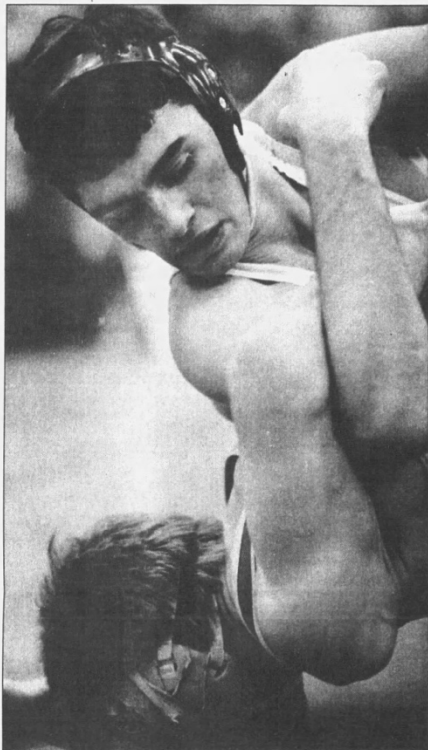


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JASON HATFIELD of Fremont Ross drives Will Groll's face into the mat during their 125-pound championship match Saturday at the Great Lakes League Wrestling Tournament in Fostoria. Groll, from Oregon Clay, went on to win the match 13-10.

Bedford continues rule over GLL mats

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FOSTORIA — The dynasty continues to grow, but it showed some chinks in its armor Saturday.

Bedford made it a quarter of a century of Great Lakes League wrestling dominance, comfortably winning the league tournament at Fostoria High School and topping the final league standings.

Not since retired Fremont Ross coach Al Voggenthaler coached Sylvania to the GLL title in 1968 have the Kicking Mules lost a GLL title.

Bedford coach Bill Reigner, who has coached all 25 championship teams, watched Bedford win its fewest titles since it won five in 1988. That still put plenty of space between it and runner-up Ross.

Bedford had 268½ points with six individual champions, while Ross had 182½ with a pair of champions. Whitmer was third at 174½, Clay next with 168, followed by Napoleon at 151½, Fostoria with 112 and Northview at 87½.

"We got as many points as I thought we would," Ross coach Grover Dowell said, "but I did not think that Bedford would have that many. They did a really nice job."

In the final league team standings — figured on 21 points for winning the tournament, 18 for second, 15 for third, etc. — Bedford had 33 points after adding its six dual meet win (two points for each win).

Whitmer slipped ahead of

Ross by a point with 23 for second. Clay was fourth with 20, followed by Napoleon (19), Fostoria (8) and Northview (5).

David Alejandro (119) and Matt Merrill (130) won titles for Ross, and the Little Giants had two runners-up: Jason Hatfield (125) and John Lugar (135).

The Little Giants also got third places from Ryan Patterson (103) and Shawn Heidelberg (140).

Dowell said he thought Napoleon, which was 5-1 in GLL dual matches, would place individuals higher in the standings and help his team's effort as it tried to end Bedford's reign.

Alejandro posted a lopsided 16-4 win over Bedford's Don Fleitz in the finals, shaking off a first-period rib injury in the process.

"I made him wrestle my match," the Ross senior said. The rib injury, though, took his thoughts off Fleitz momentarily.

"The first thing that came to my mind," Alejandro said, "was sectionals in two weeks."

The injury, though causing him to wince occasionally after the match, is not expected to keep him out of the sectional tournament at Ross Feb. 26-27.

Merrill avenged a loss to Wes Brockert of Northview in their title match. Brockert pinned Merrill in the first period during an earlier dual meet.

"I was a little cocky the last time we met," he said, "and he showed me."

This time, Merrill showed Brockert, pinning him in 3:15.

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TEAM STANDINGS

Bedford	268½	Napoleon	151½
Ross	182½	Fostoria	151½
Whitmer	174½	Northview	87½
Clay	168		

Championship finals

103-Mark Williamson (B) d. Eric Dubendorfer (W) 15-10; 112-Chuck Eid (B) d. Rob Moore (F) 6-0; 119-David Alejandro (R) d. Don Fleitz (B) 16-4; 125-Will Groll (C) d. Jason Hatfield (R) 13-10; 130-Matt Merrill (R) p. Wes Brockert (No) 3:15; 135-Jason Pitzen (W) d. John Lugar (R) 12-3; 140-Doug Fuller (B) d. Jamie Slavone (C) 12-5.

145-Jason Harmon (F) d. Justin Markley (B) 7-6; 152-Terry McMullen (B) d. Shawn Feehan (F) 8-4; 160-Mike Buzene (W) d. Josh Smith (Na) 13-12; 171-Dan Meszaros (B) d. Mat Bisher (Na) 6-0; 189-Ben Meyer (Na) d. Dan Sunday (B) 1-0; 275-Shane Stoner (Na) d. Mark Duran (C) 15-7.

Consolation finals

103-Ryan Patterson (R) d. Chad Bowen (No) 8-2; 112-John Blaze (W) d. Jason Kollarik (C) 9-0; 119-Tony Hernandez (C) d. Gabe Rodriguez (No) 2-0 (OT); 125-Richard Barnes (B) p. John Rice (Na) 0:49; 130-Jeff Keith (Na) p. Jeremy Bick (W) 1:26; 135-G.W. Phebus (B) d. Russ Rutkowski (C) 10-2; 140-Shawn Heidelberg (R) p. Ryan Dubendorfer (W) 3:39.

145-Mike Cannon (C) d. Owen Dunn (W) 20-12; 152-Randy Bauerschmidt (W) p. Ted Nigh (No) 5:29; 160-Ira Turner (F) p. Jeremy Lesstock (B) 3:42; 171-Jake Miller (C) p. Brandon Willer (R) 3:57; 189-Kelly Toth (C) p. Jamie Lewallen (F) 2:30; 275-Dan Clark (No) p. John Miller (B) 5:13.

Fifth place (Ross matches)

112-Jason Seiler (Na) d. Jared Bibler 12-2; 145-Kevin Fraker (Na) d. Jamie Ross (R) 12-4; 152-Ken Kreilick (R) d. Jason Westhoven (Na) 12-10 (OT); 160-Brian Beinbolt (R) p. Dan Wilson (C) 2:50; 189-Tony Franks (R) won on a bye; 275-Mike Lehsten (W) p. Eric Straube (R) 3:24.

FINAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

Winning the tournament is worth 21 points, second 18, third 15, fourth 12, fifth 9, sixth 6, seventh 3. Each dual meet win is worth 2 points. The points for dual matches won is combined with tournament finish to determine league standings. Following is the finals team standings (dual season record):

Teams	Pts.
Bedford (6-0).....	33
Whitmer (3-3).....	23
Ross (2-4).....	22
Clay (4-2).....	20
Napoleon (5-1).....	19
Fostoria (1-5).....	8
Northview (0-6).....	5