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Area high school teams involved in district wrestling tournaments

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High school district wrestling tournaments begin this Friday and area teams will be scattered over four district meets.

Ross and Port Clinton will be at the Findlay College Class AAA district, along with Ashland, Bowling Green, Celina, Defiance, Elida, Findlay, Galion, Lima Senior, Lima Shawnee, Mansfield Madison, Mansfield Senior, Sandusky, Shelby, Tiffin Columbian, Vermilion and Wapakoneta.

The meet begins Friday at 4 p.m., continues Saturday at 12 noon and concludes Saturday with the 7 p.m. finals. It will be held in Croy Gym on Main Street in Findlay.

Seeded wrestlers for Ross are Mike Mezinger (second at 119), Jim Carroll (second at 185), Matt Marinis (third at 98) and Matt Smith (fourth at heavyweight).

The top four wrestlers in each

weight class will move on to the Class AAA regional at Bowling Green.

St. Joe, Gibsonburg and Woodmore will be at the Class A district at Van Buren High School along with Arcadia, Bluffton, Columbus Grove, Liberty Benton, St. Wendelin, McComb, North Baltimore, Northwood, Ottawa Hills, Cory Rawson and Van Buren.

That meet begins Friday at 6:30 p.m., continues Saturday at 12:30 p.m., and finishes Saturday at 7 p.m.

St. Joe's seeds are Sam Hotz (first at 105), Randy Ebeling (first at 112), Tom Lupica (first at 126), Tony Lupica (first at 132) and Brian Hoffman (third at 98).

Gibsonburg's seeds are Glen Owens (first at 98), Doug Reed (third at 119), Carlos Mendoza (third at 126), Tom Goetz (third at 185), Scott Peck (fourth at 112) and Mark Younker (fourth

at 167).

Woodmore's seeds are Dean Epling (first at 132), Mike Giesler (first at 167), Andy Roe (first at 185) and Matt Damschroder (third at 138).

In Class AA action, the most area teams will be at Oak Harbor High School while Bellevue will at Norwalk Middle School.

Area teams at Oak Harbor will be Clyde, Lakota, Oak Harbor, Margaretta and Genoa. Other teams there will be Elmwood, Fostoria, Lake, Cardinal Stritch, Eastwood, Rossford, Swanton and Otsego.

The Oak Harbor district starts at 6:30 p.m., Friday, continues Saturday at 12:30 p.m., and concludes Saturday at 7 p.m.

At Norwalk Middle School, Bellevue will be joined by Clear Fork, Bucyrus, Huron, Kenton, Lexington, Edison, Riverdale, Norwalk, Ontario, Perkins, Upper Sandusky and Willard.

District wrestling

Class AAA in Findlay

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FINDLAY — Fremont Ross is in seventh place and has three wrestlers in the semifinals after the preliminary rounds of the Class AAA district tournament at Findlay College here Friday.

Galion leads the 18-team tournament with 81½ points, followed by Ashland with 64, Mansfield Madison 57, Vermilion 56½, Mansfield Senior 54½, Lima Shawnee 54 and Ross 47.

The three Ross wrestlers who have reached the championship semifinals are Matt Marinis (98), Mike Mezinger (119) and Matt Smith (heavyweight).

The tournament will resume today at 12 noon and will finish with the 7 p.m. finals.

Mezinger, Marinis capture 'AAA' wrestling crowns

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FINDLAY — Four area Class AAA wrestlers advanced to the regional meet this weekend at Bowling Green after placing in the top four at the district meet at Findlay College Saturday.

Matt Marinis, Mike Mezinger and Matt Smith of Fremont Ross along with Steve Smith of Port Clinton will be competing in the regional at Anderson Arena on the Bowling Green State University campus. Marinis and Mezinger were district champions while the Smiths brought home third places.

"It was a little disappointing," Ross Coach Al Voggenthaler said about getting only three wrestlers qualified for the district. "But if it had to be only three, those are the three I'd want."

The Ross coach said prior to the tournament that he felt that seven or eight Little Giants could reach the regional tournament but that feeling changed Friday.

"When I saw the draws on Friday," he said, "I knew we were in trouble especially since this was a single-elimination tournament."

Voggenthaler said that he thought that his wrestlers in the

145, 155, 175 and 185 divisions would qualify for the regional but that did not work out.

"They lost matches by one or two points and then would lose by a point or two or in overtime and that would knock us out of the tournament," the Ross coach pointed out about the members of his team who were hoping to get "pulled back into" the tournament during the semifinal round Saturday afternoon.

To get pulled back in, wrestlers who the Little Giants had lost to, had to win semifinal matches.

In the semis, Ross had only Marinis, Mezinger and Smith going for a spot in the finals.

Marinis, a freshman, defeated Dan Croft of Linton Shreve 2-0 in the 98-pound division championship finals. Croft had pinned top-seeded Matt Schaub of Ashland in the semifinals. Marinis, seeded third in the division, scored the only match points on a takedown in the first period.

Mezinger, a senior, and seeded second in the 119-pound division, stopped top-seeded Greg Bish of Tiffin Columbian 7-5 in the finals. He had to do that while

hampered in the late stages of the match by a bad knee.

"He re-injured it when they went off the mat with several seconds left in the match," Voggenthaler described, "so he had to protect that lead while standing on one bad knee."

"I began to see a lot of bad things in my mind before the match was over."

Smith, Ross heavyweight, lost to top-seeded Dan Cliffe of Defiance 3-0 in the semifinals. Cliffe, a 6-foot-7, 235-pound giant, went on to win the championship. He is 23-0 for the season.

Smith came back with a pin in the consolation semifinals before defeating Ozzie Williams of Mansfield 6-2 in the consolation finals for third place.

Ross also had a fifth place from 112-pounder Todd Scherer and a sixth by Dave Middleton at 138.

Steve Smith of Port Clinton defeated Thad Rosenberger of Mansfield 3-0 to take third in the 145-pound division.

Galion won the team title with

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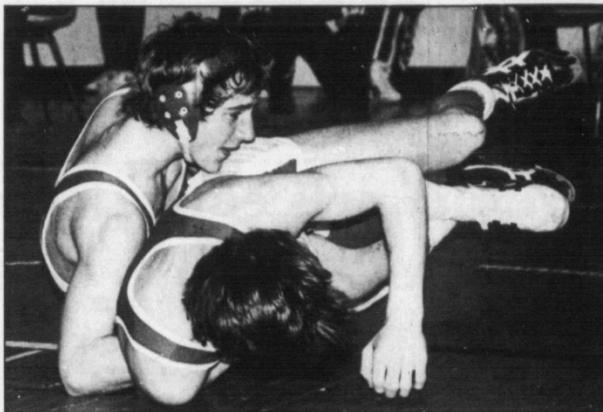
points with Ashland second

at 127

and Vermilion third with

121.

Ross was sixth with 98½ and Port Clinton finished 16th with 34 points.



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MIKE MEZINGER, left, of Fremont Ross, has control in his semifinal match against Augie Graziano of Vermilion Saturday at Findlay College's Croy Gym. Mezinger won 12-3.

Wrestling

High school

Class AAA

TEAM STANDINGS

Galion	175	Wapakonetta	76
Ashland	127	Defiance	68
Vermilion	121	Lima Senior	54
Lima Shawnee	118	Shelby	47½
Madison	99	Bowling Green	43
Ross	98½	Elida	39
Columbian	93	Port Clinton	34
Mansfield	88½	Celina	12
Sandusky	84½	Findlay	2

CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

(First and second)

98-Matt Marinis (Ross) d. Dan Croft (Lima Shawnee) 2-0.
105-Scott Kintner (Galion) p. Shannon Kurek (Madison).
112-Matt Long (Galion) d. Jim Kline (Lima Shawnee) 7-3.
119-Mike Mezinger (Ross) d. Greg Bish (Columbian) 7-5.
126-Tony Diglia (Elida) d. Jan Richardson (Columbian) 29-5.
132-Troy Randleman (Sandusky) d. Mike Longood (Mansfield) 11-3.
138-Ron Roberts (Shelby) d. Mike Kendig (Lima Shawnee) 5-0.
145-Jeff Greer (Columbian) d. Darrin Hook (Vermilion) 11-3.
155-Chris Gibson (Madison) won by default over Ryan Wood (Ashland).
167-Jim Shafer (Lima Shawnee) d. Dan Murphy (Bowling Green) 9-2.
175-Mike Law (Wapakoneta) p. Chris Barnett (Galion).
185-Eric Moore (Ashland) d. Chris Campbell (Galion) 10-4.
HVY-Dan Cliffe (Defiance) won by default over Jack Friel (Vermilion).

CONSOLATION FINALS

(Third and fourth)

98-Matt Schaub (Ashland) d. Barry Hobbs (Galion) 2-0.
105-Mike Hunter (Lima Senior) d. Chuck Doug (Sandusky) 12-10.
112-Brad Seekins (Vermilion) d. Dan Schaub (Ashland) 2-0.
119-Leon Cooley (Sandusky) d. Augie Graziano (Vermilion) 7-0.
126-Monroe Edmon (Sandusky) d. Bill Kirby (Bowling Green) 5-3.
132-Shawn Bellows (Lima Shawnee) d. Keith Kunze (Galion) 17-7.
138-Matt Denslow (Ashland) d. Dave Hook (Vermilion) 5-0.
145-Steve Smith (Port Clinton) d. Thad Rosenberger (Mansfield) 5-0.
155-Mike Remy (Galion) d. Fred Breeding (Vermilion) 8-4.
167-Tim Sucession (Lima Shawnee) d. Kris Bachman (Vermilion) 12-8.
175-Billy Thomas (Ashland) d. Eric Morris (Madison) 11-5.
185-Chris Brown (Mansfield) d. Jeff Johnson (Wapakoneta) 7-1.
HVY-Matt Smith (Ross) d. Ozzie Williams (Mansfield).