

1990 Buckeye Central Conference...

Little Giants shoot for Lancaster

Ross heads for BCC quadrangular

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This is the time of the year Al Voggenthaler becomes blind.

He doesn't lose sight; just the ability to fathom what he will see in the Buckeye Central Conference Wrestling Tournament.

"Tournament" when used to describe the BCC clash is misleading. It is described that way only in conference by-laws.

It's a quadrangular in straight wrestling jargon.

Ross will join its other northern BCC counterpart, Findlay, and southern BCC tier teams Lancaster and Newark Saturday at Lancaster High School to settle who the mat king of the five-team BCC will be. Only Zanesville, without a team, will miss the 1 p.m. party.

And Voggenthaler is walking into in sightless.

"I don't have any direct comparison at all," the Ross wrestling coach said when asked about the southern tier teams. "I am kind of going to the tournament blind because we don't run up against that part of the state at all."

Voggenthaler does know one thing.

"Lancaster is the team to beat for us," he said. "They have geared their season toward winning it."

That last claim, a coach's hype job on his own team?

"No," Voggenthaler said, "that is what their coach (Tom McCurdy) said his team has been doing all season. He has been quoted in the paper as saying that."

So what does the "blind" Little Giants leader know about the team he considers his squad's primary challenge in winning a second BCC title?

"I know they are pretty decent all the way through," he said.



MEMBERS of the Fremont Ross wrestling team are left to right, front row: Ryan Riedmaier, Mat Kanan, Dave Alejandro, Jon Alejandro, Dave Boda, Jim Temple and John Harvey; second row: Dan Lopez, Philip Missig, Ryan Flores (no longer with team), Troy Ritzman (no longer with team), Andy Reardon, Brian Palomo and Bill Pickard; third row: Matt Haynes (no longer with team), Colby Camarata, LaMar Shepard, Terry Carter, Charles

Chapman, Scott Mezinger, Rodney Pettiford, Daniel Costilla, Robby Vargo and coach Al Voggenthaler; back row: Carl Cohen, manager, Fred Schnee, Matt Hull, Rob LeMay, Chad Green, Brian Moreno, Shane Durbin, Chuck Martin, Richard Weitlin and assistant coach Grover Dowell. Missing from the photo is assistant coach Rick Boggs. The Little Giants will compete in the Buckeye Central Conference meet Saturday at Lancaster.

"They match up pretty well with us."

Lancaster has two BCC champs back, one, Greg Wolf, has two titles under his belt, winning at 119 and 125. Wolf will run into Ross's lone returning champ, Brian Palomo in the 130-pound division.

The other Lancaster BCC champ is Rudy Touvell, 171. Touvell defeated the Little Giants' Terry Carter to win the 160-pound division title last year. Carter is back at the same weight for Ross.

Ross is 9-1 in dual meets, losing its first of the season at Sandusky Wednesday.

"We did not get a lot of injuries at Sandusky," Voggenthaler said, "just some hurt feelings."

The remainder of the Ross lineup, Voggenthaler said, consists of Dave Boda (103), Dave Alejandro (112), John Lugar (119), Jon Alejandro (125), Colby Camarata (135), Dan Lopez (140), Phil Missig (145), Scott Mezinger (171), Brian Moreno (189) and Chad Green at heavyweight. Lugar may be questionable after missing two days of school because of illness.

Voggenthaler said freshman Chuck Martin will get his first varsity action at 152.

"He was pinned at Sandusky (in a junior varsity match)," Voggenthaler said, "but he was ahead on points and wrestling well, but he got caught."

BCC Individual champions will be determined by overall record.

In case of a tie, it will be broken by (1) head-to-head competition, (2) total team points or, (3) number of pins and technical falls. After that, it is a tie.

The team champ is determined the same way with the ties broken much the same way according to Voggenthaler.

Ross won the title two years ago but finished second to Findlay last season. Findlay will be the Little Giants' first opponent Saturday with Newark next. Lancaster and Ross square off in the final dual meet in what Voggenthaler hopes is the title match.

"We just have to go and put on our best uniforms," he said.

That, and more importantly, wrestle.

Carter powers Ross

News-Messenger reports

LANCASTER — Fremont Ross won the Buckeye Central Conference wrestling championship Saturday by defeating Lancaster 38-27 —the Little Giants' third win in as many dual matches.

Terry Carter, the meet's outstanding wrestler according to a vote of coaches, was one of six Ross individual champions. Carter earned three pins while wrestling just two minutes and 39 seconds.

Other undefeated Ross champions are Dave Boda at 103 pounds, Dan Lopez at 140, Brian Moreno at 189 and heavyweight Chad Green.

Boda recorded two pins and won a third match by forfeit, Lopez won twice by decision and once by pin, Moreno posted a pin, a decision and also won once by forfeit while Green pinned all three of his opponents.

Scott Mezinger, Ross's 171-pounder, was crowned champion with a 2-1 record.

Mezinger pinned Josh Miller of Findlay, and Randy Touvell of Lancaster but lost to Shawn

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Carr of Newark. Mezinger, Touvell and Carr all finished 2-1, but Mezinger won the title because he earned more team points with his two pins.

Dave Alejandro (112), Ryan Riedmaier (119), Brian Palomo

(130), Phil Missig (145) and Chuck Martin (152) were runners-up for Ross.

The Little Giants, 12-1 in dual matches this season, unseated Findlay as BCC champion by knocking off the Trojans 58-10, Ross beat Newark 53-11.

In other team matches, Lancaster beat Newark 56-5 and Findlay 58-9 and Findlay defeated Newark 40-27.