

2005 Greater Buckeye Conference...

Wrestling

High school

GBC championships

Team standings

1. Sandusky5-0
2. Ross.....4-1
3. Marion Harding2-3
4. Napoleon2-3
5. Findlay2-3
6. Lima Senior0-5

Ross dual results

Ross 34, Harding 33

Ross 36, Napoleon 27

Sandusky 46, Ross 20

Ross 75, Lima Senior 0

Ross 47, Findlay 26

Ross individuals

103 — Devon Mezinger, 2nd, 4-1 (19 points)

112 — Jaime Mendoza, 1st, 5-0 (25)

119 — Zach Brunner, 3rd, 3-2 (15)

125 — Travis Rodriguez, 2-3 (12)

130 — Sam Krueger, 2nd, 4-1 (22)

135 — Grant Hilty, 3rd, 3-2 (12)

140 — David Resendez, 1-4 (6)

145 — Chris Bias, 3rd, 3-2 (14)

152 — Josh Howey, 2nd, 4-1 (17)

160 — Brad Biehler, 3rd, 3-2 (18)

189 — Chris Hinsch, 1-4 (6)

215 — Jorge Perez, 2nd, 4-1 (21)

275 — Robert Zucker, 2nd, 4-1 (22)

GBC coach of the year — Mike Mezinger (Ross)

WRESTLING ROUNDUP

Ross runner-up at GBCs

News-Messenger reports

Sandusky coach Dave Colatruglio never defeated Fremont Ross coach Mike Mezinger while he wrestled for Huron and Mezinger for the Little Giants during their high school days.

But Colatruglio's Sandusky team got the better of Ross at the Greater Buckeye Conference Championships with a first-place finish to the Little Giants' somewhat surprising second-place showing.

Sandusky defeated Ross 46-20 in the dual format to capture the crown.

Jaime Mendoza captured the Little Giants only individual title, going 5-0 at 112 pounds.

"They're just a solid team from top to bottom," Mezinger said of Sandusky. "They've only got a couple weak spots. They are very aggressive and take it to the other teams. I think their aggressiveness is what makes them a good team. Before the season Dave told me, 'I never beat you as wrestler, maybe I can beat you as a coach.' I told him to give me a couple years."

And Mezinger certainly got his Ross coaching career off to a fast start. He was named GBC coach of the year.

"That was a really big surprise going into my very first year and everything," Mezinger said. "I voted for the Sandusky coach — they've won it two years in a row. When they announced my name it was a complete shock. We wrestled well, and I think the coaches saw the improvement in the kids."

Ross travels to sectionals at Toledo Rogers Friday and Saturday. The top four wrestlers in each weight class advance to districts.

"This is a very big confidence booster," Mezinger said.

Sandusky, Findlay and Napoleon each defeated the Little Giants at dual meets this season and Marion Harding finished ahead of them at another tournament.

Devon Mezinger (103), Sam Krueger (130), Josh Howey (152), Jorge Perez (215) and Robert Zucker (275) each finished second for Ross. Perez missed two or three days of practice last week with an illness.

Zach Brunner (119), Grant Hilty (135), Chris Bias (145) and Brad Biehler (160) each wound up third for the Little Giants.

"Jaime wrestled well all weekend," Mezinger said of Mendoza. "He got beat by the Sandusky kid earlier in the year and came back to beat him. He had four solid matches, and he's really starting to step it up. Early in the year he liked to roll around too much and he'd get stuck on his back sometimes. We've been telling him to settle down and hit your moves and he's doing it and has improved."

"(Krueger) really stepped it up," Mezinger continued. "He lost his first match. He was sick, but he came back to win the rest of his matches by a large margin. I don't know if it was the pancakes. He is one that has steadily improved over the year."

SBC

Clyde falls to SMCC at finish

Saturday's Sandusky Bay Conference Championships was decided by a referee's call in the match between Clyde's Eric Schwartz and Sandusky St. Mary Central Catholic's Spencer Dye at 189 pounds.

And regrettably for the Fliers, the official didn't see things their way in Dye's 3-2 victory.

"Dye is the defending state champ," Clyde coach Dale Carroll said. "Eric shot and took him to his back with about 10 seconds left in the match and he was bridging on his back and Eric had control, but the referee said we didn't have control. It was a tough way to lose, but it was a great match. Eric probably wrestled his best match ever."

"We wrestled very well but came up a bit short," Carroll continued. "They're ranked No. 1, and we wrestled pretty good. I thought we had them. It came down to the last couple matches, and we didn't fare well. There was some controversy with the call — they got it and won the tournament."

SMCC edged Clyde 230.5-224.5 after the Panthers convincingly defeated the Fliers at the SBC Duals in January. Dye defeated Schwartz by technical fall in their previous match.

Oak Harbor was third with four individual champions Saturday, and Margaretta was sixth as Josh Fox won a title at 215. Kirk Tank (135), who has one loss this season, Keith Witt (140), Cody Magrum (160) and Josh Lipstraw (171) won individual championships for the Rockets.

Danny Michaels (112), Robbie Michaels (130) and Matt Guhn (275) won titles for Clyde. Guhn ran his season record to a remarkable 44-0, two wins short of Tim Anderson's mark for the best unblemished campaign in program history.

Robbie Michaels has only one loss this season and he beat two state qualifiers this weekend for most outstanding wrestler honors. Robbie dominated Edison's Adam Tinnel, who placed fourth in Columbus last year, pinning him in the final.

"He handled him rather easily," Carroll said. "He actually had him on his back a few times."

Adam Thurn (119) and Thomas Schwartz (140) joined Eric in taking second-place Saturday. Adrian Rich (103), Brent Aona (135), Adam Ysaguirre (145) and Derek Dencer (152) wound up third for the Fliers.

Oak Harbor's Brandon Waters (119) and Jake Lipstraw (189) and Margaretta's Sean Avila (112) also finished third.

Sectionals for Clyde are at Oak Harbor. Eastwood, which is second in the state in Division II, will be there.

"The next step is getting individuals to state," Carroll said. "That's how we've always broken it up. Most of the season is focused on the team until sectionals, then it's individuals. I think we have some kids that can get to Columbus, but we have some work to do."