

1984 Season Review...

White on top in Ross meet

The White edged the Purple 36-34 in the annual Purple-White Meet at Ross High School Friday.

The meet, an intra-squad affair, kicks off the wrestling season for the Little Giants.

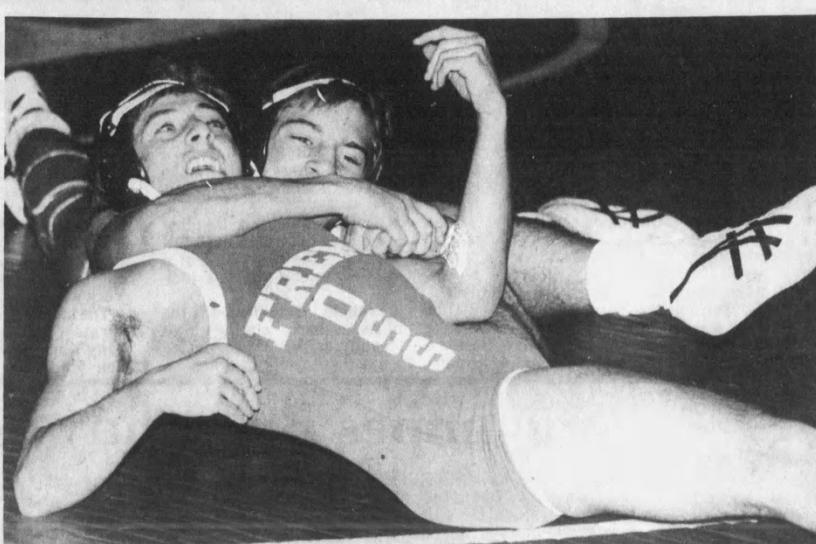
The format is made up of matches set up by Coach Al Voggenthaler and assistant Rick Boggs. Several matches in the same weight classes were staged because of the intra-squad format.

For the Purple, Todd Brooks, Lino Garcia, Jesse Sepeda, Kit Sultz and Todd Beatty had pins for the Purple squad. Pins for the White were turned in by Don Root, Gary Flores and Craig Stull.

Ross will jump into the "real" season next weekend, traveling to Toledo to participate in the Rogers Holiday Invitational Tournament.

The two-day tourney begins at 4 p.m., Friday with two rounds in the winners bracket and one round in the losers bracket that night. Saturday, wrestling begins at noon with the semifinals. The finals will be at 7 p.m., Saturday evening.

Grade troubles



MIKE MEZINGER, back, applies pressure to a "cradle" hold he has on Ross High School wrestling team-

mate Melvin Clark during the Purple-White intra-squad meet Friday. Mezinger defeated Clark 11-0.

Scoreboard

Wrestling

White 36

Purple 34

Results of matches in the annual Ross High School Purple-White Meet (intra-squad):

105-Charlie Hicks (W) d. Chris Vaffis 12-4.

105-Todd Brooks (P) p. Dave Rodriguez, 2:15.

112-Don Root (W) p. Chin Trahn, 1:59.

126-Lino Garcia (P) p. Scott Neill, 1:55.

112-Mike Mezinger (W) d. Melvin Clark 11-0.

119-Gary Flores (W) p. Todd Scherer, 1:05.

126-Craig Stull (W) p. Steve Esker, 2:48.

132-Jesse Sepeda (P) p. Scott Esker, 1:41.

138-Dave Middleton (W) d. Rick Snyder 10-7.

145-Rick Garza (P) d. Rick Leasock 9-0.

145-Mike Palomo (W) d. John Lozano 8-5.

145-Brian Edmonds (W) d. Bill Hooks 14-8.

155-Kit Sultz (P) p. Steve Meyer, 3:22.

167-Todd Beatty (P) p. George Weisinger, 2:28.

Little Giant wrestlers at Rogers

Al Voggenthaler minces few words when talking about his Ross wrestling team's first outing this season.

"I'd say I honestly don't know what or how well we are going to do," he admitted. "We have a lot of kids, seven, who will be competing in their first varsity matches."

The Little Giants will be in the two-day, 16-team Rogers Holiday Invitational Wrestling Tournament at Toledo Rogers High School.

Wrestling begins at 4 p.m. Friday with the first two rounds of the winners bracket and the first round of the losers brackets being wrestled. Saturday, the

championship semifinals begin at noon with the finals slated to begin at 7 p.m.

Voggenthaler said that he rates host Rogers as having the best shot at winning the tournament crown.

"They have most of the 13 kids that went to the district meet last

year back this season," the Ross coach said.

The Little Giants have one defending champion—Mike Mezinger—returning but instead of defending his 105-pound crown won as a sophomore, the Ross junior has stepped up to the 112-pound weight division.

"He will probably meet the defending champ in that division," Voggenthaler pointed out about Mezinger's tournament trail.

After the Rogers test, the Little Giants will travel to Oregon to wrestle Clay on Dec. 22 and then be idle until hosting its Fremont Tournament on Jan 7.—BOB MARKER



Mezinger lone Little Giant in semis

TOLEDO—Mike Mezinger is the lone Fremont Ross wrestler remaining in the championship round of the Rogers Holiday Invitational-Wrestling Tournament.

Mezinger, a junior, won the 105-pound division crown in last year's tournament but is wrestling in the 112-pound division in this tourney.

Seeded second in the division, Mezinger had a pair of pins on the first night. He stopped Josh Franklin of Marion Harding in three minutes and 17 seconds in his first match and came back in the second round to pin Dave

Weber of Maumee in 2:21.

In today's semifinal round, Mezinger will take on third seeded Duane Piper of Ottawa-Glandorf.

The team leader in the 16-team field is host Rogers with 100½ points. Wauseon is second with 786 while Springfield is third with 64½, Anthony Wayne is fourth at 62½ while Toledo Maconber is fifth with 47.

The second five, in order, are Oregon Clay, Maumee, Tiffin Columbian, Lima Shawnee and Findlay. Ottawa-Glandorf, Whitmer, Ross(25), Toledo Scott, Marion Harding and Eastwood

round out the standings.

Ross lost two wrestlers in the competition but have competitors in the consolation rounds at 105 (Charlie Hicks), Mel Clark (119), Dave Middleton (132), John Lozano (138), Kit Sultz (155), George Weisinger (167), Todd Beatty (175), Matt Smith (185) and Andy Chambers (HVY).

Ross Coach Al Voggenthaler pointed out that his young team ran into several top seeded wrestlers in the preliminary rounds.

Wrestling begins at noon today with the finals at 7 p.m.

Youthful Ross wrestling team does 'all right'

TOLEDO—Ross did not have a champion but wrestling Coach Al Voggenthaler was smiling.

The young and inexperienced Little Giants finished 13th with 61 points in the 16-team Rogers Holiday Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

Host Rogers won with Wauseon finishing second.

"I told the kids that I did not expect to go up there and win it or even come close," Voggenthaler said, "but for what we got out of the tournament, we did all right."

"The kids did a very respectable job," the Ross coach concluded.

Voggenthaler put seven wrestlers who had no varsity experience on the mat.

Mike Mezinger, the 105-pound champ in the tournament as a sophomore last season, finished third in the tough 112-pound division. Mezinger, seeded second, lost to Duane Piper of Ottawa-Glandorf 8-2 in the semifinals but came back to topple Greg Bish of Tiffin Columbian 5-2 in the consolation finals for third.

Piper went on to defeat top-seeded Chris Menchaca of Wauseon 13-9 in the finals.

"Mike got caught in a five-point move in the first period," Voggenthaler explained, "and got caught later in the match. Piper, though, is probably the best physical specimen I have ever seen in the 112-pound division. He was very, very strong."

Matt Smith, junior, was a pleasant surprise for Voggenthaler. Smith won the trophy for the most pins, four, in the least amount of time, seven minutes, while finishing third in the 185-pound division.

Smith pinned Don Burnett of Toledo Macomber in 1:45 in the consolation finals.

Todd Beatty, also a junior, was fifth in the 175-pound division for Ross. He pinned Rich Russell of Tiffin Columbian in 50 seconds in his match for fifth spot.

Ironically, Voggenthaler pointed out, Beatty was 3-2 in the tournament which gives him one more win than he had last season.

The next outing for Ross will be at Oregon Clay Dec. 27. The matches begin at 6:15 p.m.

Clay match did not happen...

Ross hosts 11th Mal Mackey wrestling tourney Saturday

By BOB MARKER

News-Messenger Sports Editor
St. Francis and St. John's will slug it out for the championship and Ross will be "pleased to get whatever we can out of this," Al Voggenthaler said three days before the 11th Mal Mackey Memorial Varsity Wrestling Tournament at Ross High School.

The tournament begins at 11 a.m. Saturday and will conclude with the finals at 7 p.m.

Eight teams make up the field including defending champ Rossford and runnerup St. Francis, after winning the previous season, but losing in the final matches (heavyweight) of the 1983 tournament. Host Ross was third.

This year, Ross will enter a team that could have six sophomores and five juniors in its lineup.

"They say you win with your

seniors and we don't have too many of them," Voggenthaler said while attempting to smile.

Taking a look at the tournament, the Ross wrestling coach said, "I rate St. Francis and St. John about equal. St. John just beat St. Francis in the Tiffin tournament.

"They are both well balanced with both having quite a group of kids with a lot of experience."

Joining those four teams will be Huron, Sylvania Southview, Bowsher and Vermilion.

Voggenthaler's team will be taking the mat for only the second time, having competed in the Rogers Tournament before Christmas and having a meet at Oregon Clay postponed because of inclement weather.

"We have not had enough time on the mat," Voggenthaler said, "and that will work against us because we are young. Also, this is the first home meet.

"I'll be pleased to get

whatever we can out of this."

The 112-pound class is expected to be the class of the 13 divisions. Brian Shire (third at 105 in the state) of St. Francis, Jim Klostermeir (fifth in the state at 105) of St. John's, 1983 tournament 98-pound champ Matt McCumber of Rossford, defending division champ Carl Schnorf of Southview and Mike Mezinger of Ross (third in the district at 105) are expected to be in the division.

Taking the mat for Ross will be sophomores Chris Vaffis (98), Charlie Hicks (105), John Lozano (138), Steve Meyer (155) and George Weissinger (167), juniors Mezinger (112), Dave Middleton (126), Todd Beatty (175), Matt Smith (185) and Andy Chambers (Heavyweight). At 132 will be either senior Mike Palomo or sophomore Rick Snyder. The seniors are Mel Clark (119) and Kit Sultz (145).



Ross captains

Kit Sultz, top, and Mike Mezinger, bottom, have been elected co-captains for the Ross High School wrestling team Coach Al Voggenthaler announced. Sultz is a senior and Mezinger a junior. Saturday, the team will host the 11th Mal Mackey Memorial Varsity Wrestling Tournament at Ross High School. The first round begins at 11 a.m. with the finals beginning at 7 p.m.



Ross is fourth

St. John's wins Mackey crown



(N-M photos by Bob Marker)

TODD BEATTY of Ross reaches back to grab the head of 175-pound opponent John Ustaszewski of Toledo St. John's during the Saturday night finals of

By BOB MARKER
News-Messenger Sports Editor

Toledo St. John's finished first, St. Francis second but for Ross Coach Al Voggenthaler, there was nothing but smiles after the finish of the Mal Mackey Memorial Varsity Wrestling Tournament at Ross High School Saturday.

St. John's claimed four individual titles and 162 points to easily outpoint St. Francis with 138½. Vermilion was third with 108 points and Ross finished a surprising fourth with 103½ points.

"I'm happy with it," smiled Voggenthaler with a voice that was hoarse from the day's activities. "I did not think we could finish this high; I really did not have an idea of where we would finish."

The Little Giants entered the tournament with a lineup that had only two seniors in the 13 individual

the Mal Mackey Memorial Varsity Wrestling Tournament at Ross High School. The Ross junior finished second in the weight class.

divisions.

The Little Giants did not have a division champ but had three runnersup, two thirds and three fourths. Mike Mezinger, 112, Kit Sultz, 145, and Todd Beatty, 175, were the second place finishers with John Lozano and Matt Smith finishing third.

Smith won the tournament's award for the most pins in the least amount of time. The Ross sophomore needed four minutes and 30 seconds to register three pins. It was the second such award for the Little Giant.

"That's not too bad," Voggenthaler grinned. "he's (Smith) been in two tournaments and won the pinning trophy in each one."

Taking fourth for the Little Giants were Chris Vaffis, 98, and Mel Clark, 119.

Tony Beier, 155, paced St. John's win in the tour-

nament named in honor of the man who began the wrestling program at Ross, by winning the "most valuable wrestler" award. Beier, a sophomore and the son of St. Joe graduate Fred Beier, defeated Ted Babson of Vermilion 10-9 in the finals. The win attired for a one-point loss by Beier to Babson in the district tournament last season.

Other division winners for the Titans included Tim Klostermeier, 103, a fifth place finisher in the state tournament last season, John Ustaszewski, 175, and Dave Andrus, 185.

Tournament runnerup St. Francis had champions in Andy Wilson, 98, Brian Shire, third at 105 in the state tournament last season at 119, Jeff Hoefflin, 167, and Chris D'Esposito, heavyweight.

Other titles went to Mark McCumber, last year's tournament 105-pound champ, at 112, Tom Foos, 126, of Huron, Mark Boston of Bowsher, 132, Darin Hook of Vermilion, 138, and Scott Simpson of Sylvania Southview, 145.

McCumber defeated Mezinger 4-2 in the finals to claim his second Mackey crown. Sultz, who suffered a dislocated shoulder in the process, was pinned by Simpson in 1:05, while Beatty lost 10-0 to Ustaszewski.

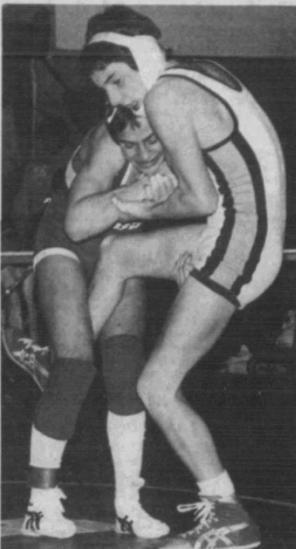
"I was pleased with out younger wrestlers," Voggenthaler praised. "John Lozano and Beatty plus Sultz. Both Beatty (junior) and Sultz beat number one seeded wrestlers. The rest of the kids wrestled very well for only the second time on the mat."

Beatty, after getting a bye in the first round, stopped top-seeded Tony Pilchinski of Rossford, 7-1 in the semifinals. Sultz pinned first seed Tom Pigott of St. Francis in 1:10 in his semifinal clash.

Beatty, who had been pinned by the dislocated Hook in 1:49 in the first round, had two pins in the consolation wrestling. In the consolation finals, the Ross sophomore pinned Kelly Mayhugh in 2:38.

Ross, which was on the mat for only the second time this season, will travel to Cincinnati Friday and Saturday to compete in the 16-team St. Xavier Tournament.

Rounding out the bottom four in tourney were Huron, Sylvania Southview, defending champion Rossford and Toledo Bowsher.



MIKE MEZINGER, 112-pounder for the Little Giants, lifts up on the leg of Rossford's Matt McCumber. Mezinger, a junior, lost a close decision to the 1983 Mackey 105-pound champion.

Raiders roll over Seattle

Wrestling

Mal Mackey Tournament

St. John's	162	Huron	88
St. Francis	138½	Southview	73
Vermilion	108	Rossford	56
Ross	103½	Bowsher	52½

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

98-Andy Wilson (SF) d. Rob Mouch (SJ) 9-1.
105-Tim Klostermeier (SJ) p. Augie Graziano (V) 5:38.
112-Matt McCumber (Rfd) d. Mike Mezinger (Ross) 4-2.
119-Brian Shire (SF) d. Carl Schnorf (S) 3-2.
126-Tom Foos (H) d. Jeff Banasiak (SF) 6-5.
132-Mark Boston (B) d. Mike Majoy (H) 15-1.
138-Darin Hook (V) d. Mike Perdue (H) 21-9.
145-Scott Simpson (S) p. Chris Sultz (Ross) 1:05.
155-Tony Beier (SJ) d. Ed Bason (V) 10-9.
167-Jeff Hoefflin (SF) d. Brett Blodgett (H) 14-4.
175-John Ustaszewski (SJ) d. Todd Beatty (Ross) 10-0.
185-Dave Andrus (SJ) d. Ron Recknagel (Rfd) 14-6.
HVY-Chris D'Esposito (SF) d. Tim Anderson (SJ) 9-4.

CONSOLATION FINALS (third place)

98-Brad Seekins (V) d. Chris Vaffis (Ross) 8-0.
105-Rick York (B) d. Jim Bernacchi (S) 4-0.
112-Sam Russen (S) d. Tom Brady (SJ) 8-4.
119-Dan Knauer (SJ) p. Mel Clark (Ross) 2:44.
126-Chuck Stoll (V) d. Marc Bowen (S) 8-4.
132-Pat McNamara (Sf) d. Tod Carrozzi (SJ) 8-2.
138-John Lozano (Ross) p. Kelly Mayhugh (S) 2:38.
145-Bob Wanucha (SJ) d. Tom Pigott (SF) 7-3.
155-Tod Smith (B) d. Mark Fantozzi (H) 4-1.
167-Kris Bachman (V) p. Chris Herr (SJ) 2:10.
175-Tony Plichinski (Rfd) d. Dan Shanahan (SF) 7-1.
185-Matt Smith (Ross) p. Matt Solberg (H) 0:58.
HVY-Jack Friel (V) d. Andy Chambers (Ross) 9-5.

Matt Smith still alive

CINCINNATI — Matt Smith is the lone Ross wrestler still alive for a championship title at the 14-team Cincinnati St. Xavier Wrestling Classic.

Smith, at 185, drew a bye in the first round and then defeated Mark Lehman of Vandalia Butler 4-0 Friday to advance to today's semifinal round.

As a team, the Little Giants stand 10th with 28 points. The host St. Xavier team leads the tourney with 67 points, followed by Cleveland St. Joseph and Xenia, each with 56 points.

Ross has five other wrestlers still alive in the consolation bracket. They are Mike Mezinger (112), Dave Middleton (126), Kit Sultz (155), Todd Beatty (175) and Andy Chambers (HVY).

Ross wrestlers 13th of 14

CINCINNATI — The Ross wrestling team finished 13th out of 14 teams in the Cincinnati St. Xavier Classic here this weekend, but Coach Al Voggenthaler "came back with a positive feeling."

The Little Giant mentor said, "The kids did a good job. There were four or five of them who lost to either the champion or a place-winner. Technically speaking, the kids worked well and moved well."

No Ross wrestler placed in the top four of any weight category, but Mike Mezinger (112), Todd Beatty (175) and Matt Smith (185) came the closest and would have been wrestling for fifth place had there been such a match.

Cleveland St. Ignatius won the rugged meet with 150 points, nosing out runnerup Cleveland St. Joseph by two points. Ross scored 31 points.

Ross drops two

Ross suffered a double loss Saturday in high school wrestling but neither Lima Shawnee or Findlay ran away from the Little Giants.

Findlay topped Ross 39-27 and Shawnee won 38-27 in matches that were not decided until the final match.

In the other meet in the triangular at Ross, Shawnee defeated Findlay 36-27.

Kit Sultz, 155, topped Ross's effort, coming up with a pair falls in one minute and 28 seconds. The Ross senior pinned Rick Warner of Findlay in 57 seconds and came

back to hand Shawnee's Ron Tousley the same fate in 31 seconds.

Todd Beatty, 175, also had a pair of pins for Ross. He stopped Findlay's Jim Shafer in 17 seconds and polished off Mike Hiler of Shawnee at the 3:19 mark.

Other double winners for the Little Giants included Mike Mezinger (112) with a 15-4 decision over Bob Kunkle of Findlay and a fall in 3:54 on Tom Homewood of Shawnee. Sophomore Matt Smith picked up a pair of wins with a 12-0 decision over Ed Flores of Findlay in the 185-pound division and a pin in 2:29 over Dave Staley of Shawnee.



Findlay 39, Ross 27

MATCHES

98-Mike Daniels (F) d. Chris Vaffis 8-6; 105-Scott Frisbie (F) d. Charles Hicks 7-5; 112-Mike Mezinger (R) d. Bob Kunkle 15-4; 119-Elmann Cabotage (F) p. Melvin Clark 3:44; 126-Dave Moneer (F) won by forfeit; 132-Bill Mullen (F) p. Mike Palomo 2:46;

138-Sam Dunn (F) p. John Lozano 4:45; 145-Tim Imber (F) d. Rick Snyder 13-7; 155-Kit Sultz (R) p. Rick Warner 0:57; 167-George Weissinger (R) p. Dave Hannah 1:35; 175-Todd Beatty (R) p. Jim Shafer 0:17; 185-Matt Smith (R) d. Ed Flores 12-0; HVY-Jeff Johnston (F) p. Andy Chambers 5:03.

Shawnee 38, Ross 27

MATCHES

98-Bryan Bellows (S) p. Vaffis 0:20; 105-Chris Scurlock (S) d. Hicks 4-1; 112-Mezinger (R) p. Tom Homewood 3:54; 119-Clark (R) d. Jim Kline 8-1; 126-Shawn Bellows (S) d. Dave Middleton 9-7; 132-Brad Clark (S) p. Palomo 5:45;

138-Nick Kellis (S) d. Lozano 7-2; 145-Mike Kendig (S) d. Snyder 19-2; 155-Sultz (R) p. Ron Tousley 0:31; 167-Jim Shafer (S) p. Weissinger 2:41; 175-Beatty (R) p. Mike Hiler 3:19; 185-Smith (R) p. Dave Staley 2:29; HVY-Jay Huber (S) p. Chambers 3:24.

Other match: Shawnee 36, Findlay 27.

Two bright spots in twin Ross losses

LORAIN — Two individual performances helped offset the sting of a double defeat for the Fremont Ross wrestling team Saturday in a triangular at Lorain Senior High School.

The Little Giants were defeated by the Steelmen 48-20 and Sandusky 36-31.

"It went the way it has been going," Ross Coach Al Voggenthaler said, "but Mike Mezinger and Charlie Hicks looked sharp."

Mezinger has been in the doldrums lately," the Ross coach continued, "but the way he looked this time is encouraging."

The Ross junior 112-pounder stopped Danny Irby of Sandusky 10-2 and flattened Andre Ramos of Lorain 20-1.

Hicks, sophomore 105-pounder, won an 8-2 decision over Mike Rodriguez of Lorain and pinned Chuck Doud of Sandusky in one minute and seven seconds.

"Those two were the highlights of the meet for us," Voggenthaler said.

Todd Beatty and Matt Smith were credited with two victories for the Little Giants but both had a forfeit in that record. Beatty, 175, pinned Tom Pruitt of Lorain in a minute and one-half while Smith was two seconds faster in pinning Gary Dye of Sandusky in a 185-pound match.

Voggenthaler had three changes in his regular lineup and although none of the changes produced a win in the triangular, he was pleased with the wrestling of Rick Leasock at 145.

"He got pinned twice," the Ross boss said, "but that happened late in the matches. Despite that, he did a respectable job for us."

The triangular was a tuneup for Saturday's Buckeye Conference Tournament at Elyria.

Sandusky 36

Ross 31

Matches

98-Danny Steele (S) p. Chris Vaffis 3:11.

105-Charlie Hicks (R) p. Chuck Doud 1:07.

112-Mike Mezinger (R) d. Danny Irby 10-2.

119-Leon Cooley (S) d. Mel Clark 5-0.

126-Troy Randleman (S) p. Gary Flores 1:58.

132-Brett Farris (S) d. Mike Palomo 12-6.

138-Dion Dorr (S) p. Rick Snyder 2:31.

145-Bill Smith (S) p. Rick Leasock 5:09.

155-Kit Sultz (R) p. Tony Sargent 1:34.

167-Darrin Garrett (S) p. George Weissinger 5:54.

175-Todd Beatty (R) won by forfeit.

185-Matt Smith (R) p. Gary Dye 1:28.

HVY-Andy Chambers (R) d. Jeff White 6-5.

Lorain 48

Ross 20

Matches

98-Mark Ambrosio (L) p. Vaffis 3:27.

105-Hicks (R) d. Mike Rodriguez 8-2.

112-Mezinger (R) d. Andre Ramos 20-1.

119-Ron Hreha (L) d. Clark 16-2.

126-Gerald Lauretti (L) p. Flores 1:17.

132-Ron Beal (L) p. Palomo 1:57.

138-Cevin Bryant (L) d. Rick Snyder 9-2.

145-Nelson Dunfee (L) p. Leasock 5:44.

155-Mike Repko (L) d. Sultz 13-2.

167-Scott Bryant (L) p. Weissinger 5:46.

175-Beatty (R) p. Tom Pruitt (L) 1:30.

185-Smith (R) won by forfeit.

HVY-Mac Young (L) p. Chambers 0:56.

Ross grapplers edged

OREGON — The Ross wrestling team, using a jumbled lineup due to injuries and illnesses, suffered a 34-30 setback to Oregon Clay in dual meet action here Wednesday.

In one other area dual meet, Clyde walloped Tiffin Calvert 51-9.

At Oregon, the Little Giants had a 30-23 lead heading into the final two matches of the night, but 185-pounder Matt Smith lost a superior decision and heavyweight Andy Chambers was pinned.

Ross had built its lead on the strength of pins from Todd Brooks at 112, Mel Clark at 119 and Todd Beatty at 175, decisions by Rick Leasock at 145 and Kit Sultz at 155 and a forfeit victory by Chris Vaffis at 98.

Ross coach Al Voggenthaler said he had six weight classes filled by non-regulars. Two of his top team members — Mike Mezinger and John Lozano — are out with a viral infection and broken ribs, respectively.

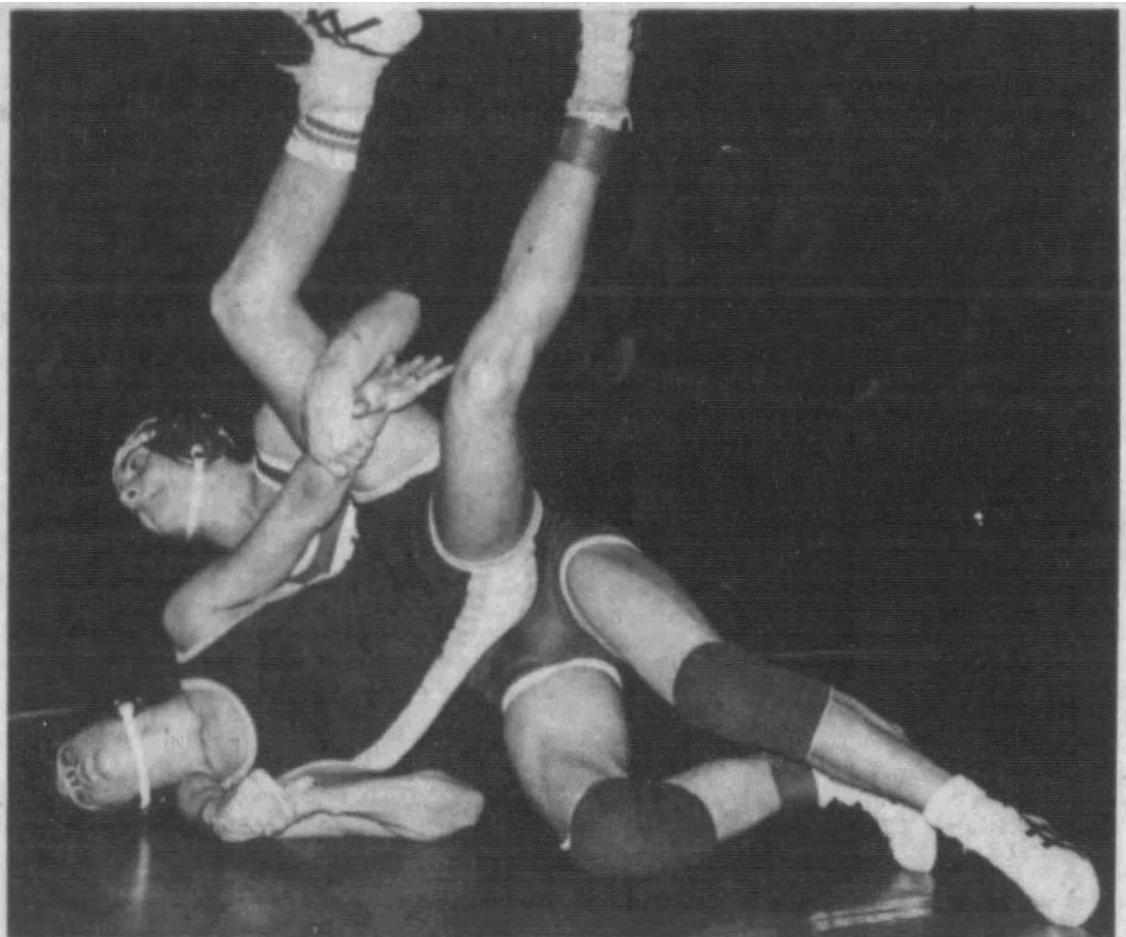
The Little Giants host a pair of Toledo schools, Whitmer and St. Francis, this Saturday at 1 p.m. on Parents' Day. The JV match with Whitmer will start at 11:30 a.m.

At Tiffin, Clyde lost only two matches to whitewash the Senecas.

Leading the Fliers to victory was a host of wrestlers, including Shawn Faulkner (98), Jeff Taylor (119), Eric Allen (138) and Tom Albright (185), all of whom won by pins.

Decision winners for Clyde were Mark Maines (132), Morgan Stanley (145), Randy Miller (167) and Terry Warwick (175).

Steve Thurn (105) and Brian Salyer (112) won by forfeit.



(N-M photo by Bob Marker)

DAVE MIDDLETON (behind) of Ross takes control of Ron Vigh of Toledo

Whitmer during action Saturday afternoon at Ross.

St. Francis matmen win 2

Toledo St. Francis won both of its matches handily in a high school triangular wrestling meet at Ross High School Saturday afternoon.

The Knights knocked off host Ross 50-11 and Whitmer 41-18. In the other match, Ross fell to Whitmer 40-20.

Heavyweight Chris D'Esposito paced the Knight's victories with a pair of pins. The St. Francis senior pinned Andy Chambers of Ross in 44 seconds and Tim Gill of Whitmer in 2:56.

Ross got double wins from 175-pounder Todd Beatty and 185-pounder Matt Smith. Beatty pinned John Stahl of Whitmer in 1:59 and

won a 5-0 decision over Dan Shanahan of St. Francis. Smith, a sophomore, pinned John Moltor of Whitmer in 1:27 and defeated St. Francis Tim Batanian 14-4.

The Little Giants were hampered by sickness and injuries with regulars Mike Mezinger and Charles Hicks on the sidelines. Mezinger, the Buckeye Conference 112-pound champ, is recovering from a viral infection while Hicks has a knee injury.

Also out of the Ross lineup was 132-pounder Mike Palomo because of leg injury.

Bender captures four Ross awards

Greg Bender took home four individual trophies to highlight the Ross Winter Sports Award Program Tuesday in the high school cafeteria.

Bender, a junior and the Ross boys basketball team leader in scoring (20.1), rebounding (nine per game) and free throw shooting (81 percent), also was presented with a captain's trophy. He shared the captain's duties with senior Jim Hufford.

Besides Bender, Katie Marritt, Mike Mezinger and Chris Black won most valuable honors for their respective sports.

Boys basketball Coach John Sawyer, in addition to the awards won by Bender, presented the most valuable junior varsity player award to junior Chuck Mamula. The most improved honor went to sophomore Dave Kovaleski and junior Chris Simmons won the best defensive player honor.

Marritt won the MVP trophy for the girls team. Coach Sue Wolf also presented Marritt, a three-year starter, with the best defensive player and captain trophies. The MVP for the junior varsity went to Chris Yeager, a sophomore.

Tina Michael, senior, took home two girls awards, winning the best foul shooter (70 percent) and rebounding leader trophies to go along with a captain's trophy. The most improved honor went to sophomore Shelly Leggett.

Chris Black, a state placer in the individual medley (sixth) and the 100-yard freestyle (eighth), was named the most valuable swimmer. Coach Art Bucci also presented Black and Mark Lowther, both seniors, with the Coaches' Award. The same two received trophies for serving as co-captains.

The most improved swimmers were Tom McDonald and Bill Taylor.

Bucci also announced the co-captains for the 1984-85 season, Tracy Turner and Mike Robinette who will be seniors.

Junior Mike Mezinger won the MVP for Coach Al Voggenthaler's wrestling team. He also won the award for the most takedowns and a captain's trophy. Senior Kit Sultz also received a captain's award. Voggenthaler also announced that Sultz had been named to the northwest Ohio academic team by the Coaches Association.

The most improved wrestler award went to junior Todd Beatty while sophomore Matt Smith won the most pins honor. Beatty won 16 matches this season after winning only two as a sophomore.

The Coaches' Award went to sophomore Rick Snyder.

The varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders were also honored at the program.

Following are the letter winners:

BASKETBALL

Girls: first year, Michel Blue, Diane Harms, Leggett and Denise Wilkins; second year, Sue Gahn and Lisa Luman; third year, Marritt and Michael.

Boys: first year, Kovaleski, Shawn McCarthy, Jeff Nossaman and Ryan Smith; second year, Bender, Dan Brudzinski, Hufford, Mark Miesle and Simmons.

WRESTLING

First year: Andy Chambers, Charles Hicks, John Lozano, Mike Palomo, Matt Smith, Rick Snyder, Chris Vaffis, George Weissinger and Bob Flahiff (manager/trainer).

Second year: Beatty, Mezinger, Dave Middleton, Sultz and Chris Hull (statistician).

Third year: Melvin Clark.

SWIMMING

First year: Jim Boggis, Teresa Glore, Nathan Greene, Jon LaGrou, Tom McDonald, Brian Mowry, Paul Ochs, Julie Randolph, Andy Scott, Taylor and Todd Turner.

Second year: Dean Beck, Mike Robinette, Kelly Sabiers, Lori Smith, Tracy Turner and Heather Winning.

Third year: Black, Lowther and Troy Overmyer.

CHEERLEADERS

First year: Brenda Brown, Tammy Marinis, Lori Mooney and Monna Rodriguez.

Second year: Lesley Brooks, Colleen Gibbs, Sharon Schneider and Susan Stotz.



GIRLS SPECIAL award winners were, front row, left to right, Katie Marritt and Tina Michael and back row, Shelly Leggett and Chris Yeager.



SPECIAL AWARD winners for the boys were, front row, left to right, Tom McDonald, Rick Snyder, Mike Mezinger, Bill Taylor, Mark Lowther and Kit Sultz; back row, from left to right, Chris Black, Todd Beatty, Dave Kovaleski, Greg Bender, Chris Simmons, Chuck Mamula and Matt Smith.

