

Getting Ready For State Tournament



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RUSS NITSCHKE applies a hold on Neal Schneider, back on the floor, and Ross high wrestlers Jim Otermat, Dick Swedersky and Virgil Sheets, left to right, observe as the five Fremont grapplers prepare for the State Wrestling tournament to be held at Lakewood high school Friday and Saturday. Clyde will have three representatives in the state tourney, Long of the Fliers tackling Porter of Bridgeport, 103 pounds; Jay Pump meeting Smith of Howland, 133-pounds; and Kuns battling Fischer of Wooster, 175 pounds. Schneider, Swedersky and Otermat were champions in their divisions in the District meet at Bowling Green State university while Nitschke and Sheets qualified for the state with second and third place finishes. Pairings for Coach Mal Mackey's wrestlers in opening round state matches: Nitschke vs Rowley, Linden McKinley, 127-pounds; Schneider vs Eisenhut, Kent State, 138-pounds; Sheets vs Bookman, East Liverpool, 145-pounds; Otermat vs Ban, Shaker Heights, 165-pounds; and Swedersky vs Sprague, Berea, heavyweight division.

Sheets Only Grappler To Survive State Meet

Virgle Sheets, 145 pounds, is the only one of five Ross high wrestlers who qualified for this afternoon's session in the championship bracket of the State Wrestling meet at Lakewood.

Sheets is unbeaten in two matches and needs a win this afternoon and Saturday night to win the 145-pound state championship.

Dick Swedersky, won one, lost one has a chance for consolation honors in the heavyweight division. Ousted Friday were Jim Otermat, Russ Nitschke and Neil Schneider.

Clyde wrestlers, Jay Pump, Luther Long and Dick Kuns, were eliminated Friday.
