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DIVISION I AT CLAY

Ross Results

103: 5-Zac Potridge;

171: 5-Tobe Forshtay;

215: 2-Rick Legg,

275: 6-Mike Adams

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Rockets win sectional

Clyde, Bellevue finish behind host Oak Harbor

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OAK HARBOR — The winter weather recorded the first take-down at the Division II wrestling sectional at Oak Harbor this weekend, and time recorded the last one.

But in between the wrestlers put on quite a show, with host Oak Harbor scoring 225 points to win the sectional title. Bellevue was second with 195½ points followed by Clyde with 193 and Perkins with 162.

Inclement weather canceled the first round of the sectional Friday night. The plan then was to wrestle the qualifying rounds on Saturday and the finals on Sunday. That's the way the tournament went — sort of.

Wrestling started at noon on Saturday and progressed nicely to the point that it was decided to keep wrestling right through the finals Saturday night. The only wrestling that was to be held Sunday afternoon were matches by wrestlers that had reached the state maximum of five matches in one day. As the night wore on, two things became obvious: One, there were only going to be a couple of matches held on Sunday, if any, and two, Sunday was fast approaching.

When Oak Harbor's Nick Thorbahn won the sectional title at heavyweight by pinning Clyde's Austin Balogh, it was 11:40 p.m., and it was determined that there was only going to be one match that had to be held on Sunday. The decision was made to wait for the stroke of midnight.

So at 12:01 a.m. Matt Jacobs of Bellevue beat Adam Pendleton of Port Clinton 19-8 for a major deci-

sion that allowed Bellevue to score three points and leapfrog Clyde into second place and finally end the sectional.

"It was kind of exciting," said Jacobs. "I knew I needed a win for us to finish second, so I just went out there and gave him hell."

Oak Harbor qualified 11 wrestlers for the district in Galion next weekend with three firsts, Dominic Lochotzki, Ray Snare and Thorbahn; three seconds, Jerry Vreeland, J.D. Bergman and Joe Bergman; with four thirds, Anthony Sharples, Chuck Diefenthaler, Paul Bergman and Jeremy Potridge; plus one fourth, Nathan Reinbolt.

"This feels great, it feels really good," said Oak Harbor coach George Bergman. "I was more than happy to be taking 11 kids to the district. It's been awhile since we won a sectional title, but what it's really about is getting those 11 guys on to the next level. It was a long day but it was tough for everybody."

After taking the 275-pound title Thorbahn just wants the success to continue.

"This just feels good," said Thorbahn. "It's my senior year and I wanted to be a sectional champion. I just hope my success carries on into the next two weeks."

Bellevue only crowned one champion, Dan Jarrett, but used four seconds, Joe Smith, Joe Rowland, Aaron Garman and Wes Adams, plus four fourths, Luke Spurlock, Sean Rowley, Jonathan Sanchez and Robert Edgington to qualify nine wrestlers to Galion.

"I'm real happy with the way that we performed today," said Bellevue coach Jim Depolo. "The

boys wrestled real well, we're happy. I was happy for Dan winning the title. A lot of boys reached their goals today."

Champions for Clyde were Doug West, Rondall Blackburn and Adam Dymond. Finishing second for the Fliers were Brock Conner, Jeff Sosa and Balogh, while T.C. Hoffman was third.

"This was a very tough tournament. You have to give Oak Harbor a lot of credit, they are a very talented young team," said Clyde coach Dale Carroll. "We're pleased with the kids that got out and heartbroken over the ones that didn't. Anyone coming out of this sectional traditionally has a chance to do well at state."

The journey to state caused inspired mixed emotions among wrestlers.

"It's a new season every time you step on the mat this time of year," said West. "You kind of have mixed emotions, you're happy for yourself for qualifying, but you feel sad for the guys that didn't because you're a team. At this time of the year, everyone is like family."

Even three-time state qualifiers like Blackburn found some satisfaction in a sectional title.

"This tournament is satisfying because it's my first sectional title that I've won," said Blackburn. "I'm looking forward to the district but it's tough to see some of the guys go down. They've worked hard all year."

Dymond, the winner at 171 pounds, just felt relief.

"It's just a relief to get this weekend off of my chest," said Dymond.

"Now it's time to step it up to the next level for next weekend."

Area sends 47 to district tourney

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Area schools will combine to send 47 wrestlers to next week's district tournaments.

Wrestlers needed to place in the top four at the sectional meets, held Saturday and Sunday at Clay, Oak Harbor and Northwood.

Fremont Ross will be represented by 215-pounder Rick Legg, who took second in the Division I sectional at Clay. Also for the Little Giants, Zac Potridge (103) and Tobe Forshay (171) were fifth and Mike Adams (275) took sixth.

St. Joe, which took eighth at Northwood, will send four to the Division III district. Mark Szymanowski (135 pounds) and Brian Lenhart (171) took second, Dan Szymanowski (140) and Jerry Freeh (189) took third. Also for the Streaks, Dave Klotz (275) was fifth and Joe Hoelzle (215) sixth.

For Gibsonburg, Chad Conrad (215) took third and Ben Miller (189) and Brent Woodruff were fourth. Also for the Bears, Tony Binder (275) was sixth.

Woodmore had one champion in 140-pounder Juventino Guillen. Guillen beat Adam Bonnell of Toledo Christian 4-2 in the title match.

The Wildcats' John Bedford Jr. (112) and Billy Weiland (119) both took second place, while Lucas Wilson (215) took fourth, Grant Sarver (152) was fifth and Chris Arndt (125) and Chet Engle (130) both placed sixth for the Wildcats, who took seventh as a club.

Lakota took third at Northwood, and advanced seven to districts. Ken Brewer (145) was second. Chris Stines (112), Presley Bloom (125) and Brian Jacobs (152) took third. Tim Ollom (119) and Brandon Racheter (135) were fourth. Also for the Raiders, Tyler Durst (130), David Powers (160) and Matt Lawrence (215) took fifth and Eric Ochs (189) was sixth.

Margaretta's Gregg Pressler (112) and Dustin Malott (135) were second and John Miller (103) took third place.