

1998 Great Lakes League...

Little Giants wrestle in GLL today

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross wrestling coach Grover Dowell does not expect senior Aaron Root to lose at today's Great Lakes League tournament.

Or any time soon.

Dowell expects Root, 20-1 at 215 pounds, to cruise through the tournament, which begins at noon at Bedford High School in Michigan. The finals should begin at about 5 p.m.

"There will not be any challenges for Aaron in this tournament," Dowell said. "In my opinion he is a state finalist, and hopefully we've got him ready for that."

The host Kicking Mules are defending champions and are expected to battle with Sandusky for this year's crown.

Despite his team's 2-4 record against GLL teams in the dual match season, Dowell believes Ross could place third.

"I think we are going to surprise people," Dowell said.

In addition to Root, Dowell believes Ross could have placers in Derek Wensinger (125), Cody Franks (130), Tyler Lawrence (145), Josh Martin (152), J.R. Adkins (160), Jesse Sandoval (171) and Eric Lindsey (189).

"We should finish no less than

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third," Dowell said. "The kids have the ability, they just have to believe in themselves."

In other tournaments today:

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Root leads Ross to third at GLL

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BEDFORD — Fremont Ross' Aaron Root made it look easy as he breezed through the 215-pound bracket Saturday at the Great Lakes League Wrestling Tournament at Bedford High School.

Root's domination highlighted the Little Giants' third-place finish at the tourney.

Root, who improved to 23-1 on the season, pinned all three of his opponents, including Findlay's Steve McCoy in 1:24 in the first-place match.

"Aaron was not tested in this

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competition," said Ross coach Grover Dowell. "He completely handled (McCoy) and pinned him easily. He got a little payback against (McCoy), who had beaten him before."

Ross compiled 121 points in the competition. Bedford placed first with 267.5 and Sandusky was second with 238.

"I was real pleased with our third-place finish," Dowell said. "Several of our wrestlers had

real good tournaments.

Eric Lindsey finished second at 189 for the Little Giants. He scored a 14-7 decision of Whitmer's Orlando Barrientes.

Ross' Jesse Sandoval placed third at 171. Four Little Giants were fourth: Roy Zamarripa at 103, Derek Wassinger at 125, Tyler Lawrence at 145 and J.R. Atkins at 160.

Ross will host the sectional tournament Feb. 27-28.

In other action Saturday:

SLL Tournament

GIBSONBURG — Lakota's

Tim Weller and Jared Lowery were winners at the Suburban Lakes League tournament, as the Raiders placed third.

Lakota totaled 142 points in the competition. Elmwood finished first with 174.5 points and Genoa was second with 151.

Weller scored a 7-4 decision of Genoa's Justin Dean in the 135-pound title match. Lowery won a 9-1 major decision over Denny Gerwin in the 125-pound match for first place.

Tim Ollom, Justin West and Adam Thacker all placed second

for Lakota.

Woodmore placed sixth at the meet with 58 points. Mark Howard at 189 and Greg Hoodlebrink at 275 finished second for the Wildcats.

Gibsonburg placed seventh with 45 points. Jamey Lambright won the 275-pound class with an 8-4 decision of Hoodlebrink.

"He wrestled real well," said Golden Bears coach Glenn Owens. "He controlled the tempo and the other guy was just blocking most of the time."

Wrestling

High School

GLL Tournament

BEDFORD — Results of the Great Lakes League wrestling tournament, held Saturday at Bedford High School.

TEAM RESULTS

1, Bedford 267½; 2, Sandusky 238½; 3, Fremont Ross 121; 4, Clay 119½; 5, Findlay 107; 6, Fostoria 96½; 7, Whitmer 73.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Championships

103 — Shoncay Prophet (S) dec. Ryan Wasielewski (B) 9-3; 112 — Rocky McKinney (S) pin Nate Heiser (Fo) 3:07; 119 — Justin Bronkema (B) dec. Jason Kresser (S) 10-5; 125 — Shaun Walls (S) pin Zak Brown (B) 5:59; 130 — Steve Dec (B) pin David Darrett (S) 4:47; 135 — Casey Roberts (B) pin Bo Bennett (Fi) 4:56; 140 — Brian Tibai (B) pin Paul Goosen (W) 4:35; 145 — William Conaway (S) pin Bill Cannon (C) 1:15; 152 — Ryan Ditty (B) dec. Bronta Prophet (S) 6-5; 160 — Kyle Segur (W) dec. Ryan Shafer (C) 6-4 OT; 171 — Jeff Hooper (B) pin Dane Witted (Fi) 1:31; 189 — Jimmie Cherry (S) dec. Eric Lindsey (FR) 4-1; 215 — Aaron Root (FR) pin Steve McCoy (Fi) 1:24; 275 — Art Snowberger (B) pin Eric Gibson (S) 3:17.

Consolations

103 — Mark Freeman (Fi) dec. Roy Zamarripa (FR) 10-0; 112 — Tony Poma (B) p. Emad Abou-Arab (C) 3:07; 119 — Nate Muenzer (C) dec. Randall Bradner (Fo) 10-1; 125 — Justin Kiser (Fo) dec. Derek Wensinger (FR) 7-6; 130 — Josh Smith (Fi) dec. Brandon Distel (Fo) 8-1; 135 — Endrako Carr (S) dec. Matt Miller (C) 15-4; 140 — Deonta Davis (S) dec. Josh Palmer 3-1; 145 — Steve Isabell (B) p. Tyler Lawrence (FR) 4:05; 152 — Andy Shanks (C) dec. Joe Orozco (Fi) 3-2; 160 — Scott Opdyke (B) dec. JR Adkins (FR) 11-5; 171 — Jesse Sandoval (FR) p. Marcus Marshall (S) in 2:43; 189 — Brian Lenix (W) dec. Orlando Barrientes (Fo) 6-4; 215 — Corey Andrews (B) dec. Omar Abou-Arab (C) 1-0; 275 — Chris Stevens (W) default. Rob Brookman (Fo).