

2003 Sectional...

High School Wrestling: Preview Capsules

Area wrestlers aim for top four

DIVISION I

Where: Rogers High School, Toledo.

When: Wrestling begins at 4 p.m. today and 10 a.m. Saturday. Finals are at 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

Area team: Fremont Ross.

To advance: Top four individuals in each weight class advance to Hilliard Darby District.

Returning Ross district qualifiers:

Jake Gutschalk (140), Austin Earle (152), Kyle Wensinger (145), Andrew Legg (189), Chris Kayser (215), Jarrod Pena (Hwt.)

Other wrestlers to watch:

Myles Porter, Ross (160); Jay Dreschel, Sandusky (119); Danny Johnson, Sandusky (215); Brett Weisenstein, Ashland (135); Brock Mowry, Ashland (160); Josh Johnson, Waite (171); Brad Marzec, St. Francis (140); Tim Root, Whitmer (145).

Outlook: The Little Giants head to a different site this year, but face the same tough competition. Ross, who finished second at the Great Lakes League tournament, will lock horns again with league foes Sandusky and Whitmer. Both finished right behind Ross at the league tournament. Adding to the mix will be Ashland, Toledo St. Francis and Waite, the City League champion. The Little Giants finished second last year at Oregon Clay and look for a repeat performance this year.

Coach's quote: Ross head coach Grover Dowell did not return a message left for him Thursday night.

Redmen, Bears go different ways

Bellevue, a defending sectional champion, wrestles at the Division II Shelby Sectional. Returning district qualifiers for the Redmen include Quentin Smith (119), Kevin Riggelman (152), Luke Spurlock (135), Joe Smith (130), Ben Mallot (160), Tyler Edgington (Hwt), Spencer Green (215), Bill Evert (171) and Jim Powers (140). The top four wrestlers advance to the Galion District.

Margaretta will battle at the the Division III Plymouth sectional. The Polar Bears return district qualifiers Josh Fox (171) and Pete Highlander (Hwt.). The top four individuals advance to the Elyria District.

— *News-Messenger reports*

DIVISION III

Where: Evergreen High School, Metamora.

When: Wrestling begins at 5:30 p.m. today and 11 a.m. Saturday. Finals are at 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

Area teams: St. Joe, Gibsonburg, Lakota, Woodmore.

To advance: Top four individuals in each weight class advance to Toledo Waite District.

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Team Scores

Ashland.....	98.5
Waite.....	80
Whitmer.....	66.5
Ross.....	63.5
Sandusky.....	54
Mansfield Madison.....	47.5
St. Francis.....	38
Libbey.....	32.5
Rogers.....	22
Bowsher.....	12
Bowling Green.....	11
Mansfield Senior.....	11
Lima Senior.....	7

Consolation

103 — Zach Brunner (R) Bryce Edwards (Mans. Mad)

112 — Jamie Mendoza (R) Tim Kunz (Libbey)

119 — Sam Krueger (R) Ryan Macuh (Whitmer)

135 — Derek Earhart (R) Nate Grammes (BG)

140 — Jake Gutschalk (R) bye

145 — Josh Howey (R) Mike Starcher (Mans. Mad)

171 — Brandon Wolf (R) Eric Lyons (Sandusky)

Semi-Finals

125 — Brock Davis (R) Mike Herrera (Rogers)

152 — Austin Earle (R) Angelo Jones (Sandusky)

160 — Myles Porter (R) Gordon Hagen (Libbey)

189 — Andrew Legg (R) Justin Brown (Waite)

215 — Chris Kayser (R) Matt Meyers (Mans. Mad)

275 — Jarrod Pena (R) Sarge Modrowski (St. Francis)

Giants, Streaks advance to semis

Clyde first, OH third at Division II tourney

News-Messenger reports

TOLEDO — The Fremont Ross wrestling team advanced six wrestlers to the semifinals and has seven more wrestlers still alive at the Division I sectional tournament at Rogers.

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The Little Giants rank fourth with 63½ points following first-day competition. Ashland leads with 98½ points, and Waite is second with 80 points. Whitmer (66½ points) is third.

Projected state champion Andrew Legg (189 pounds) paces the Ross contingent heading to the semifinals. Joining him are Brock Davis (125 pounds), Austin Earle (152), Myles Porter (160), Chris Kayser (215) and heavyweight Jarrod Pena.

The top four wrestlers in each weight class advance to next week's district. Semifinalists must win one more match to advance.

Ross wrestlers still fighting in the consolation bracket include Zac Brunner (103), Jaime Mendoza (112), Sam Krueger (119), Derek Earhart (135), Jake Gutschalk (140), Josh Howey (145) and Brandon Wolf (171).

Wrestling resumes today at 10 a.m. with the finals slated for 6:30 p.m.

Davis, Streaks claim sectional tournament crowns

News-Messenger reports

TOLEDO — Brock Davis got revenge and won a sectional championship at the same time Saturday at Rogers High School.

Davis of Fremont Ross defeated rival Damen Abitua of Whitmer, 5-4, for the 125-pound title at the Division I sectional.

A week earlier, Abitua won the Great Lakes League title, while Davis had to settle for third place. Earlier in the season, Abitua beat



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Davis in a dual meet.

But on Saturday, Davis (25-2) rose up to lead a group of five Little Giants who qualified for next week's district meet.

"He said right before the match, 'It's time for payback,'" Ross head coach Grover Dowell said of Davis.

Austin Earle (152 pounds, second place), Andrew Legg (189, third), Chris Kayser (215, third) and Myles Porter (160, fourth) also earned their way to district.

Legg (29-1) lost his first match of the season to Justin Brown of Waite, 11-10, after Legg was caught on a seven-point move early in the match. Legg will get a chance to bounce back Friday and Satur-



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day at Hilliard Darby High School.

Dowell said the entire Ross squad performed well.

"I told them if they would have wrestled that well last week, they would have

been league champs," Dowell said.

DIVISION III

St. Joe advances seven

METAMORA — The St. Joseph Central Catholic wrestlers boasted two sectional champions and seven district qualifiers on their way to third place at Evergreen High School.

A.J. Coleman (125 pounds) and Ryan Autullo (130) captured titles for the Crimson Streaks, who scored 150 points. Sixth-ranked Delta won the

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at Rogers

Team Standings

Waite.....	209.5
Ashland.....	208.5
Whitmer	150
Ross	141.5
Sandusky.....	135.5
Mansfield Madison.....	133.5
St. Francis.....	107.5
Rogers	77
Libbey	67.5
Mansfield Sr.	64.5
Bowsher.....	54
Bowling Green	31
Lima Sr.....	23

Ross Results

First Place

125: Brock Davis (R) dec. Damen Abitua (W) 5-4.

Second Place

152: Dan Gurney (W) dec. Austin Earle (R) 15-2.

Third Place

189: Andrew Legg (FR) default over Ben Wright (W).

215: Chris Kayser (FR) dec. Nate Gilliland (ASH) 6-3.

Fourth Place

160: Michael Alek (SF) dec. Myles Porter (FR) 6-5.