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# Four-horse race in Buckeye wrestling

## *Sandusky is picked to repeat as conference champ*

By BOB MARKER

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It's the time of the year when Al Voggenthaler becomes a gambler. He is playing a four-horse parlay this year and hopes the dark horse (his team) of the quartet has the better stretch drive.

Voggenthaler, Ross' wrestling coach for the past four seasons and now well into his fifth, is slimming down his stable of wrestlers in preparation for this Saturday's Buckeye Conference Wrestling Tournament, one of the tougher such tournaments in the state of Ohio.

The Ross coach will take his charges to Elyria for the tournament that was switched from Mansfield due to the gas shortage.

"I figure it will be a four-team race," the bookie, er, coach said. "It looks like Sandusky and Elyria will have a close battle for first with Mansfield and Ross in the battle, too."

He shrugged off his track record for years two and three at Ross and is

keeping year one and four clearly in mind. The in-between years produced two consecutive seventh place finishes in the eight-team tourney while the end years were memorable second place finishes.

In the '76 tourney held at Ross, the Little Giants led going into the championship round but eventually lost to Sandusky 128-121½. The Ross team had three division champions last year and two of them are back. Along with the defending champs, Ross also has two wrestlers back who took runnerup honors.

Jessie Heidelberg, 108, and heavyweight Jim Smith will be defending their titles with Aaron Sewell (135) and Clarence Parks (158) geared for improving a notch from the second place finishes of the last BC tourney.

"I think we have a shot at three-four champs," Voggenthaler conjectured, and continued to outline Ross's best bets.

"Heidelberg and Smith are back at the

same weight and have good shots at winning again. Parks, if he has everything together, should win, and Sewell will be right in there, too."

Voggenthaler figures that Sandusky has a shot at six individual champions but figures his team could possibly have more wrestlers placing in the tourney.

"I think we can place as many as any other team," he confirmed, "but individual champions will decide it."

That's why he figures Sandusky will probably sit on top of the heap again.

"I think Elyria has a shot at four or five titles, too," Voggie said, lending fuel to his feeling that the closest battle will be at the top between Sandusky and Elyria.

Mansfield could be at a disadvantage according to the Ross coach because of the closing of the Mansfield schools.

"Mansfield was only able to start practice last week," he pointed out. "They wrestled Marion Harding late last week and Mansfield won 33-22, but they

had three wrestlers who did not make weight."

For Ross to sneak up through the pack to the front, Ross's stretch drive will have to begin right out of the starting gate.

"A lot depends on the seeding," he explained. "If we can get seeded and get into matches with wrestlers from the lower teams (Marion, Findlay, Admiral King, and Lorain) where we could possibly pick up a lot of pins, that would definitely help us along the line."

Continuing, Voggenthaler added a little doubt about help from other quarters. "We have got to have help from teams below us but I don't feel we will get it."

The wrestling begins at noon at Elyria High School with the championship matches at 7 p.m. Saturday evening.

NOTE — A complete rundown of Ross's 13 wrestlers in the tourney as well as entries from the other seven schools will be published on Thursday.

# Elyria tops BC tourney

## Ross wrestlers win two crowns

### BC mat standings

TEAM STANDINGS			
Elyria	18 1/2	Lorain	59 1/2
Mansfield	15 1/2	Admiral King	54
Sandusky	14 1/2	Findlay	46 1/2
Ross	8 1/2	Marion	29 1/2

**CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES**  
 101-John Seimann (Man) won by default over Hector Perez (AK);  
 108-Jesse Heidelberg (R) d. Paul Showalter (E) 12-3; 115-Jerry Little (E) d. Vince Patricia (Man) 5-2; 122-Steve Owens (Man) d. Jamie Mates (L) 9-4; 129-Kelvin Irby (S) p. John Hany (Man) 1-0; 136-John McNulty (E) p. Tim Price (L) 4-0; 141-Ron Plick (E) d. Ray Williams (S) 15-4; 148-Terry Randelman (S) d. Jeff Divishian (Man) 8-7; 155-Clarence Parks (R) d. Dave Elderbrock (F) 2-0 (overtime); 170-Tony Jones (S) d. Jeff McCullough (E) 9-2; 178-Dan Hagins (AK) d. Ray Long (R) 4-1 (overtime); 188-Larry Adley (Man) p. Randy Wieser (E) 3-0; H.V. Luther-Henson (S) p. Jim Smith (R) 1-0.

**CONSOLATION MATCHES**  
 101-Howard Carr (S) d. Steve Hogg (M) 9-1; 108-John Comast (F) d. Gary Jones (Man) 9-1; 115-Dan Munney (M) d. Ted Merrill (R) 2-0 (overtime); 122-Larry Knox (AK) d. Don Lemons (E) 6-3; 129-Jack Murray (E) won by forfeit over Jeff Nichols (F); 135-Jim Dook (AK) d. Duane Owens (Man) 2-1; 141-Luther Brasham (Man) d. Mike York (L) 7-0; 148-Kurt Koepf (E) d. Larry Weisenberger (F) 5-2; 154-Paul Teyman (Man) d. Leonard Ferguson (S) 7-3; 170-Brad Mullins (L) d. Bruce Heater (F) 2-1; 178-Kirk Wyatt (S) d. Oscar Adley (Man) 4-0; 188-Dominic Marocco (M) p. Randy Kosek (S) 2-0; H.V. George Feldkamp (E) d. Ed Chavez (L) 2-0.

## Crimson Streaks sneak past stubborn Lakers

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The coach of a 5-13 basketball team rarely has the luxury of being unhappy with a win. But Rick Nemet was not pleased with his St. Joe Crimson Streaks win over the 0-16 Lakeside Lakers, 56-49, Saturday night.

Nemet was not thrilled by his club's lackluster performance against the only team on the Streak schedule that St. Joe could match up with in terms of size. That was especially so in light of Friday's stunning upset of Huron.

And that upset may have been the cause of the Streak problems.

"We looked a little tired out there — and we might have let down a little," said Nemet. "I thought they learned their lesson about being overconfident in the Clyde game (earlier in the season)."

It took a scrambling, pressing last quarter Streak comeback to overcome the Lakers, who tied the score twice early in the quarter after trailing nearly all the way, and at one point late in the third quarter, were behind by as many as 11.

Tim Paradiso, a 5-11 senior, led the Streaks with 14 points and Tom Swint, a 6-2 senior, had 11, 9 in the first quarter.

It was Paradiso who put St. Joe ahead to stay with six straight points in slightly less than two minutes midway through the final stanza. Lakeside had knotted the score at 43-43 as they outscored the Streaks 13-2 from the 2 minute mark of the third quarter to the 5:01 point of the final quarter.

That was when Paradiso took control hitting a layup on a nice assist from Mike Gottroen, then a short turnaround jumper off the baseline, and then two free throws. He set up the foul by stealing the ball and driving to the hoop.

Other than that brief flurry, and the dogged press St. Joe threw up most of the game, the non-league contest was not exactly an artistic exercise. About the only

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**ELYRIA** — Jesse Heidelberg and Clarence Parks of Ross had the right combination but Elyria locked up the Buckeye Conference Wrestling Tournament here Saturday.

The Pioneers walked away with three individual titles while rolling up 162 1/2 points in defeating surprising Mansfield and pre-tourney favorite Sandusky. Mansfield tallied 156 points, Sandusky 142, and Ross was fourth with 86 1/2.

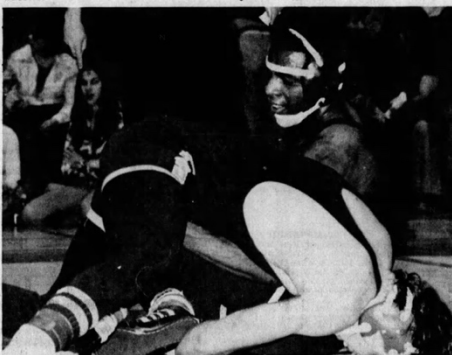
Heidelberg, Ross's 108-pounder, claimed his second consecutive Buckeye title by outpointing Elyria's Paul Showalter 12-3 in the finals. The only points off the Ross senior came on escapes as he did everything he wanted except pin Showalter.

"He had his belly to the mat all the time," Heidelberg smiled when asked why he could not pin Showalter. "I did want to pin my way through this tournament."

Heidelberg, now 17-1 for the season, registered pins in the first two rounds of the tournament.

Parks, after a second place finish a year ago at 158, won that title this year by defeating Dave Elderbrock of Findlay 2-0 in overtime. The regular match had ended in a 6-6 deadlock. Elderbrock had beaten Parks (one of his two losses this season) earlier in the year, but the Ross junior ruled out revenge as being a motive for his stylish performance in the finals.

"I just did not want to 'freeze' against him," he said, "I just wanted to wrestle."



CLARENCE PARKS, back, starts to pull through while scoring on a reversal in the second period of

With those two champions, Ross took two runnersup and a fourth. Ray Long, 178, of Ross, lost a disappointing 4-1 overtime decision in the finals to Admiral King's Dan Hagins. The regular match had ended at 1-1 but Hagins scored on the takedown and two-point nearfall in the first period of the extra sessions for the win.

Ross heavyweight Jim Smith was stopped for the third time this season by Sandusky's Luther Henson. The Blue Streak's heavyweight pinned Smith in 1:18 of the match after Smith had scored first on the takedown.

"I told Smith to be aggressive this time," Ross Coach Al Voggenthaler said, "and he was up till he got caught."

Voggenthaler continued, "I thought that Sandusky would win it but I think they sort of got hit like we did in the first two rounds — we had 2-3 people who I thought could have advanced but instead lost."

Ted Merrill was fourth for Ross at 115. Elyria's title was the 13th for them in the 16-year history of the tourney. Jerry Little (115), John McNulty (135), and Bobby Fleck (141) won titles for the Pioneers.

Sandusky got individual championships from Kelvin Irby (129), Terry Randelman (148), Tony Jones (170), and Henson. Jones' title was his fourth BC crown, the first time that has been accomplished. For his effort, Jones won the outstanding wrestler medal for the second straight year.

Mansfield Coach Bill Flanagan was named as the conference's "coach of the year."



ROSS'S JESSE HEIDELBURG IN ACTION

... A "cradle" helped score points against Elyria's Paul Showalter.

## Hawk sets backstroke record as tankers win first meet

Hal Hawk splashed to three wins and a new record in the backstroke as Ross won its first dual swim meet of the season 46-37 over Margareta Saturday in the Fremont Junior High natatorium.

Hawk, who was named Ross's swimmer of the week, lowered his own Ross school record of 59.9 in the backstroke three-tenths of a second to 59.6 to easily win that event.

The Ross senior also captured the individual medley in 2:14.1 and swam the backstroke leg of Ross's winning medley relay. That relay, with Hawk leading off, Kevin Casey, Brian Koenig, and Jim Albright following, posted a 1:47.2 for the top spot.

"I felt the kids swam well," Ross Coach Art Buccl offered, "even though we are sprinting them hard in practice and are half way through our tapering off period for the district meet."

In addition to triple winner Hawk, the Little Giant tankers got first place swims from Koenig in the 50-yard freestyle

sprint and again from Koenig with a 57.1 in the butterfly. Jim Albright paddled to his best time in winning the 100-yard freestyle in 56.3 and Casey led a one-two Ross sweep with a victory in the breaststroke. Tom Messina was second in that event with a 1:11.0 to Casey's 1:09.4.

Following is the wrapup of the events:

**MEDLEY RELAY:** Ross (Hawk, Casey, Koenig, Albright) 1:47.2; Margareta (Claes, Salmon, Miller, Shupp) 1:58.9.  
**50-YARD FREE:** Rathburn (M) 53.8; Porczak (R) 53.4; Ackerman (R) 53.8.  
**INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY:** Hawk

(R) 2:14.8; Casey (R) 2:22.9; Miller (M) 2:23.1.  
**50-YARD FREE:** Koenig (R) 54.4; Shupp (M) 56.0; Sanders (M) 58.8.  
**DIVING:** Kark (M); Dewey (M), Gottroen (R).  
**BUTTERFLY:** Koenig (R) 57.4; Miller (M) 1:06.4; McKelrick (R) 1:16.7.  
**100-YARD FREE:** Albright (R) 56.3; Sanders (M) 57.8; Pollman (M) 1:01.1.  
**500-YARD FREE:** Rathburn (M) 5:37.1; Porczak (R) 5:36.1; Dewey (M) 5:56.6.  
**BACKSTROKE:** Hawk (R) 59.6; Claes (M) 1:09.8; Hetrick (R) 1:11.2.  
**BREASTSTROKE:** Casey (R) 1:09.4; Messina (R) 1:11.0; Salmon (M) 1:11.5.  
**FREE-STYLE RELAY:** Margareta (Shupp, Sanders, Rathburn, Salmon) 2:51.2; Ross (Albright, Hetrick, Ackerman, Porczak) 2:57.1.

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