placekicker termed by Skorich "one of the fine kicking prospects in the draft," and running back Greg Kucera from Northern Colorado.



NOBODY HAS CONTROL—Neither Terry Hinkle of Ross (top) or Bellevue's Ron Ray had control but both grapplers were in danger of being pinned while this photo was taken

during the 155-pound bout last night at Bellevue. Referee Dave Kile, head wrestling coach at Edison high school, didn't award any points after both wrestlers fought their way out of

the dangerous situation. Ray decided Hinkle, 7-6, with a point for time advantage. Ross won the dual meet by a 25-19 count, however. The Little Giants are now 5-2.

Instant Replay: Mierke Saves Day

By MARK CARLSON
News-Messenger Sports Editor
BELLEVUE—Dave Mierke has done it again.

Ross' underweight 185-pounder assured the Little Giants of a second place finish in the Buckeye Conference tournament last Saturday with a pin. Last night he came up with another vital win that clinched a dual meet victory for the Little Giants.

Mierke, a junior who weighs only 173, decisioned Gary Garman 9-3 to give Ross a 25-16 lead with one bout remaining. Bellevue heavyweight Dale Brucher decisioned sophomore Mark Cooley, 4-1, to slice the final Ross victory margin to 25-19.

"I was pretty frightened,"

Little Giant acting head coach Dave Long said. "It didn't come to me until the weigh-in how strong Bellevue really was."

"I told the kids we just had to go out and do the job. Bellevue has a fine team with an excellent coach."

Bellevue pilot Bob Bailey wasn't as happy on the other side of the gym.

"This blew our chance to have the best Bellevue wrestling record since the sport began here," Bailey said. "A win would have given us a 9-1 record and we could have finished 11-1 with wins against Galion and Perkins in a triangular meet Saturday."

Although Mierke guaranteed Ross' fifth win in seven starts, Long credited Eric Wolf, Dave Alejandro, Paul Branco and Rob

Stierwalt for sparking the Little Giants.

"Earlier in the season it was the fellows in the heavier weights who were pulling us through," Long said. "Tonight it was the lighter fellows who made it possible for us to win."

The Little Giants fell behind 3-0 when Steve Moyer decisioned Roger Huff, 6-5, in a battle of sophomores at 98. But Wolfe evened the score with a narrow 4-3 decision over Jim Linder at 105.

Wolfe jumped ahead 4-0 early in the first period with a takedown and predicament. Linder escaped before the period ended to make it 4-1. Late in the second period, Linder reversed the Ross junior. Linder rode Wolfe throughout the third session but didn't have enough riding time to even the match.

Alejandro picked up four more team points to make it 7-3 with a lopsided 11-1 decision over Tom Beoddy.

After Bellevue's Dave DeLuca (12-0-1) whitewashed Kevin Haynes, 8-0, at 119, Ross came back with Branco. He took Mark Aigler down in the final five seconds of the first period to pick up a 2-0 decision.

Stierwalt followed with a 9-1 win over Jim Ruppert at 132 to increase the Little Giant bulge to 13-6.

Bellevue's unbeaten Chris

Crosby (12-0-1) routed Buckeye Conference champion Ed Farson, 21-2, at 138. Crosby, a senior, had a takedown and two near falls in the first period to jump into a commanding 8-0 lead over the Little Giant junior. Another near fall and predicament in the second session made it 13-0.

"Crosby was ready for him," Bailey said. "Farson is a good wrestler—he has to be to win the Buckeye. But this was the best I've seen Crosby in a long time. He was in control the entire match."

A second period near fall provided Ross' Jim Billow with a 3-1 win over Greg Mira at 145. Mira escaped in the third period but couldn't get the takedown that would have tied the match.

A point for riding time was the difference at 155 where Bellevue's Ron Ray decisioned Terry Hinkle, 7-6. Hinkle had a 5-2 advantage after two periods,

but Ray reversed in the third period and after Hinkle escaped the Bellevue senior came up with the tying takedown.

At 165, Dave Skergan pinned Casey Didion with four seconds remaining to hike the Ross lead to 22-13. Skergan had a takedown and predicament in the first period. Didion, a junior, narrowed his deficit to 4-2 with a reversal in the second period. Skergan had a reversal in the third session before coming up with the fall.

Bellevue's Curt Stoldt pulled off a minor surprise at 175 with an 11-2 decision win over Dale Reiter. Reiter, who was unbeaten in dual meets and finished second in the Buckeye, trailed by 8-0 after the first period when Stoldt logged a takedown and two near falls.

Mierke, who started the season wrestling 155, jumped out to a 4-0 lead with a takedown and predicament. Garman made

it 4-1 early in the second period but Mierke countered with a takedown. The Little Giant grappler came back with an escape in the final period and after Garman got a takedown Mierke closed the scoring with a reversal.

Brucher had a first period takedown and reversal to best Cooley, who came up with an escape in the final two minutes. In the reserve match, the hosts posted wins in the final three bouts to pull out a 36-27 decision after they had fallen behind 21-6 in the first six bouts.

Winners for Ross included Ken Young (98), Dave Boonie (105), Al Cook (119), Dave Hendricks (126), Steve Reiter (138) and Larry Parks (167). Bellevue got wins from Bob Hart (112), Gary Andrews (132), John Schaeffer (145), Frank DeLuca (155), Steve Serriano (175), Greg Milkie (185) and Mike Donahue (heavyweight).

Crimson Streaks Warned About Bears' Potential

St. Joe head cage coach John Kahle has warned the Crimson Streaks they can't afford to take things for granted when Gibsonburg invades the Croghan Street gym tomorrow.

"I'm very impressed with the coaching job

But if St. Joe loses both its games, the seed could go to Lake, which is currently 8-3.

Kahle will continue to use the lineup that smothered Fostoria St. Wendelin, 88-58, last Friday. That means Tim Shetler and Greg

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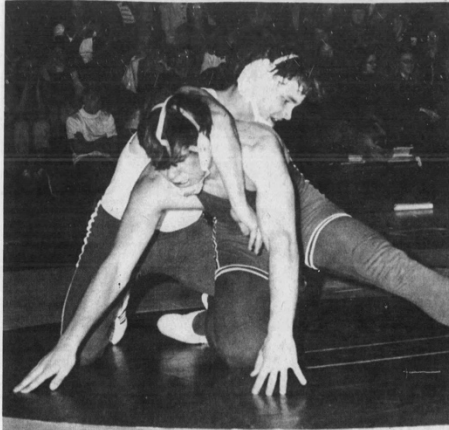
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Ross Grapplers Finish 6-2



DAVE SKERGAN, Ross 167-pounder, controls Jim Baehrens of Mansfield Senior during the third period of their bout last night. Skergan scored an 11-0 decision

victory which helped the Little Giants gain a 37-19 win. It was the sixth win in eight starts for Ross this winter. (News-Messenger Photo by Mark Carlson)

Ross completed its dual meet schedule by thumping Mansfield Senior, 37-19, in a scholastic wrestling match on the Little Giant mats yesterday. The Little Giants finished their regular season with a 6-2 report card. They now begin preparations for the AAA sectional tournament at Bellevue February 24 and 25.

Little Giant winners yesterday included Eric Wolfe (106), Dave Alejandro (112), Paul Branco (126), Ed Farson (138), Jim Billow (145), Dave Skergan (167), Dale Reiter (175) and Dave Mierke (185).

Ross fell behind 6-0 in the team race when Roger Huff was pinned with 52 seconds remaining in the third period by Mike Higgins.

Wolfe didn't waste any time bringing the hosts even. He decked Bob Tucker with 38 seconds still showing on the clock in the first session. The Ross grappler had a 5-0 lead at the time.

A fall by Alejandro gave the Little Giants the lead for the first time. The win came with

Jim LeVack of Mansfield decisioned Rob Stierwalt by a 2-0 count at 1:32. LeVack's win narrowed Ross' cushion to 15-13.

Farson and Billow didn't allow the Tygers to get any closer, however. They pinned both their opponents to hike the Ross advantage to 27-13. Farson flattened Bill Prontz with 1:11 left in the first period. Only 17 seconds remained in the match

when Billow put Pete Arye on his back. Billow was leading by a 13-0 count when the fall came.

In the 155 bout, the Tygers' Marty Lamie decisioned Terry Hinkle, 3-2. It was 3-1 after two periods and Hinkle escaped early in the third but was unable to get the takedown that would have given him the victory.

Lamie's win narrowed the Ross bulge to 27-16, but the Little Giants took the next three bouts to put the match in the win column.

Skergan routed Jim Baehrens 11-0 with a takedown, two near falls, reversal and time advantage. Reiter followed with

a 19-1 win over Paul Johnson. Reiter led only 2-1 after four minutes but came up with an escape, penalty point, takedown and near fall. A riding time point

provided Mierke with a 5-4 decision over John Hatcher.

Little Giant sophomore Mark Cooley lost a 6-1 decision to John Hafford in the heavyweight match. Hafford had a second period reversal, third period near fall and time. Cooley was awarded a penalty point in the last two minutes.

The Ross reserves also won.

They decisioned Woodmore, 48-13.

Winners for the Little Giants included Ken Young, Dave Boone, Al Cook, Rudy Martinez, Don Wensinger, Steve Reiter, Tod Mazzocco, Steve Billow and Warren Wymer.

Martinez, Wensinger, Billow and Wymer won with falls. John Crispin of Ross wrestled to a 4-4 draw with Mike Netz at heavyweight. Other point winners for Woodmore were Joe Mengel, Joe Elias and Ron Connors.



Winter Sports Awards Night

Reiter Receives Award Named For Mal Mackey

Presentation of the Malcom Mackey Memorial Award to senior Dale Reiter highlighted the Winter Sports Awards Night at Ross High School Tuesday.

The award was presented to Reiter for being voted the Most Valuable Wrestler on the 1971-72 squad. The award is named for the late Little Giant mat coach who founded the wrestling program at Ross in 1953 and guided the program until his death in January.

Fremont Jaycees are going to sponsor the annual award. A plaque will remain in the concourse of the gymnasium while the winner each year will be given a trophy.

Tom Swedersky, chairman of the Jaycee committee which originated the idea of an award honoring Mackey, was at the program and presented the large plaque which will be kept in the school.

Reiter was a double winner at the program which honored members of the Little Giant basketball, swimming and wrestling squads as well as the cheerleaders. He also was cited as an honorary captain for the mat squad with Dave Skerger and Jack Rhodes. All three are seniors.

Two other special awards were presented in wrestling. The Coaches Award went to the other two seniors on this year's squad—Dave Alejandro and Jim Billow. Dave Long, who took over the wrestling squad after Mackey's death, and Ross Athletic Director Dick Sherman picked the recipients for the Coaches Award.

The other wrestling award winner was heavyweight Mark Cooley. He was named the Outstanding Sophomore on this year's squad which compiled a 6-2 record with losses to Sandusky and Lorain Admiral King. Cooley was one of three Little Giants who advanced to the District Tournament in post-season competition.

Junior Bob Brudzinski was voted the Most Valuable Player on this year's cage squad. He was picked by members of the varsity squad.

Three honorary captains—all seniors—were also picked in basketball. Receiving this honor were Mike Miller, Mike Feasel and Chuck Celek. Feasel and Celek were letter winners for a second time while Miller garnered his first letter this winter.

The final cage award went to Steve Smith, another junior. He was declared the winner of the Brocksieker Award for compiling the best foul shooting percentage—71.2—on this year's team.

Basketball awards were presented by Alex Clark, head coach. The reserve cage coach, Jim Hammon, made presentations to his squad.

Head swimming coach Ron Zwierein and his assistant, Jack Cramer, were in charge of the swimming portion of the program.

Four honorary co-captains were picked for swimming—Steve Willer, Toby Peck, Andy Christensen and Frank Mattson. Willer also came up with two other awards. He and Christensen, who finished fifth in the state diving competition, were declared Most Valuable for the squad that churned to an 8-5 record.

Willer also received a trophy for winning the all-events competition which was held within the squad at the close of the season. Peck finished second while Tom White was third.

Most Improved, according to the swimming staff, was sophomore Dave Jones. Dave Billman was declared the "most coachable."

Sherman presented awards to the reserve and varsity cheerleaders. Mrs. Mary Gloer, cheerleader advisor, was ill and unable to be present.

Reserve cheerleaders honored were Kathy Butdorf, Nancy Johansen, Debi Zepernick and Barb Huss. Receiving awards for varsity cheerleading were Captain Dee Might, Gail Semer, Sue Hanover, Sheila Cooke, Debbie Boucher and Barb Shulz.

The varsity award winners:

Basketball
Bob Brudzinski, Chuck Celek, Mike Feasel, Tom Liggins, Chuck Lindsey, Mike Miller, Gary Printy, Steve Smith and Kirk Stout.

Managers—Gary Krugh and Mark Sanders.

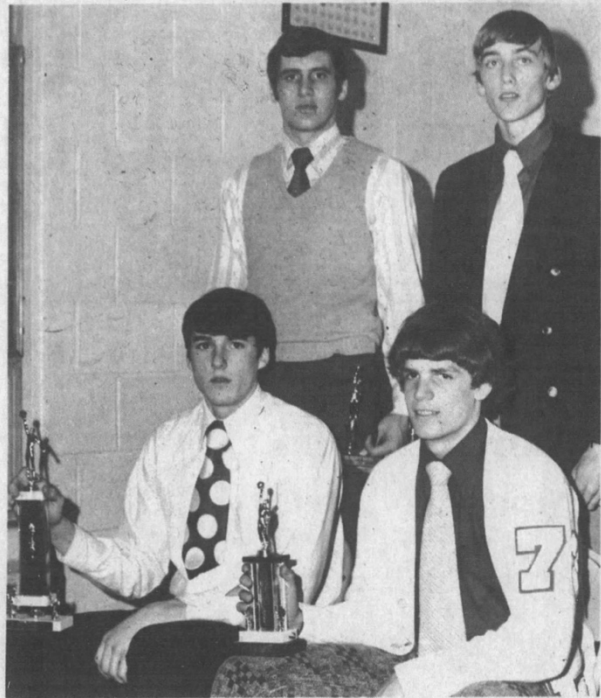
Student Trainer—John Koveleski.

Wrestling
Dave Alejandro, Paul Branco, Alan Cook, Mark Cooley, John Crispin, Ed Farson, Terry Flier, Kevin Haynes, Terry Hinkle, Jeff Mazocco, Dave Mierke, Dale Reiter, Jack Rhodes, Dave Skerger, Doug Smith, Rob Stierwalt, Eric Wolfe, Roger Huff, Jim Billow and Ron Kanan.

Managers—John Carter and Jim Wymer.

Swimming
Rick Adams, David Billman, Andy Christensen, Tom Hakes, Dave Jones, John Cramer, Darrell Mann, Frank Mattson, Kim Michael, Toby Peck, Rob Serwin, Mark Schiefer, David Vandergrift, Tom White and Steve Willer.

Manager—Mike Baskey.



BASKETBALL AWARD WINNERS during the Fremont Ross Winter Sports Awards Night program included: seated—Bob Brudzinski (left) and Steve Smith and Chuck Celek (standing at left) and Mike Miller. Brudzinski, a junior, was voted the Most

Valuable Player on the 1971-72 squad by his teammates while Smith, who's also a junior, was the top foul shooter. Celek and Miller along with Mike Feasel, who was not present, were named honorary captains. (News-Messenger Photo by Mark Carlson)



FREMONT JAYCEES announced Tuesday that they will annually sponsor the Malcolm Mackey Memorial Award, which will be presented to the Most Valuable Wrestler on the Ross wrestling squad each year. Tom Swedersky, (center), chairman of the Jaycee

committee which instituted the award, presented a plaque to be erected in the gym concourse to Dave Long, (left), acting head coach of the Little Giants. Dale Reiter (right) was winner of the first award. (News-Messenger Photo)

Exhibition Baseball

By The Associated Press

Tuesday's Results

Chicago (A.) 4, St. Louis 0
Philadelphia 7, Kansas City 4
Baltimore 6, Texas 5
Cincinnati 4, New York (N.) 3
Boston 10, Houston 5
Montreal 5, New York (A.) 4
Detroit 7, Pittsburgh 5
San Diego 3, Milwaukee 1
Tokyo Lotte Orions 4, Cleveland 3
Chicago (N.) 7, Oakland 4
California 3, San Francisco 4
Atlanta 3, Minnesota 1

Wednesday's Games

Houston vs. Atlanta at West Palm Beach, Fla.
Montreal vs. Los Angeles at Vero Beach, Fla.
Pittsburgh vs. New York (N.) at Bradenton, Fla.
Cincinnati vs. Baltimore at Miami, Fla.

Philadelphia vs. Chicago (A.) at Clearwater, Fla.

St. Louis vs. Boston at St. Petersburg, Fla.

Chicago (N.) vs. Tokyo Lotte Orions at Scottsdale, Ariz.

San Diego vs. Cleveland at Scottsdale, Ariz.

Kansas City vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla.

New York (A.) vs. Minnesota at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Thursday's Games

St. Louis vs. Houston at St. Petersburg, Fla.

Atlanta vs. Texas at Pompano Beach, Fla.

Cincinnati vs. New York (A.) at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Los Angeles vs. Minnesota at Vero Beach, Fla.

Pittsburgh vs. Baltimore at Miami, Fla.

Chicago (N.) vs. Cleveland at Tucson, Ariz.

San Francisco vs. Tokyo Lotte Orions at San City, Ariz.

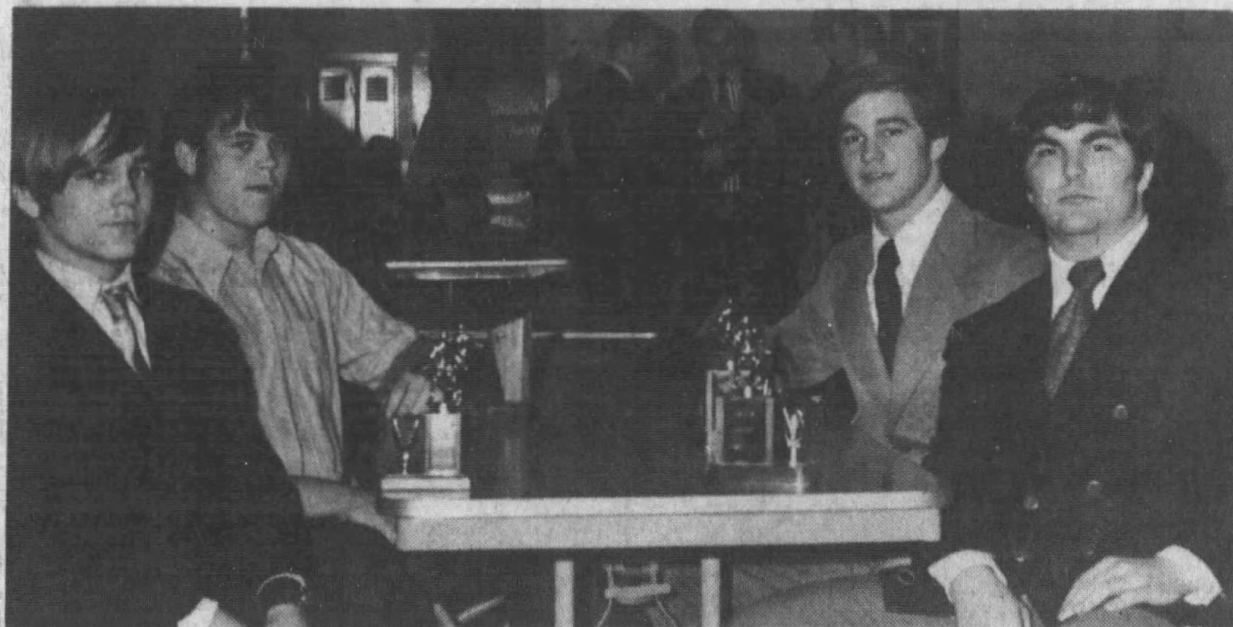
California vs. Milwaukee at Tempe, Ariz.

Detroit vs. Boston at Winter Haven, Fla.

Kansas City vs. Chicago (A.) at Ft. Myers, Fla.

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Winners of wrestling awards at Ross High School's Winter Sports Awards Night Tuesday included (left to right): Jim Billow, Mark Cooley, Dave Skergan and Jack Rhodes. Billow won one of two Coaches'

Awards, Cooley was named the Outstanding Sophomore while Skergan and Rhodes were named honorary tri-captains with Dale Reiter. The second Coaches' Award went to Dave Alejandro.