

2011 Greater Buckeye Conference...

WRESTLING ■ CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Fremont's Trautwein collects fourth GBC championship

News-Messenger reports

Tylor Trautwein was named wrestler of the year as Fremont Ross finished second at the GBC championships Saturday at Marion.

For Trautwein, it was his fourth GBC title in four year, as he improved to 40-2 on the year. The Ross senior earned four pins, all coming in 1:23 or less and a 16-1 technical fall decision over Sandusky's Phil Henderson.

"It was pretty much just pure domination for Tylor," Little Giants coach Mike Mezinger said. "He was a unanimous pick and the only four-time champion on this year."

Ross went 4-1 at the meet, its



Trautwein

only loss coming by a score 42-38 to GBC champion Napoleon. "The team looked the toughest it's looked all year," Mezinger said. "We're peaking at the right time. The kids wrestled hard.

"Our goal was to win the GBC, but there's a lot of positives we can take out of their performances."

The Little took just 12 wrestlers to the meet, but came away with six total champions and four others who earned runner-up accolades.

Bailey Mezinger (103), Trey Grine (130), Steven Johnson (140), Peyton Geary (152) and Eddie Chavez joined Trautwein in donning titles at their respective weight classes.

"Bailey at 103, really stepped it up and wrestled real well," Coach Mezinger said. "It was his first championship of the year."

Grine pinned his way to a title, winning matches in 32 and 59 seconds.

"Trey Grine just keeps on doing what we ask him to do and keeps on winning," Coach Mezinger said. "He has only six losses on the year as a freshman."

Perhaps Ross's biggest title surprise came from Chavez, who earned five wins to claim his career title.

Meanwhile, Johnson picked up win No. 100 of his career with a 5:47 pin in round one. It was 1-of-3 pinfalls for the senior en route to a title at 140.

The Little Giants will compete in sectionals next Saturday at Marion.

SANDUSKY BAY CONFERENCE

Oak Harbor senior Ian Miller has never lost to a Sandusky Bay

Conference opponent in his career.

Miller pinned his way through a fourth consecutive SBC Championships as the Rockets won their fifth-straight crown as a team Saturday. Oak Harbor competed in 12 weight classes and no Rocket finished worse than fourth.

With 187 points, Clyde took second. Margaretta was eighth with 40.

"The SBC is a good conference," Miller said. "I'm proud to get four titles."

"My wins are because I train hard. It's non-stop go in preparation and matches. I never want to let up. If you let up you get hurt or get beat. You can't have that."

Miller (152 pounds), Konner Witt (160) and Jake Cramer (171) won individual titles in consecutive weight classes Saturday,

much as Kirk Tank, Cody Magrum and Keith Witt did a few years ago for the Rockets. The current threesome hopes to match the previous trio's uncommon feat of doing the same at state.

"We're pretty much best friends, and we work out and train together," Miller said. "That's the key - we make each other better."

Cramer earned his third conference title while Witt also took one as a junior. Witt said Port Clinton's Jared Fleming, who he beat in the first round, was his toughest opponent Saturday.

Tyler Hackworth (125) and Alex Bergman (140) each won their second SBC title Saturday. Hackworth also took a crown with Eastwood in the Suburban Lakes League before transferring. Bergman lost to Perkins'

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