

## 1969 Buckeye Conference – 6<sup>th</sup> place

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### Elyria Defends Its Title

## Ross In Buckeye Conference Wrestling Dark Horse Role

Domination of Elyria in the Buckeye Conference wrestling tournament appears to be in serious jeopardy this season and attention is focused on the Sandusky challenger. For eight years of the Buckeye tournament, Elyria has never been beaten. Sandusky this year goes into the tournament Saturday at Lorain with its first unbeaten mark in history. It is the only team in the conference to have played all other teams.

Against Buckeye Conference opposition the Blue Streaks, who have a habit of dominating all other sports in the conference, have five individuals who are undefeated. With this apparent advantage of five potential weight division champions, the favorite's mantle rests on the Sandusky shoulders rather than the usual garb of the Elyria Pioneer.

With the anticipated Elyria-Sandusky duel steals the spotlight the Fremont Ross Little Giants wait in the shadows with potential of a dark horse. A championship seems unlikely

to the sometimes erratic performances of Coach Mal Mackey's boys. If Elyria and Sandusky do a sufficient job of cutting each other throat, the possibility of a dark horse slipping in the back door is not impossible.

The Little Giants are only 5-4 overall for the season and only four individuals have overall winning records. However, in competition against Buckeye Conference foes the Little Giants have fared much better. Ross has met four Buckeye opponents, beating three and losing only to Sandusky. Five Little Giants have winning records, one is undefeated, and five others have broken even.

Ross has lost to Sandusky and beaten Mansfield, Lorain and Findlay. The Little Giants have not competed against Elyria, Admiral Farragut nor Mansfield.

Bill Overmeyer, Ross' 141-pounder, has beaten all four of his Buckeye foes. Heavyweight Ted Brunner won all four of his

bouts in dual meet competition against Buckeye schools, but lost a recent match with Lorain's Tim Jenkins. The pair met the second time in the Elyria Pioneer holiday tournament. Brunner, Overmeyer and Mike Dowell, 134-pounder all defeated their Sandusky foes.

The five Sandusky undefeated against Buckeye teams are Sam Amison, 178; Ron Collins, 106; Jeff Brown, 115; Thelma Tower, 136, and Dennis Chupa, 123. Tower is undefeated in all matches. Amison and Collins were runnersup in the Buckeye tournament last season. Three other Sandusky wrestlers have lost only once against Buckeye teams.

There are three past champions in the tournament. The only one whose title will be fought for is Mike Delaney, 141 pounds. Back in the heavier weight are two Elyrians. Ken Parker, 106-pound champion who defeated Sandusky's Collins in the Buckeye finals, will compete at 115 pounds. Jim

Keith, 136-pound king a year ago, will challenge Delaney at 138 pounds.

Against Ross, Delaney competed at 147 pounds and lost a 4-0 decision to Ron McAfee.

Records of Ross wrestlers going into the Buckeye Conference championship, records against Buckeye foes in parentheses are:

Gary Septowski, 106, 2-5 (2-2); Gary DeShelter, 106, 0-3 (0); Joe Beddow, 115, 3-6-1 (1-2-1); Rick Camarata, 123, 0-3 (0); Fred Smith, 126, 2-3 (2-1); Gordon Roach, 123 0-2 (0-0).

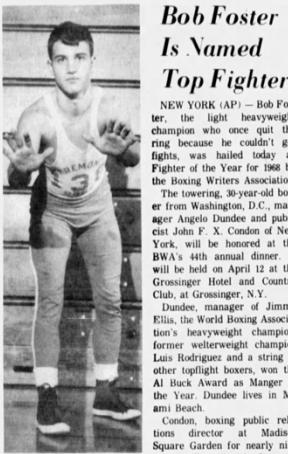
Mike Varga, 130, 3-9 (0-4); Bob Mason, 136, 2-7-1 (0-2); Steve Tooman, 138, 1-1 (1-1); Bill Overmeyer, 141, 9-3 (4-0); Ron McAfee, 146, 3-4 (1-1); Dennis Billow, 148, 2-2 (1-1); Leroy Reiter, 148, 1-1 (0-0).

Mike Dowell, 154, 7-4 (3-1); Dan Hill, 165, 5-5 (2-2); Mark Weiser, 178, 5-4-1 (2-1-1); Ted Brunner, heavyweight, 9-0 (4-1).



MIKE DOWELL  
7-4 Record

TED BRUNNER  
9-3 Heavyweight



BILL OVERMEYER  
Buckeye Unbeaten

### Bob Foster Is Named Top Fighter

NEW YORK (AP) — Bob Foster, the light heavyweight champion who once quit the ring because he couldn't get fights, was hailed today as Fighter of the Year for 1968 by the Boxing Writers Association.

The towering, 30-year-old boxer from Washington, D.C., manager Angelo Dundee and publicist John X. Vassiliou of New York, will be honored at BWA's 44th annual dinner. It will be held on April 12 at the Grossinger Hotel and Country Club, at Grossinger, N.Y.

Dundee, manager of Jimmy Ellis, the World Boxing Association's heavyweight champion, former welterweight champion Lou Nova and a string of other topflight boxers, won the Al Buck Award as Manager of the Year. Dundee lives in Miami Beach.

Condon, boxing public relations director at Madison Square Garden for nearly nine years, will receive the James J. Walker Memorial plaque for "long and meritorious service to boxing." Condon is a native

### Huron SBC Mat Meet Favorite

## St. Joseph, Lakota, Clyde Bar Way

St. Joseph with two defending champions, Clyde with one defending champion, Lakota with three, and three seeded wrestlers and defending champion Lakota appear to be the teams with the best chance to derail the Huron bid for a Sandusky Bay Conference wrestling championship. Huron, long a state wrestling power, will be making its first appearance in SBC mat competition. Observers are inclined to believe the Tigers as favorites, but only 10 wrestlers being seeded in the top four of the 11 weight classes.

Huron has only two wrestlers with losing records, although three others have split even for the season. The Tigers have three wrestlers who have lost no more than two matches. Top Wrestlers in the Huron bid for a championship are: Mike Gagnon, 129-pound class, 16-1; Wayne Hardy, 127 pounds, 12-2, and Dave Sevenbergen, 133 pounds, 7-1. Hardy, only a sophomore, made it to fourth place in the state tournament a year ago.

St. Joseph will be led by a



*Four Little Giants Place*

# Sandusky Ends Elyria's Buckeye Mat Domination

LORAIN—Larry Reiter, Mike Dowell, Mark Weiser and Ted Brunner all placed for Fremont Ross Saturday in the Buckeye Conference wrestling tournament. The Little Giants placed sixth with 17 points in the hopeless chase of the Sandusky Blue Streaks. Sandusky had the title clinched before the finals were contested at Lorain high school.

The Blue Streaks advanced nine wrestlers to the championship finals and had one other alive in the consolation bracket after early competition. The power display broke the eight-year domination of the Buckeye mat tournament by Elyria, the only team to ever win the championship before Friday.

Sandusky ended with five champions and Elyria, which was second, four individual champions.

For Ross Reiter in the 145-pound division, Dowell at 154 and Weiser in the 165-pound division all finished fourth. Most successful Little Giant was

heavyweight Ted Brunner who finished third. Brunner won in the preliminaries by decisioning Koczyla of Admiral King, 4-2, before losing to eventual champion, Dick Bishop of Findlay, 10-5. In the consolation round Brunner decisioned Cyders of Marion and in the finals pinned Bond of Mansfield, 5:00.

Weiser lost to champion Sam Amison of Sandusky in the preliminaries, 7-0; beat Lanforce of Lorain, 5-2, before dropping a consolation final to Warndorf of Mansfield.

Dowell lost to 154-pound runnerup Smith of Lorain, 4-1; defeated Sisler of Marion, 6-2, and lost to Hammond, Elyria, by decision.

Reiter lost to champion Dembek of Admiral King, by fall at 5:16; decisioned Hoffman of Marion and lost to Fitzpatrick of Elyria, 3-0.

These were the only Ross wrestlers to survive the first round of competition.

Final team standings in the tournament were Sandusky, 105;

Elyria, 82; Lorain, 53; Admiral King, 49; Mansfield, 31; Fremont, 17; Findlay, 13; Marion, 3.

The top four boys in each division in order of finish were:

106—Collins (S), Jacoby (AK), Warner (M), Manfold (E).

115—Parker (E), Brown (S), Hart (L), Carde (AK).

123—Chupa (S), Sopka (L), Tichola (E), Pijur (AK).

127—Murray (E), Lewis (S), Karnik (L).

133—Towner (S), Wenger (AK), Boesel (E), Jarops (M).

138—Keith (E), Petrella (M), Braeling (S), Stout (F).

145—Denbek (AK), Ohara (S), Fitzpatrick (E), Reiter (R).

154—Show (S), Smith (L), Hammond (E), Dowell (R).

165—Baker (E), Peless (S), Harris (AK), Wilson (L).

175—Amison (S), Kershaw (E), Warndorf (M), Weiser (R).

Hwt. Jenkins (AK), Bishop (F), Brunner (F), Bond (M).

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