

## 2016 (LIMITED) SEASON REVIEW

## Blackstone Classic Kickoff

Fremont defeated Bellbrook 53-17 but lost to Wadsworth 43-25 at the Blackstone Classic Kickoff. Deshea Pettiford (106), Mason Gluth (113), Lamonte Chapman (120) Charles Chapman (126) Tyler Grine (152) and Kieler Foster all went undefeated in the event.

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

# Little Giants take 2 of 3 in dual victory over Trojans

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FREMONT - Ross wrestling coach Chad Long said he felt Findlay had an advantage in the upper weight classes on Friday when the two met for a dual meet. It was the Little Giants who held their own in the top three weight classes to seal the win.

Ross won two of the three matches, including one by injury, to top the Trojans, 41-27, in Ross' only home wrestling meet of the year.

"Findlay is good at the upper weights, from 170 and up," Long said. "We're out of shape up there because we seem to not practice hard enough."

For Ross, Kieler Foster (3-0) defeated Loren Charles

at 195 pounds via pin in 5:32 to take a commanding 35-23 lead before Shawn Newsome (5-1) fell to Aaron Kupferberg at 220 via 12-3 decision. Despite the win for Findlay, they trailed 35-27, sealing the win for Ross. Austin Moyer (4-2) picked up a win via injury for the Little Giants when Dewey Lee went down with a shoulder injury at the 0:49 mark of the first period.

Ross has no seniors on the team. So what's Long's solution to that?

"We just throw the kids in the fire," said Long. "A lot of these kids have been wrestling for a while, even since they were little kids. You've got to learn somehow."

Ross also started fast at the lower weights, winning four of the first five matches. Deshea Pettiford (5-1) won via technical fall (20-4) at the 4:55 mark at 106

pounds. Lamonte Chapman (120 pounds) and Charles Chapman (126) each improved to 8-0 with wins. Lamonte pinned Liam Morrison of Findlay in 1:40 while Charles won via 8-4 decision.

"Lamonte had a good win and Charles was very aggressive," Long said. "That's a big win for Charles because the kid he beat (Joey Staschiak) was good last year."

Keaton Jordan made his season debut and won a 14-5 decision at 132 pounds. Also picking up wins for the Little Giants was Tyler Brine (7-1) at 152 pounds via technical fall (19-3) and Garrett Barth (7-1) at 160 pounds, when he pinned Jeremiah Snider in 3:08.

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"I like how we are at the lower weights," said Long. "The great thing with no seniors is we have a lot of room to grow. We've got to get better because the schedule doesn't get any easier."

Jalen Cooper (5-2) lost a close decision at 145 pounds. Cooper trailed 9-4 after two periods but appeared to score a

pair of points before a takedown cut Christian Sanchez's lead to 9-8. An injury to Sanchez halted the match, during which the officials realized Sanchez should be ahead 9-7. Cooper allowed Sanchez to escape for a point and a 10-7 lead but Cooper couldn't get anymore on Sanchez.

"We have to work on our conditioning," said Long. "The kids have to believe and practice harder. We want to be better at the end of the season rather than now. The kids have to buy in to the program."