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Wrestling regionals this week

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The next to last step on the high school wrestling tournament trail will begin Friday.

The regional tournaments for Classes AAA and AA will begin Friday while the Class A regionals wait until Saturday.

The bigger schools will send four wrestlers from each of the 13 weight divisions to the state tournament at St. John's Arena in Columbus March 13, 14 and 15.

The Class A regionals send the top two finishers from each division.

Ross and other Class AAA schools begin regional competition Friday at 4 p.m., at Tiffin Columbian High School. The semifinals begin Saturday at 1 p.m., with the finals slated to start at 7 p.m.

The Class AA regional is at Ptooria High School and follows the same time schedule as the Class AAA meet.

The small school regional, involving area teams Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic, Gibsonburg and Woodmore will be at Covington High School in Covington. Wrestling begins at 11 a.m., Saturday, with the finals slated for 7 p.m.

Five Ross wrestlers will be competing for a shot at a state tourney berth. Jamie Ramirez, 26-4, will compete at 98 pounds while Matt Marinis will carry a 25-6 record into the 112-pound competition.

John Lozano, 145, has a 23-6 record while 155-pound Shawn Ramirez is 18-6 at that weight. Jim Carroll, 185, the district tourney champion, has a 16-8 record.

Ross Coach Al Voggenthaler rated northwestern Ohio as being "down this year talent-wise."

He refused to disclose his feelings about which of his wrestlers he feels has the best chance at make the Columbus tourney.

"That would be like putting the kiss of death on someone."

At the Class A regional in Covington, district champion St. Joe will be represented by eight wrestlers. They are Carl Miller, 98, Brian Hoffman, 105, Sam Hotz, 126, Tom Lupica, 138, Tony Lupica, 145, Jim Dickman, 155, Pete Spieldenner, 167, and Pat Reineck, 185.

Gibsonburg has a record seven wrestlers going to the regional — Steve Mitchell, 98, Glenn Owens, 105, Tony Kern, 112, Scott Peck, 119, Chris Mendoza, 132, Nick Carper, 167, and Mark Younker 175.

Five wrestlers will represent Woodmore, led by Mike Giesler, 167, and Andy Roe, 185. The others are Bill Melcher, 126, Frank Hoover, 138, and Dean Epling 145.

There are 22 area wrestlers competing in the Class AA regional.

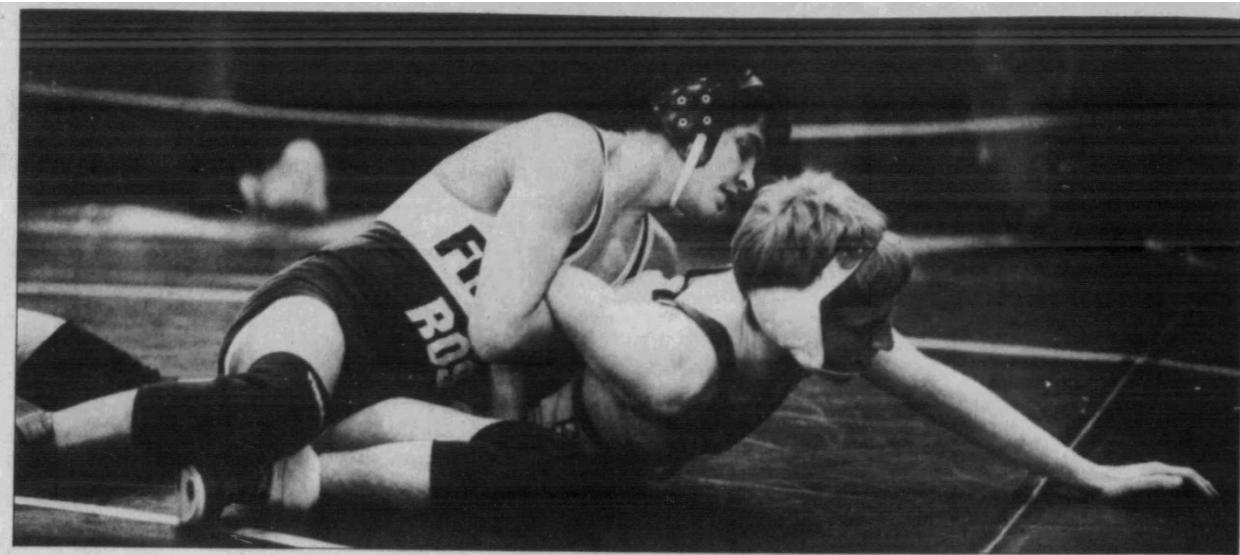
Shawn Faulkner, 98, and Terry Warwick, 175, will represent Clyde, while Bellevue has Mike Bailey, 185, Brett Adkins, 126, and Chris Wells, 132. All qualified from the Norwalk district.

Tim Hornyak, 105, and Matt Geyser, 112, Dan Benavides, 175, and heavyweight Joe Gray represent Genoa in the AA tourney.

Dan Keegan, 112, and Eric Schueler, 132, will be wrestling for Margaretta.

Keith Timmons, 105, Dan Biddle, 112, and Jeff Yount, 126, and Scott Nagy, 185, will carry Lakota's colors.

Oak Harbor has Mark Grodi, 122, Mike Shadoan, 119, Scott Hinnor, 126, Jim Pierce, 138, Fred Miller, 185, Scott Zeitzheim, 132, and Brian Gordon, 167.



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MATT MARINIS of Ross pulls on the right arm of first round opponent Tim Patterson of Dublin during the Class AAA regional

wrestling tournament at Tiffin Columbian High School Friday. Marinis is bidding for his second trip to the state tournament.

7 area 'AAA' and 'AA' matmen gain semis

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Five area Class AA wrestlers and two from the AAA ranks are in today's semifinals of the regional wrestling tournaments.

The seven wrestlers fought their way into the semis during the first and second rounds of the regionals Friday evening.

Matt Marinis, 112, of Ross and Tony Matthews, 145, a Port Clinton junior, are in today's Class AAA semifinals at Tiffin Columbian High School.

Marinis, a sophomore with a 27-6 record, will square off against Mike Hunter, 27-1, of Lima Senior, in his semifinal match. Marinis is bidding for a second successive trip to the state tournament.

In the first round, Marinis defeated Tim Patterson of Dublin 13-0. He came back in the quarterfinals to stop district champ Tom Brady of Toledo St.

John's 2-1.

Matthews defeated Mark Law of Wapakoneta 9-8 in the first round and came back to stop Marvin Gilmore of Rogers 15-8 in the quarterfinal round.

Matthews will take a 27-5 record into his semifinal match against Jon Alspaugh, 32-3, of Sylvania Northview.

Three other Little Giants won in the first round but another lost in round one.

Jamie Ramirez, 98, defeated Brent White of Shelby by a technical fall but was edged 6-5 by Matt Zipfel of Defiance in the second round. Shawn Ramirez stopped Tony DeMain of Maumee 12-1 before losing to undefeated, 32-0, David Walter of Upper Arlington 8-2. Ross 185-pounder Jim Carroll defeated Guy Prettyman of Sylvania Northview 7-2 but was pinned in the quarterfinals by Mark

Huffman of Lexington in 2:45.

All have a shot at getting "pulled" back into the tourney, but the wrestlers they lost to must win in the semifinals for them have that happen.

Upper Arlington is the AAA team leader with 43 points. Galion is second at 40 and Toledo St. John's holds down third with 30½ point.

At the Fostoria AA regional, five area wrestlers are in the semis.

Tim Hornyak of Genoa, third in the state at 98 pounds last season, will go against Ben Franz of Trinity in his semifinal match.

Another Comet, heavyweight Joe Gray, will battle Rick Young of Upper Sandusky in his first match today.

Two Oak Harbor wrestlers, 138-pounder Jim Pierce and Ferd Miller, 185, are in the semifinals.

Pierce will go up against Brian Kosla of Chanel while Miller takes on Paul Lauth of St. Marys Memorial.

Eric Schuefler of Margaretta will wrestle 132-pound opponent Brad Lamb of Evergreen in his first match today.

Chanel has a comfortable lead in the team race with 57 points with Elyria Catholic a distant second with 25 points. Columbian is fourth, Rossford fourth and Olmsted Falls fifth. Oak Harbor is seventh and Genoa 10th.

Wrestlers winning semifinals matches today automatically qualify for the state tournament while the losers of the semifinals matches must come back through the consolation matches to earn a spot in the state tournament.

Wrestling begins at 1 p.m. today with the finals at 7 this evening.

Tiffin 'AAA'

TEAM STANDINGS

U. Arlington	43	Perrysburg	18½
Galion	40	Maumee	15
St. John	30½	St. Francis	14½
Rogers	24½	Gahanna	14½
Man. Madison	24	Clay	14
Waite	23	Ross	13½
Lexington	19½		

SEMIFINAL PAIRINGS

98-Jerry Ramirez (Waite) vs. Cal Kynard (St. Francis); Matt Zipfel (Defiance) vs. Paul Miler (Gahanna).

105-P.J. Arnold (Upper Arlington) vs. Craig McDougle (Maumee); Scott Kintner (Galion) vs. Todd Cameron (Hilliard).

112-Matt Marinis (Ross) vs. Mike Hunter (Lima Senior); Mike Pfaff (Whitehall) vs. Ron Clasen (Perrysburg).

119-Roger Rabold (Dublin) vs. Jim Alex (Toledo Central Catholic); Matt Long (Galion) vs. Jade Montrie (Rogers).

126-Nate Knauer (St. John's) vs. Tim McClelland (Upper Sandusky); Herb Pinkney (Marion Franklin) vs. Joe Zeto (Hilliard).

132-Jon Brickey (Rogers) vs. Art Korney (Pickerington); Eric Chandler (Galion) vs. Randy Thomas (Lexington).

138-Dwight Thomas (Marion Franklin) vs. Dan Denero (Galion); Jeff Ulen (Upper Sandusky) vs. Bob Mitchell (Mansfield Madison).

145-Jon Alspaugh (Sylvania Southview) vs. Tony Matthews (Port Clinton); Kyle Mayse (Marion Harding) vs. Troy Anderson (Clay).

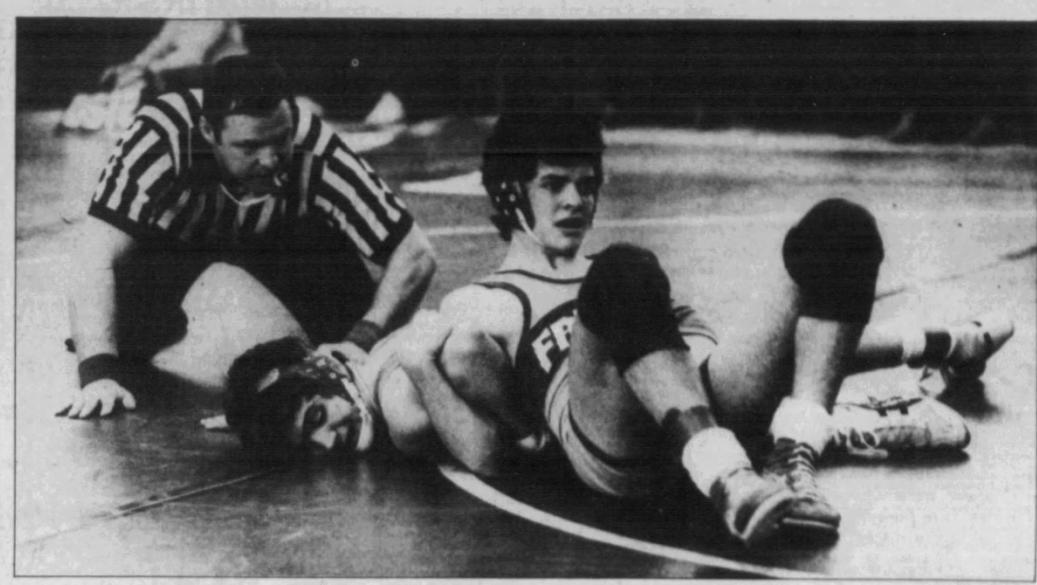
155-David Walter (Upper Arlington) vs. Chris Gibson (Mansfield Madison); Nathaniel Jackson (WAite) vs. Ray Morris (St. John's).

167-Jim Shaffer (Lima Shawnee) vs. Dean Tammerine (Perrysburg); Andre Bozeman (Beechcroft) vs. Pancho Brown (Springfield).

175-Rex Holman (Upper Arlington) vs. Mike Vincent (Clay); Mark Kerr (Waite) vs. Tony Beier (St. John's).

185-Chris Barnett (Galion) vs. Matt Mynster (Upper Arlington); Mark Huffman (Lexington) vs. Brian Walzak (Maumee).

HVY-Jack Friel (Vermilion) vs. Chris Connor (Rogers); Bill Shade (Mansfield Madison) vs. Gary Stine (Perrysburg).



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MATT MARINIS of Ross, front, has a worried look while in the grasp of Mike Hunter of Lima Senior. Hunter was awarded a

takedown and a three-point nearfall during the action in the Class AAA regional tournament at Tiffin Saturday afternoon.

13 from area qualify for state

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Woodmore led the list of area state qualifiers while Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic had the best team finish in high school regional wrestling tournaments Saturday.

Thirteen area wrestlers will be competing in the 49th Boys State Wrestling Tournament at St. John Arena on the Ohio State University campus in Columbus this Thursday through Saturday.

Mike Giesler, a projected state champion at 167 pounds, and Andy Roe, 185, won tournament titles for Woodmore while St. Joe finished third in the Class A regional at Covington.

Three other wrestlers won regional titles, including Sam Hotz, 126, of St. Joe, Tony Kern, 112, of Gibsonburg, and Fred Miller, 185, of Oak Harbor.

Other wrestlers qualifying for the state tournament include Brian Hoffman, 105, and Tom Lupica, 138, of St. Joe, Matt Marinis, 112, and John Lozano, 145, of Ross, Tim Hornyak, 105, of Genoa, Dan Biddle, 112, of Lakota, Eric Schuefeler, 132, of Margaretta, and Mike Shadoan, 119, of Oak Harbor.

St. Joe finished third in the Covington regional with 79 points. Host Covington was the winner with 94 while West Liberty-Salem finished second with 90. Gibsonburg came in fifth with 60 and Woodmore finished seventh with 50 points.

Giesler defeated Brian Giesige of Columbus Grove in the finals 13-2. Roe pinned Brian Olson of Covington in 1:38 to win his regional title.

Hotz stopped Randy Napier of Bluffton 4-2 and Kern defeated Travis Douse of Bluffton 9-8 for the fourth Class A crown.

Only the top two finishers in Class A advanced to the state meet.

"We just fell short in the finals," St. Joe Coach Gary Logsdon said. "We were two points out of second going into the finals but we just did not have quite enough (wrestlers)."

The St. Joe coach said that

First-round state pairings

Following are opponents of area wrestlers who are competing in the Ohio High School State Wrestling Tournament this Thursday through Saturday at St. John Arena in Columbus:

Class A 105 — BRIAN HOFFMAN, FREMONT ST. JOE, Soph., 28-5, vs. Joe Bonaventura, Columbus Grandview Heights, Jr., 33-1.

Class A 112 — Bill Meyers, Sandusky St. Mary's, Soph., 24-6, vs. TONY KERN, GIBSONBURG, Jr., 21-3-0.

Class A 126 — Todd Mizner, Cadiz, Sr., 24-9-0, vs. SAM HOTZ, FREMONT ST. JOE, Sr., 29-3.

Class A 138 — Brad Giffin, Cadiz, Jr., 28-5-1, vs. TOM LUPICA, FREMONT ST. JOE, Jr., 30-3.

Class A 167 — MIKE GIESLER, WOODMORE, Sr., 27-0-0, vs. Matt MacLellan, Richmond Heights, Jr., 22-5-0.

Class A 185 — Greg Reighard, Liberty Center, Soph., 21-4-0, vs. ANDY ROE, WOODMORE, Jr., 27-2.

Class AA 105 — Jeff Letzner, Median Highland, Soph., 28-1-0, vs. TIM HORNYAK, GENOA, Sr., 26-2-0.

Class AA 112 — DAN BIDDLE, LAKOTA, Jr., 27-7-0, vs. Dan Wilkins, Chagrin Falls Kenston, Sr., 30-5-0.

Class AA 119 — MIKE SHADOAN, OAK HARBOR, Sr., 27-9-0, vs. Mark Marinelli, Columbus Desales, Sr., 28-1-0.

Class AA 132 — ERIC SCHEUFELER, MARGARETTA, Jr., 11-2-0, vs. Joe Breiding, Lorain Brookside, Sr., 26-2-1.

Class AA 185 — John Fuduric, Middletown Cardinal, Sr., 26-4, vs. FERD MILLER, OAK HARBOR, Jr., 33-0.

Class AAA 112 — MATT MARINIS, FREMONT ROSS, Soph., 28-6, vs. Dave Hinkel, Fairfield, Sr., 24-7.

Class AAA 145 — JOHN LOZANO, FREMONT ROSS, Sr., 24-8, vs. Joe Guciardo, Lakewood St. Edward, Sr., 28-3.

Lozano's fourth-place finish at 145 was a pleasant surprise for Voggenthaler. "But that is what you get for just trying hard," he said about the Lozano effort.

Lozano, after defeating Dave Hoot of Vermilion via referee's criteria in overtime, knocked off Troy Anderson of Clay in the consolation semifinals. In the match for third place, Lozano was edged 3-2 by Mike Burch of Mansfield Senior.

Upper Arlington won the regional title with 112 points. St. John's was second with 65½ and Galion finished third with 64. Ross came in 13th with 30½.

Miller, a state qualifier last year as a sophomore while wrestling for Genoa, is returning to Columbus after taking the 185-pound title at the Fostoria Class AA regional.

Now at Oak Harbor, Miller defeated Paul Perrine of Trinity 8-2 in the championship match, and his four victories in the tournament raised his record to 33-0.

Shadoan placed fourth in the 119 weight class, falling to Ron Price of Brookside 2-0 in the consolation match.

Oak Harbor finished fourth as Bedford Chanel ran away with the team title. Chanel scored 151½ points, while Elyria Catholic had 55½ to grab the runner-up position. Rossford was third with 55 and the Rockets were next with 49.

Scheufeler placed third in the 132-pound weight class. Scheufeler, a junior, defeated George Clemens 8-1 in the consolation finals after losing 9-7 to the eventual state champion, Evergreen's Brad Lamb in the semis.

Hornyak, who placed third in the state last year in the 98-pound division, was fourth in the 105 weight class, losing to Ontario's Scott Foss 8-4 in the consolation match.

Biddle, a junior 112-pounder lost 8-1 in his consolation match against Rick Stirz of Delta.

The top four division finishers from Class AA and AAA advanced to the state meet.

Hotz "looked good" in his title match and that Hoffman wrestled well but "just ran into a very good kid."

"Lupica (Tom, second at 138) was working for a takedown," Logsdon explained, "but slipped and boom, he landed on his back."

Lupica lost 14-6 to Bobby Hewitt of Batavia in the 145-pound finals.

Kern, now 21-3, led Gibsonburg to its fifth-place finish.

"We could have had a couple more (in the state tourney), but we lost a couple of heartbreakers in the semis," Gibsonburg Coach Steve Funk said.

"Among those tough losses were Glenn Owens and Nick Carper. Owens lost in the semis to the wrestler he defeated in the state tourney last year, Anton Burkett of West Liberty-Salem, and

finished fourth in the 105 division. Carper ran into Giesler for the third time this season in the semis, lost, and had to settle for third.

In the Tiffin Class AAA regional, Marinis, a sophomore, fought his way back through the consolation rounds to earn his second trip to the state tournament. However, he sustained an injured shoulder in his consolation finals match, a 5-4 win over Mike Pfaff of Whitehall-Yearling. He had lost to Mike Hunter of Lima Senior 9-3 in the championship semifinals to fall into the consolation bracket.

"It's (shoulder) going to be sore," Ross Coach Al Voggenthaler said about the Marinis injury. "He may not wrestle this week during practice."

Regional tournaments

Tiffin 'AAA'

TOP TEAMS

U. Arlington	112	Madison	45
Tol. St. John's	65%	Mar. Harding	43%
Galion	64	Lexington	38%
Tol. Rogers	63%	Gah. Lincoln	36%
Tol. Waite	59%	Tol. St. Francis	35
Perrysburg	51	Ross	30%
Hilliard	45%		

CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

98-Cal Kynard (St. Francis) d. Matt Zipfel (Defiance) 10-7; 105-Todd Cameron (Hilliard) d. Craig McDougle (Maumee) 4-0; 112-Ron Clasen (Perrysburg) d. Mike Hunter (Lima Senior) 9-8; 119-Jade Montrie (Rogers) d. Roger Rabold (Dublin) 4-3; 126-Nate Knauer (St. John's) p. Joe Zeto (Hilliard) 1:30; 132-Randy Thomas (Lexington) d. Art Korney (Pickerington) 5-0;

138-Dwight Thomas (Marion Franklin) t.f. Jeff Ulen (Upper Arlington); 145-Kyle Mayse (Marion Harding) won by forfeit over Jon Alspaugh (Sylvania Northview); 155-Nathaniel Jackson (Waite) d. David Walter (Upper Arlington) 5-1; 167-Jim Shaffer (Lima Shawnee) d. Pancho Brown (Springfield) 8-7; 175-Rex Holman (Upper Arlington) d. Tony Beier (St. John's) 16-8; 185-Matt Mynster (Upper Arlington) d. Brian Walzak (Maumee) 16-2; HVY-Gary Stine (Perrysburg) d. Chris Conner (Rogers) 9-1.

CONSOLATION FINALS

98-Jerry Ramirez (Waite) d. Paul Miller (Lincoln) 3-2; 105-Scott Kintner (Galion) d. Mike Schrock (Shelby) 9-0; 112-Matt Marinis (Ross) d. Mike Pfaff (Whitehall Yearling) 5-4; 119-Vince Tammerine (DeVilbiss) p. Mark Sweatland (Lincoln) 3:37; 126-Tim McClelland (Upper Arlington) d. Kevin Randleman (Sandusky) 16-4; 132-Jon Brickey (Rogers) d. Tom Polzin (Beechcroft) 5-4;

138-Bob Mitchell (Madison) d. Dan Denero (Galion) 14-10; 145-Mike Burch (Mansfield Senior) d. John Lozano (Ross) 3-2; 155-Chris Gibson (Madison) d. Ray Morris (St. John's) 9-3; 167-Doug Hicks (Lincoln) d. Andre Bozeman (Beechcroft) 7-4; 175-Mark Kerr (Waite) d. Rod Kinkens (Maumee) 10-0; 185-Chris Barnett (Galion) d. Mark Huffman (Lexington) 2:05; HVY-Jack Friel (Vermilion) d. Bill Shade (Madison) 5-3.