

## 2003 Season Review...

### FREMONT ROSS LITTLE GIANTS WRESTLING

# Little Giants ready to begin GLL title defense

- Six district qualifiers return for Fremont

BY SCOTT BLACK

News-Messenger correspondent

Last season, Fremont Ross was picked to win the Great Lakes League in wrestling, and the Little Giants didn't disappoint.

This season, the Little Giants are once again picked to win the GLL and from all appearances the Little Giants will do just that as they prepare to snare their second GLL crown in a row.

"At our recent league meeting, the other coaches thought that we should repeat as champions," Ross head coach Grover Dowell said. "I actually look for it to be a pretty even league this year. Napoleon will be a sleeper team because their

coach said they had a good season last year and nobody knows much about them. Clay always has a good program and may surprise some people. Whitmer always does a nice job, and Sandusky only lost one kid from last year and should be stronger.

"I do agree that we should be at the top of the GLL, but you never know what will happen with injuries and everything else that can happen. You don't want to brag on your team, but this will probably be one of the strongest teams, if not the strongest team, I've ever had here. But the kids have to perform like they did last year and then take it up another step."

In addition to winning the GLL, Ross also won the Mackey Tournament and had a 7-4 dual meet record last season.

To repeat that success, Ross will have to replace good wrestlers in Zac Potridge, Tommy Wagner, Mike Shanahan and Jessie Wukie, all of whom graduated.

"Losing those guys means some big holes to fill in our lineup," Dowell said. "When those guys stepped on the mat, we were pretty confident that they were going to win most of the time for us. They were hard workers and experienced. They pretty much did everything that we told them. They are definitely going to be missed. They were also very good quality kids."

The reason Ross was picked to win the GLL is obvious with one

#### GIANTS INFO

HEAD COACH: Grover Dowell.



2001-02 DUAL

MEET RECORD:

7-4.

KEY RETURNEES:

Andrew Legg, Jake Gutschalk, Austin Earle, Kyle Wensinger, Chris Kayser, Luke Swint and Jarrod Pena.

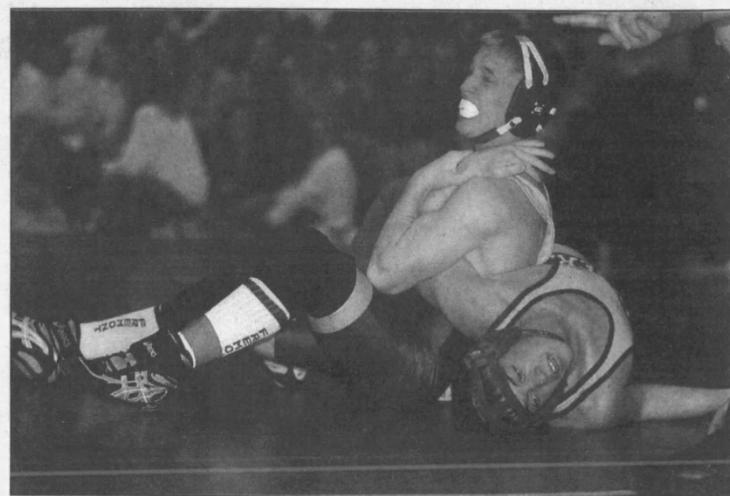
#### SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT
Dec. 7	at Ashland Invite
Dec. 11	NAPOLEON
Dec. 13	at Rogers Invite
Dec. 14	at Rogers Invite
Dec. 18	at Findlay
Dec. 21	at Swanton Quad
Jan. 4	at Sandusky Invite
Jan. 8	at Clyde/Sandusky
Jan. 15	WHITMER
Jan. 22	at Clay
Jan. 29	FOSTORIA
Feb. 8	at GLL at Sandusky

look at the lineup. The Little Giants return six district qualifiers — Jake Gutschalk, Austin Earle, Kyle Wensinger, Chris Kayser, Luke Swint and Jarrod Pena — and state placer Andrew Legg from last year's team. Also, Brock Davis transferred back to Ross from St. Joe, and Derek Earhart's family moved back to Fremont from California. There are 34 wrestlers on the roster.

"I'll tell you right now, when you can look down your lineup and see all of those district qualifiers it helps," Dowell said. "Those guys aren't just good, they've been working their butts off. These kids know what they've got going here and what they have to do."

Getting Brock Davis back from St. Joe is also a big plus. Technique-wise, Brock is very strong. He's got a good attitude, and I'm looking forward to working with him as well as all the



News-Messenger file photo/Ben French

FREMONT ROSS'S Austin Earle takes down Brandon McGaharan of Northwood in the 140- pound finals of the Mal Mackey Memorial Tournament last year at the Purple Pit. Earle is one of six returning district qualifiers for the Little Giants.

kids this season. Derek Earhart family moved back from California, and he wrestled well for us in the past. Brandon Wolf has been stuck behind Andrew Legg and Tommy Wagner and now he's got a spot, so I'm eager to see what he can do.

"You love to see a kid come out and put in his time and then finally get a spot as a reward for all of his hard work. A lot of kids aren't willing to sit for a while to wait for a spot to open up."

Ross will have two wrestlers in all but two weight classes.

"I lucked out this year because where we might have had some roster spot trouble I had a good crew of freshmen come in to help fill them out," Dowell said. "Zach Brunner, Kyle Watts and Jaime Mendoza are freshmen who will jump between 103 and 112 until one of the older kids can

see if they can get down to 112 pounds."

Veterans don't only make for a good team but they make workouts go much more smoothly.

"With the veterans that we have on this team practices have been going really well," Dowell said. "At the end of the first week, I was tickled that we were already ahead of our schedule of where we want to be. We don't have to work so much on basics. These guys know what's expected at practice and what we have to do. They are really working hard on

their techniques to get better."

"I've been really impressed with my older kids, the juniors and seniors, and the leadership that they've shown. They get done what needs to be done and take on a guidance role with the younger kids."

Helping Dowell on the mats will be assistants Don Wensinger, Jamie Ross, Mike Mezinger, Andy Earle, Aaron Root, Steve Smith and Mike Schupennies, plus a host of former wrestlers.

"I've really been blessed with former high school wrestlers coming back to help out with the program," Dowell said.

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# Clyde claims invite; St. Joe, Lakota place second

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ASHLAND — Andrew Legg opened his junior season in style, and Brock Davis made a triumphant return as the Fremont Ross wrestling team began its season Saturday at the Ashland Tournament.

**LEGG**  
Legg, an 189-pounder who placed at state last season, earned Most Valuable



## Legg, Davis earn individual titles for Ross at Ashland

### Wrestling

Wrestler honors by winning his weight division. He routed Shandon North of Galion, 17-2, in the championship match. Davis recorded the other Ross championship at 125 pounds.

He defeated Shawn Hartman of Kenton, 7-3, in the final. Davis left Ross last season to wrestle at St. Joseph Central Catholic.

The Little Giants placed fifth in the 10-team tournament with 137 points. Gahanna won with 195 points, and Austintown Fitch was second with 164 points.

Also placing for Ross were Austin Earle (3rd, 152), Jake Gutschalk (4th, 140), Kyle Wensinger (4th, 145), Myles Porter (4th, 160), Chris Kayser (4th, 215), Zac Brunner (6th, 103), Sam Krueger (6th, 119) and Jaime Resendez (6th, 130).

Ross hosts Napoleon for a dual meet Wednesday.

**St. Joe second at Northwood**  
NORTHWOOD — Robbie LeJeune and A.J. Coleman claimed individual championships Saturday to lead St. Joe to second place at the 15-team Jim Derr Memorial Invitational at Northwood.

The Crimson Streaks scored 185.5 points, second only to Genoa's 217.5. LeJeune downed Alex

Abitua of Toledo Start, 6-3, to win the 119-pound title. Coleman upended Josh Resendez of Genoa, 11-5, in the 125-pound final.

"The kids wrestled up to what we expected them to do entering the tournament," SJCC head coach Mike Naufel said. "And we expected a lot out of them."

Jeremy Foos (103 pounds), Brady Smith (140) and Nate Jenkins (171) each finished second for St. Joe.

Other Crimson Streak placers were Ryan Autullo (135, 3rd), Corey Hessick (3rd, 189), Alan Binsack (3rd, 175) and Josh Siekel (5th, 130).

St. Joe is at Willard with Eastwood on Saturday.

### Fliers win LeForce

FRANKLIN — Five Clyde wrestlers won individual crowns as the Fliers took home first place at the Janice LeForce Memorial Tournament at Franklin High School.

See OAK HARBOR, B5

# **Wrestling**

## **High School**

### **Ashland Tournament**

#### **Team Scores**

Gahanna.....	195
Austintown .....	164
Medina.....	147
Ashland.....	163.5
Kenton .....	126.5
Fremont Ross .....	137
Chillicothe .....	107
Galion .....	103.5
Massillon .....	48
Lexington .....	26.5

#### **Ross Results**

##### **Championship Matches**

125 — Brock Davis (FR) dec. Shawn Hartman (K) 7-3

189 — Andrew Legg (FR) tech. fall Shandon North (G) 17-2

##### **Third Place Matches**

103 — Dustin Hartman (K) dec. Zac Brunner (FR) 8-5

140 — Eldridge (M) p. Jake Gutschalk (FR) 1:28

145 — Josh Bishop (Gah) p. Kyle Wensinger (FR) 1:23

152 — Austin Earle (FR) p. Josh Prosser (Gal)

160 — Tommy Tarver (K) p. Myles Porter (FR)

215 — Paul Prosser (Gal) dec. Chris Kayser (FR) 5-4

##### **Fifth Place Matches**

119 — Justin Dreitzler (C) dec. Sam Krueger (FR) 13-8

130 — Ted Gulyas (M) def. Jamie Resendez.

# Ross rolls over 'Cats in 1st GLL dual meet

News-Messenger reports

Austin Earle and Myles Porter turned in technical-fall victories Tuesday night as the Fremont Ross wrestlers downed Napoleon 37-29 in the Great Lakes League dual opener for each squad.

## Wrestling

Earle, who wrestles at 152 pounds, routed Curt Heinrichs, 24-9, while 160-pounder Porter won 24-8 over Joe Garcia.

The Little Giants also got major decisions from Jake Gutschalk at 140 pounds, Andrew Legg at 189 pounds and Chris Kayser at 215 pounds. Gutschalk came through with a 14-6 victory over Will Gilson. Legg downed Kyle Fruth, 18-6, and Kayser got the best of David Westhoven, 12-2.

See WOODMORE, B5

## Wrestling

### High School

#### Ross 37, Napoleon 29

103: Zac Brunner (R) forfeit.  
112: Trevor Reed (N) t.f. Jaime Mendoza (R) 20-5.  
119: Kyle Althess (N) dec. Sam Krueger (R) 11-8.  
125: Brock Davis (R) dec. Steve Tajblik (N) 3-0.  
130: Corey Scott (N) dec. Tim Freeman (R) 12-8.  
135: Derek Earhart (R) forfeit.  
140: Jake Gutschalk (R) m.d. Will Gilson (N) 14-6.  
145: Dustin Reimond (N) p. Tony Zimmerman (R) 0:22.  
152: Austin Earle (R) t.f. Curt Heinrichs (N) 24-9.  
160: Myles Porter (R) t.f. Joe Garcia (N) 24-8.  
171: Ben Barnes (N) p. Brandon Wolf (R) 0:59.  
189: Andrew Legg (R) m.d. Kyle Fruth (N) 18-6.  
215: Chris Kayser (R) m.d. David Westhoven (N) 12-2.  
HWT: Tom Schroeder (N) forfeit.  
JV winner: Josh Howey (145).

## Ross places four wrestlers in semifinals; 'Cats stand second at H-L

News-Messenger reports

TOLEDO — The Fremont Ross foursome of Brock Davis, Austin Earle, Andrew Legg and Chris Kayser helped the Little Giants wrestling team to fifth place at the Rogers Invitational after the first day.

Ross has 60½ points and trails Akron Coventry (84 points), Rogers

### Wrestling

(77 points), Wauseon (68 points) and North Ridgeville (61½ points). Davis (125 pounds), Earle (152), Legg (189) and Kayser (215) all reached the semifinals. Still alive in the consolation bracket are 103-pounder Zac Brunner, Jaime

Mendoza (112), Sam Krueger (119), Tim Freeman (130), Jake Guttschalk (140), Aaron Sewell (140), Myles Porter (160) and Brandon Wolf (171).

**'Cats second at H-L**

**BASCOM** — The Woodmore wrestling team advanced six

wrestlers to the semifinals to earn

second place after the first day at the Hopewell-Loudon tournament.

The Wildcats trail leader Versailles (88½ points) by 17 points in the 16-team field. Gibsonburg is last with eight points.

Wrestling today for a spot in the

finals are Jeremy Schroeder (112 pounds), Chason Ault (130), Jacob Engle (135), Dustin Bedford (152), Chet Engle (171) and Dana Wend (189).

Gibsonburg's Micah Rheinholtz (103), Yale Linhoff (112), Drew Huff (125), Bill Davies (130), Troy Wilburn (135), Chris Torres (140), Dustin Wilson (145), Tony Ramirez (215) and

heavyweight Dustin Rowan are all still alive in the consolation bracket.

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# **Wrestling**

## **High School**

### **Rogers Invitational**

#### **Team Standings**

1-Coventry .....	84
2-Rogers .....	77
30-Wauseon.....	68
4-No. Ridgeville .....	61.5
5-Ross .....	60.5
6-Firestone .....	58.5
7-Elida .....	57
8-Swanton .....	55
9-Central Catholic .....	50.5
10-St. Francis .....	49.5
11-Bowsher .....	43
12-Collinwood .....	40.5
13-Edgerton .....	31.5
14-Rossford .....	27.5
15-Bath .....	17.5
16-Bowling Green .....	15
17-Woodward .....	14
18-Scott .....	13.5

#### **Ross Results**

##### **Semifinals**

125: Brock Davis, 152: Austin Earle,  
189: Andrew Legg, 215: Chris Kayser.

##### **Consolation**

103: Zac Brunner, 112: Jaime Mendoza,  
119: Sam Krueger, 130: Tim Freeman,  
140: Jake Gutschalk, 145: Aaron Sewell,  
160: Myles Porter, 171: Brandon Wolf.

### **Hopewell-Loudon Tournament**

##### **Semifinals**

##### **Woodmore**

112: Jeremy Schroeder, 130: Chason  
Aull, 135: Jacob Engle, 152: Dustin Bed-  
ford, 171: Chet Engle, 189: Dana Wend.

## Wrestling Roundup

# Davis, Legg, Kayser carry Ross at Rogers

### Clyde, Woodmore finish fourth at invitationals

News-Messenger reports

TOLEDO — Brock Davis and Andrew Legg won their weight classes for the second week in a row, and Fremont Ross teammate Chris Kayser joined the fun Saturday at the Rogers Holiday Invitational.

Titles by Davis, Legg and Kayser carried the Little Giants to second place behind the host Rams at the 18-team tournament. Ross scored 162.5 points, 11 fewer than Rogers. Coventry was third with 160.5 points.

The Little Giants also got third places from Jake Gutschalk (140 pounds), Austin Earle (152) and Myles Porter (160).



Davis brought home the 125-pound title with an 11-6 decision over Dan Yaros of Coventry. Legg claimed an 8-1 decision over Coventry's David Willis to take the 189-pound championship. And Kayser pinned Rossford's Adam Miller in three minutes, 31 seconds for the 215-pound crown.

#### Clyde fourth at Dublin

DUBLIN — J.R. Ysaguirre, T.C. Hoffman and

Jon Taylor claimed individual titles to lead Clyde to fourth place at the Dublin Rocks Winter Classic.

The Fliers scored 129.5 points, one point behind third-place Olentangy.

Mentor Lake Catholic won the tournament with 191 points, and host Dublin Coffman was second with 167.5 points.

Ysaguirre earned an 18-4 technical fall for his title at 125 pounds. Hoffman got a 14-2 decision for the 130-pound crown. Taylor eked out a 3-2 decision for his 135-pound championship.

See WILDCATS, B5

# **Wrestling**

## **High School**

### **Rogers Invitational**

#### **Team Standings**

Rogers .....	173.5
Ross .....	162.5
Coventry .....	160.5
North Ridgeville .....	148.5
Wauseon.....	142.5
Bowsher.....	123
Toledo Central Catholic.....	115.5
Elida.....	109
Firestone.....	108
Collinwood .....	106.5
St. Francis .....	95.5
Edgerton.....	81.5
Swanton.....	81
Rossford .....	71.5
Scott .....	31.5
Bath .....	21.5
Bowling Green .....	19.0
Woodward.....	14

#### **Ross Results**

##### **125 lbs**

First place: Brock Davis (ROSS) dec.  
Dan Yaros (COV) 11-6.

##### **140 lbs**

Third place: Jake Sexton (FIRE) p.  
Jake Gutschald (ROSS) 1:52.

##### **152 lbs**

Third place: Austin Earle (ROSS) p.  
Matt Skeans (FIRE) 3:45.

##### **160 lbs**

Third place: Myles Porter (ROSS) p.  
Bryan Bobak (R'FORD) 2:13.

##### **189 lbs**

First place: Andrew Legg (ROSS) dec.  
David Willis (COV) 8-1.

##### **215 lbs**

First place: Chris Kayser (ROSS) p.  
Adam Miller (R'FORD) 3:31.

# Trojans wrestle win from Giants in GLL dual meet

News-Messenger reports

FINDLAY — Leads went back and forth, but in the end the Fremont Ross wrestling team just couldn't roll off its back.

Findlay heavyweight Robbie Brubeck pinned Little Giant Jarrod Pena in three minutes, 29 seconds, to give the Trojans a 38-37 comeback triumph over the defending Great Lakes League champions Wednesday.

Ross opened with a 16-6 lead when 125-pounder Brock Davis defeated Paul Hogan, 12-3.

The Trojans went on to take the next four weight classes for a 26-16 lead. At 152, Little Giant Austin Earle stopped the Trojan charge with a pin. Teammate Myles Porter (160) followed by pinning Chad Munsey in 3:20, giving the lead back to Ross, 28-26.

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# Ross falls to rival Findlay; Bellevue bounces Rockets

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Findlay retook the lead, 32-28, when 171-pounder Ray Hernandez pinned Little Giant Brandon Wolf in 2:11.

Ross battled back as Andrew Legg defeated Eric Duenke, 7-3, at 189, and 215-pounder Chris Kayser pinned to give the Little Giants a 37-32 lead entering the heavyweight bout.

Little Giant Zac Brunner pinned to start the match at 103 pounds, and 119-pounder Sam Krueger pinned Ben Almester in 1:35.

Ross wrestles in the Swanton quad on Saturday.

## Bellevue 43, Oak Harbor 18

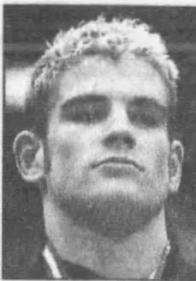
OAK HARBOR — Oak Harbor wrestlers J.D. Bergman and Joe Levy stretched their records to 7-0, but the Bellevue lineup was too strong in a dual meet triumph Wednesday over the Rockets.

A young Oak Harbor team, which fell to 5-2, won only five matches.

Bergman pinned Bellevue's Dustin Dearth in two minutes, 50 seconds at 189 pounds, and Levy edged Spencer Green 7-5.

Also winning for the Rockets were 140-pounder Justin Slaughterbeck, 125-pounder Mike Rando and 160-pounder Kory Witt. Slaughterbeck defeated Jim Powers, 5-1, while Rando posted a 9-2 triumph over Brandon Chapin. Witt pulled out a 8-6 overtime win over Ben Malott.

Bellevue tallied three pins and had a pair of forfeits for most of its points. Luke Spur-



J.D. BERGMAN

lock (135) pinned Billy Shearon in 1:40, 171-pounder Bill Evert pinned Oak Harbor's Matt Dolley in 13 seconds and Bellevue heavyweight Tyler Edgington pinned Brian Freimark in 1:32.

Bellevue 103-pounder Josh Heath defeated Grant Miller, 4-1, and Joe Smith (130) blanked Oak Harbor's Brian Ceraldi 8-0.

At 145, John Pelton edged Rocket Wes Bergman 7-5 in overtime.

Kevin Riggleman defeated OH's Josh Lipstraw 7-2 in 152-pound action.

A.J. Jones (112) and Quenton Smith (119) had forfeits for Bellevue.

On Dec. 27-28, Oak Harbor competes in the Medina Invitational, regarded as one of the toughest tournaments in the state.

Bellevue wrestles in the Brecksville Holiday Tournament the same weekend. It is the state's oldest annual invitational tournament in its 42nd year.

**DON'T LOSE  
MONEY!**

See pages B6 & B7.

## **Findlay 38, Fremont Ross 37**

103: Zac Brunner (R) p. B. Steinman (F)  
2:23.  
112: Ian David (F) p. Jaime Mendoza  
(R) 3:41.  
119: Sam Krueger (R) p. Ben Almester  
(F) 1:35.  
125: Brock Davis (R) maj. dec. Paul  
Hogan 12-3.  
130: C. Smith (F) dec. Tim Freeman (R)  
11-4.  
135: Rick Alessi (F) p. Brian Bure (R)  
1:55.  
140: M. Merler (F) p. Derek Earhart (R)  
4:34.  
145: Drew Rimelspach (F) tech. Josh  
Howey 15-0.  
152: Austin Earle (R) p. W. Peterson (F)  
3:44.  
160: Myles Porter (R) p. Chad Munsey  
(F) 3:22.  
171: Ray Hernandez (F) p. Brandon  
Wolf (R) 2:11.  
189: Andrew Legg (R) dec. Eric Duenke  
(F) 7-3.  
215: Chris Kayser (R) p. E. Bremm (F)  
:45.  
Hwt: Robbie Brubeck (F) p. Jarrod Pena  
(R) 3:29.  
JV matches: 103: Kyle Watts (R) p.  
David Hogan (F) :45; 125: Andy Chaves  
dec. Inhkham Inprachack (F) 14-7; 152:  
James Chaves (R) p. Pat Mickey (F) 1:33;  
160: Jason Bazell (F) dec. Kevin Henry  
(R) 5-1; 171: Cacey Tooman (F) p. Ryan  
Schwochow (R) 3:46; 215: Caleb Enright  
(F) p. Richard Bundschuh (R) :17.

## Wrestling

# Davis, Legg carry Ross to split; Polar Bears take 2 at New Albany

News-Messenger reports

SWANTON — Brock Davis and Andrew Legg each won twice Saturday as Fremont Ross split a pair of matches at a quad meet.

Davis, a 125-pounder, and Legg, a 189-pounder, were Ross's only individual victors during a 60-9 loss to Celina in the first match of the day. But the Little Giants came back to record a 54-24 triumph over Toledo Libbey in the nightcap.

Davis defeated Celina's Jordan Hinton 7-4. Legg pinned his Celina opponent, Colby Miller, in one minute, 59 seconds.

Against Libbey, Legg was one of five Ross wrestlers to win by forfeit. The others were Zac Brunner (103 pounds), Kyle Watts (112), Jake Gutschalk (140) and Chris Kayser (215).

Davis pinned Libbey's Joe

Herrara in 13 seconds for his second victory. At 119 pounds, Sam Krueger of Ross pinned Darryl Harris in 5:54. Austin Earle also won for the Little Giants at 152 pounds, pinning Randy Douglas in 5:15. Brandon Wolf of Ross pinned Marcus Bay in 4:21 at 171 pounds.

Ross hosts the annual Mal Mackey Tournament on Jan. 4 at the Purple Pit.

### Fox, Avila sweep Duals

NEW ALBANY — Josh Fox and Sean Avila each went 5-0 Saturday to lead Margaretta to a 2-3 record at the New Albany Duals.



FOX

Margaretta downed the All-Stars, 41-18, and Columbus Academy, 39-35. The Polar Bears fell to Columbus Centennial (39-36), Fisher Catholic (45-31) and New Albany (54-25).

Fox (171 pounds) improved to 11-1 with his five victories. Avila went 5-0 at 103 pounds.

Margaretta heavyweight Pete Highlander recorded four pins to go 4-1 in the tournament. John Hogue (140-145) also went 4-1, and Adam Thiede (140-145) went 3-2.

The Polar Bears compete Friday and Saturday at the Wendy's Invitational in Tiffin.

**YOU WON'T  
BELIEVE IT!!**

See pages B6 & B7.

# **Wrestling**

## **High School**

### **Celina 60, Ross 9**

103 — Kiel Hawka (C) p. Zach Brunner 4:42  
112 — Cody Koesters (C) p. Kyle wahs 1:17  
119 — Steven Gonzales (C) def. Sam Krueger 13-6  
125 — Brock Davis (R) def. Jordan Hinton 7-4  
130 — Cody Wagner (C) maj. dec. Tim Freeman 17-2  
135 — Jantzen Hinton (C) p. Derek Earhart 3:10  
140 — Adam Gray (C) p. Jake Gutschalk 1:30  
145 — Jordan Portillo (C) p. Aaron Sewel 2:27  
152 — Stu Wagner (C) dec. Austin Earle 1-10  
160 — Phil Rhoads (C) p. Myles Porter 5:34  
171 — Trent Hellwatch (C) dec. Brandon Wolf 1-9  
184 — Andrew Legg (R) p. Colby Miller 1:59  
215 — Jeff Kynk (C) dec. Chris Kayser 5-7  
Hwt — forfeit

### **Ross 54, Libbey 24**

103 — Zac Brunner (R) forfeit  
112 — Kyle Watts (R) forfeit  
119 — Sam Krueger (R) p. Darryl Harris 5:54  
125 — Brock Davis (R) p. Joe Herrara :13  
130 — Shawn Mitchell (L) p. Tim Freeman 4:08  
135 — Ray Savage (L) p. Derek Earhart 2:10  
140 — Jake Gutschalk (R) p. Jordan Portello 2:27  
152 — Austin Earle (R) p. Randy Douglas 5:15  
160 — Gordon Hagan (L) p. Myles Porter 5:34  
171 — Brandon Wolf (R) p. Marcus Bay 4:21  
189 — Chris Kayser (R) forfeit  
215 — Andrew Legg (R) forfeit  
Hwt — forfeit

# Little Giants pin W'more; Bears 11th at Wendy's

News-Messenger reports

ELMORE — The Fremont Ross wrestling team tallied six pins, handing Woodmore its first dual-meet loss of the season, 46-30, on Saturday at the Purple Pit.

The Little Giants got three pins apiece from its upper and lower weights.

Ross's Myles Porter (160 pounds) pinned Mark Pittman in one minute, six seconds, and Brandon Wolf followed with a 42-second pin of Wildcat Brandon Hille in the 171 bout. Chris Kayser (215) pinned Cody Pickard in 42 seconds.



BRUNNER.

Also recording falls for the Little Giants were Zach Brunner (103), Sam Krueger (119) and Brock Davis (125).

Brunner pinned Wildcat Jesse Juergens in 1:02; Krueger pinned Jordan Schau (3:51), and Davis decked Nick Hartman in 5:24.

Ross's Andrew Legg took the 189-pound match after Dana Wend defaulted due to a shoulder injury. Jake Gutschalk defeated Ryan Schroeder 6-1 in 140-pound action.

The Wildcats (1-1) had two pins on the day. Jeremy Schroeder (112) pinned Ross's Jaime Mendoza in 5:38, and 145-pounder Juni Arreola pinned Josh Howey (2:44).

The Wildcats also earned wins from Jake Engle (135), Chason Ault (130) and Dustin Bedford (152).

Engle defeated Derek Earnhart 7-1, Bedford edged Austin Earle 4-3 and Ault defeated Tim Freeman 15-1.

Woodmore heavyweight Pat Weise won by forfeit.

The Little Giants host the Mal Mackey Memorial tournament on Saturday. Woodmore hosts the "A" Classic on Friday.

## Polar Bears finish 11th at Wendy's

TIFFIN — Pete Highlander and Sean Avila each were runners-up at the 20th annual Wendy's Invitational over the weekend as Margaretta finished in 11th place.

The Polar Bears totaled 72 points in the 16-team field. Huntington, W. Va., won the tournament with 195½ points, and

Groveport Madison was second with 155 points.

Avila took second at 103 after being pinned by Groveport Madison's Shawn Kohler in 1:33. Margaretta's heavyweight, dropped a 4-2 contest to Toledo Central Catholic's Matt Holzhauer in the finals.

Josh Fox (171) finished third, while John Hogue (145) and Scott Jones (215) each took sixth. Fox defeated Chris Schneider of Mount Orab Western Brown 11-9 in the consolation finals.

Hogue fell in overtime 5-3 to Lexington's Mike Johnson; Jones lost 11-3 to West Carrollton's Josh Hall.

Margaretta wrestles Seneca East and St. Joseph Central Catholic in a double dual on Jan. 8 in Fremont.

# **Wrestling**

## **High School**

### **Ross 46, Woodmore 30**

103: Zach Brunner (R) p. Jerry Juergens (W) :42.

112: Jeremy Schroeder (W) p. Jaime Mendoza (R) 5:38.

119: Sam Krueger (R) p. Jordon Schau (W) 3:51.

125: Brock Davis (R) p. Nick Hartman (W) 18-6.

130: Chason Ault (W) dec. Tim Freeman (R) 15-1.

135: Jacob Engle (R) dec. Derek Earhart (W) 9-1.

140: Jake Gutschalk (R) dec. Ryan Schroeder (W) 6-1.

145: Juni Arreola (W) p. Josh Howey (R) 2:24.

152: Dustin Bedford (W) dec. Austin Earle (R) 4-3.

160: Myles Porter (R) p. Mark Pittman (W) 1:06.

171: Brandon Wolf (R) p. Brandon Hille (W) :42.

189: Dana Wend (W) won by default.

215: Chris Kayser (R) p. Cody Rickard (W) :42.

HWT: Pat Wiese (W) forfeit.

JV score: Ross 18, Woodmore 17.

JV winners: Ross — Kyle Watts (103), Kevin Henry (160), Ryan Schowchow (171). Woodmore — Keith Giesler (119), Ryan Rodriguez (W).

# Giants win again

## Host Ross boasts seven champions

By SCOTT BLACK  
News-Messenger correspondent

As the 30th annual Mal Mackey Memorial Wrestling Tournament got under way Saturday, it became very obvious that Fremont Ross was going to win its 10th Mackey title in a row.

The big question that remained for Little Giants fans was by how much and how many champions would Ross end up with.

The answer to the first question was by plenty as the Little Giants rolled up a 233½-point team score, with second place going to Otsego (137 points), which edged out Northwood, which had 133 points. Sylvania was fourth with 101½ points, and Port Clinton was fifth with 65½ points in the eight-team tournament.

"I was real happy that almost every kid on the team was able to contribute towards the win today," Ross coach Grover Dowell said. "It was a really good team effort. There were some really tough kids here and for us to come out that far ahead meant that we really pulled it together.

"To have 11 kids in the finals

wrestling for first or second was outstanding. I was really happy with the way our kids wrestled the first two rounds. ... We aren't home a lot so when you are and you come out winners it does a lot for the fans and the program."

The Little Giants ended up with seven individual champions out of 14 weight classes and four second-place finishers.

Ross was led by senior Chris Kayser, who won his fourth straight Mackey title at 215 pounds. In 30 years, only two other wrestlers have accomplished the feat. Kayser won previous titles at 160, 171 and 189.

"This just feels so great," Kayser said. "Only two other guys have ever been able to win four titles in 30 years. It's especially nice to do it in our own tournament. I was worried about the whole tournament in general coming into today. I knew that I was going for four titles and nerves started to settle in a little. Just look at our team, they just shocked me today. We had 11 kids going for first and second. That's unbelievable."

Zack Brunner got the day started right for Ross by winning the 103-pound title with a one minute, 12 second fall over Jeremy Henning of Northwood.

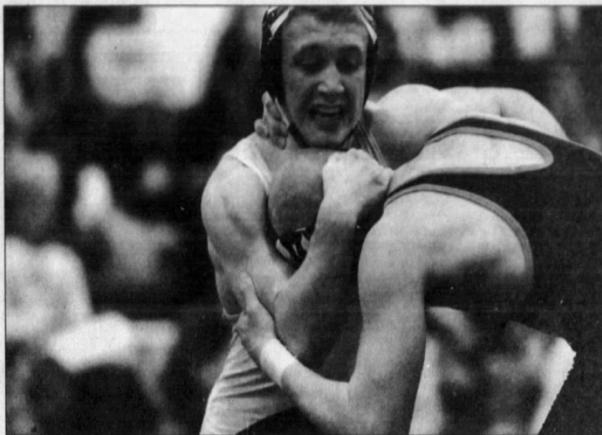
"It feels really good to win a Mackey title," Brunner said. "I had some hard matches. For the title, I was able to trip the kids legs into a headlock for a pin to win it."

Next up for the Little Giants was Sam Krueger, who recorded a 1:53 fall over Bobby Walker of Otsego at 119 pounds. Brock Davis collected Ross's third title with a 10-7 decision over Kevin Witucki of Port Clinton at 125 pounds.

"My day went fine until the last kid that I wrestled in the finals," Davis said. "I'm not used to kids hanging with me on takedowns. The last match came down to scrambling. But the more we scrambled, the better my chances of winning were."

Austin Earle got Ross back on track when he collected the 152-pound title with a 5:28 fall over Garrett Bays of Otsego. It was Earle's second title.

"I just had to wait for my time," Earle said. "I thought I



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LITTLE GIANT Austin Earle ties up with Otsego's Garrett Bays during the 152-pound championship bout at the 30th annual Mal Mackey Memorial Tournament on Saturday at the Purple Pit.

had it a couple of times but he had too much pressure on me. But I kept waiting for it and finally there it was and I took it. I crossed faced him really hard and threw my hips in and he went straight to his back. Earlier I was a little groggy after he hit me in the head and I had a little trouble seeing for awhile, but I

like aggressive wrestlers because if you can get them hotheaded they mess up and you can get them to make mistakes."

Andrew Legg earned his second Mackey with a 29-second pin of Aaron Williams of Otsego at 189 pounds. Jarrod Pena was the last Ross champion when he took the heavyweight title by

pinning Ryan Mock of Perryburg.

Ross got second-place finishes from Jake Gutschalk at 140, 145-pounder Kyle Wensinger, Myles Porter at 160 and Brandon Wolf at 171 pounds. Kyle Watts was fourth at 112 pounds.

The Little Giants face Sandusky and Clyde on Wednesday at Clyde.

# **Wrestling**

## **High School**

### **Mal Mackey Memorial Tourn.**

#### **Team Scores**

Fremont Ross .....	233.5
Otsego .....	137
Northwood .....	133
Sylvania .....	101.5
Port Clinton .....	65.5
Bowling Green .....	47
Perrysburg .....	45
Lima Senior .....	29.5

#### **Fremont Results**

##### **Championship Matches**

103 — Zack Brunner (FR) p. Jeremy Henning (NW) 1:12.

112 — Billy Peterson (PC) p. Alex Walch (Syl) 5:31

119 — Sam Krueger (FR) p. Bobby Walker (Ots) 1:53

125 — Brock Davis (FR) def. Kevin Witucki (PC) 10-7.

140 — Jeremy Decant (NW) Maj. dec. Jake Gutschalk (FR) 13-4.

145 — Brandon McGaharan (NW) p. Kyle Wensinger (FR) 5:54.

152 — Austin Earle (FR) p. Garrett Bays (Ots) 5:28.

160 — Kyle Bodi (PC) p. Myles Porter (FR) 3:05.

171 — Matt Lambert (Ots) tech fall (Brandon Wolf (FR)

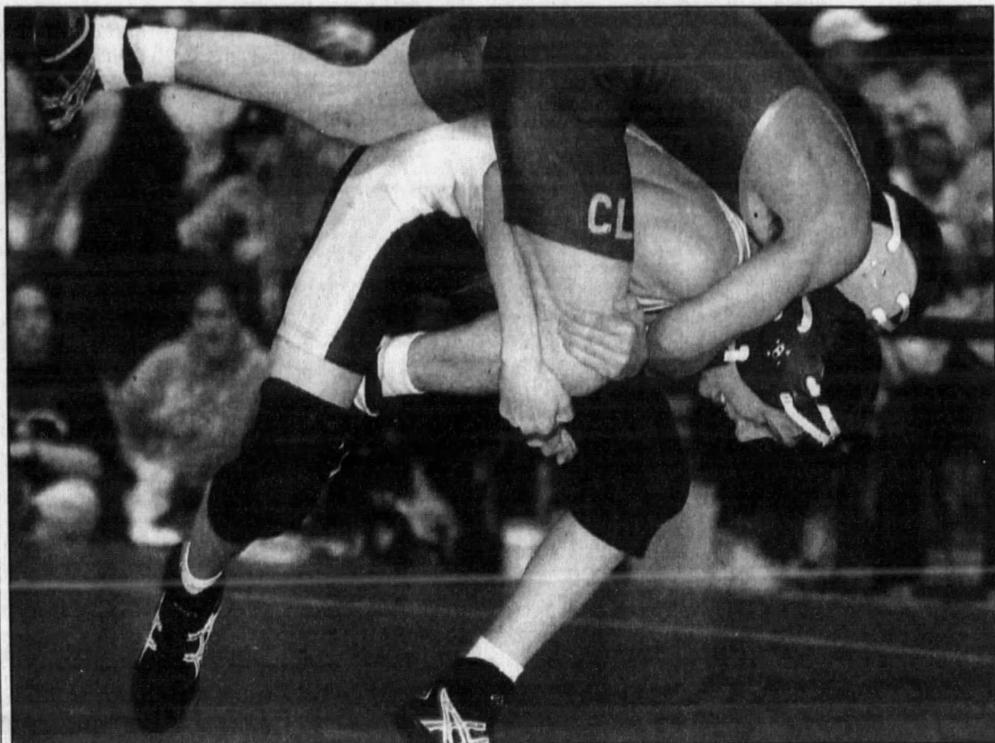
189 — Andrew Legg (FR) p. Aaron Williams (Ots) :29.

215 — Chris Kayser (FR) p. Corbet Griffith (NW) :53.

Hwt — Jarrod Pena (FR) p. Brian Mock (Psbrg) 1:60.

##### **Consolation finals**

112 — David Briggs (BG) p. Kyle Watts (FR) :52.



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SAM KRUEGER, bottom, of Fremont Ross throws Clyde's Marcelo Gonzales in a 119-pound match Wednesday at Nancy E. Hanger Gymnasium in Clyde.

# Clyde romps twice

## Ross salvages GLL victory over rival Streaks

By TIMOTHY R. WOLFRUM  
Sports editor



MICHAELS

CLYDE — The Fremont Ross and Clyde wrestling teams both got what they came for during a double-dual Wednesday at Nancy E. Hanger Gymnasium.

The Fliers backed up their Division II state ranking by cruising to lopsided victories over Division I schools Ross and Sandusky.

And though they lost to Clyde, the Little Giants came away with a win in the most important match to them, a Great Lakes League affair with Sandusky.

The ninth-ranked Fliers blew away Ross, 50-18, and Sandusky, 58-17, and improved to 4-0 in dual matches. Freshman Robbie Michaels (103 pounds) and T.C. Hoffman (130) led the way with a pair of pins apiece.

"It's a nice feeling," Clyde head coach Jim Carothers said. "We didn't probably think things were going to be

as lopsided as they turned out. We had some kids step it up a couple notches."

The Little Giants rebounded for a 40-33 triumph over the Blue Streaks to improve to 2-1 in GLL action. Sandusky fell to 1-2 in the GLL.

"That's the one we wanted, but Clyde's always a good team to beat," said Ross junior 189-pounder Andrew Legg, who won a pair of matches. "Unfortunately, we didn't get to. But we've got a really young team. We just need a little more experience."

Brock Davis, who also claimed a pair of individual wins, clinched Ross's victory over Sandusky with a pin of Felix Scott in five minutes, 40 seconds. Davis, who normally wrestles at 125 pounds, moved up to face Scott because the Blue Streaks forfeited the 125-pound match.

"I bumped him up to 130 to go against one of their better kids," Ross head coach Grover Dowell said. "Otherwise, they would have beat us. He did a real nice job. I was real happy with Brock tonight.

"I did some switching around in that one that pretty much guaranteed it. I didn't expect it to be as close as it was."

Davis moved to 20-0 on the campaign. Before his pin of Scott, Davis earned a hard-fought 10-3 triumph over Clyde's J.R. Ysaguirre.

"That was a real intense match," Davis said of facing Ysaguirre. "We were going full go the whole match. ... We both wanted to win."

Legg also saw his record go to 20-0 with a pair of easy triumphs. He pinned Brandon Mitchell of Sandusky in 2:27 and turned in a 17-2 technical fall over Eric Schwartz of Clyde.

"I almost messed up in the beginning," Legg said of his match against Mitchell. "I tried to force something. I capitalized off it, though. He didn't wrestle. I've had that problem quite a bit this year. I just beat him in the down position."

Against Clyde, Sam Krueger and Chris Kayser picked up Ross's other victories. Krueger downed Marcelo Gonzales, 13-3, at 119

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# Fliers soar past Ross, Sandusky for wins

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pounds, and Kayser claimed a forfeit at 215 pounds.

Jaime Mendoza (103), Andy Chavez (125), Jake Gutschalk (140), Austin Earle (152) and Myles Porter (160) contributed victories against the Blue Streaks. Mendoza pinned Andrew Montgomery in 3:59, Chavez claimed a forfeit, Gutschalk pinned Zac Knoll in 3:27, Earle pinned Adam Crawford in 38 seconds and Porter recorded a 20-7 major decision over Hassan Moore.

Dowell said he was happy with his team's effort, despite the loss to Clyde.

"They're having a nice year," he said of the Fliers. "They've got a nice squad. They do a real nice job."

"I love this (meet). It's good competition all the way through. That's what you're looking for."

Michaels and Hoffman led a horde of double winners for the Fliers. Brent Aona (112), Bobby Blackburn (135), Jon Taylor (140), Tyson Bouyack (152), Josh Zieber (160), Rick Montalvo (171) and Luke Seal (275) also swept their opponents.

Michaels pinned Mendoza of

Ross in 2:36 and Montgomery of Sandusky in 2:43 to continue a strong first season.

"I'm surprising myself because I didn't think I would do this good," Michaels said. "A lot of people think I might make it to state. I want to. Yeah, I think I'm surprising some people."

Hoffman also got two quick pins, taking down Tim Freeman of Ross in 2:28 and Scott of Sandusky in 3:15. The two pins made it three in a row for Hoffman, who won the Norwalk Invitational on Saturday with a pin.

"I'm always impressed when T.C. can pin anybody," Carothers said.

"But he's improving his pinning skills this year. He's a takedown-type guy."

Schwartz added one victory for Clyde by pinning his Sandusky foe, Michell, in 2:16.

Ross hosts Whitmer on Wednesday. The Fliers host the Clyde Invitational on Saturday.

# WOW!

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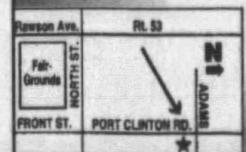
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## Wrestling

### High School

#### Clyde 50, Ross 18

103: Robbie Michaels (C) p. Jaime Mendoza (R) 2:36.  
112: Brent Aona (C) t.f. Zac Brunner (R) 20-4.  
119: Sammy Krueger (R) m.d. Marcelo Gonzales (C) 13-3.  
125: Brock Davis (R) d. J.R. Ysaguirre (C) 10-3.  
130: T.C. Hoffman (C) p. Tim Freeman (R) 2:28.  
135: Bobby Blackburn (C) p. Derek Earhart (R) 2:28.  
140: Jonathan Taylor (C) t.f. Jake Gutschalk (R) 23-7.  
145: Bryce Aona (C) t.f. Josh Howey (R) 15-0.  
152: Tyson Bouyack (C) d. Austin Earle (R) 7-4.  
160: Josh Zieber (C) p. Myles Porter (R) 3:35.  
171: Rick Montalvo (C) t.f. Brandon Wolfe (R) 16-1.  
189: Andrew Legg (R) t.f. Eric Schwartz (C) 17-2.  
215: Chris Kayser (R) forfeit.  
275: Luke Seal (C) d. Jarrod Peña (R) 6-3.

#### JV matches

103: Kyle Watts (R) p. Nena Garcia (C) 4:40.  
125: Adam Ysaguirre (C) p. Andy Chavez (R) 2:41.  
135: Andy Slone (C) p. Brian Burel (R) 2:41.

#### Clyde 58, Sandusky 17

103: Robbie Michaels (C) p. Andrew Montgomery (S) 2:43.  
112: Brent Aona (C) p. Adam Calderon (S) 3:23.  
119: Jay Dreschel (S) t.f. Marcelo Gonzales (C) 15-0.  
125: Jacob Zieber (C) forfeit.  
130: T.C. Hoffman (C) p. Felix Scott (S) 3:15.  
135: Bobby Blackburn (C) forfeit.  
140: Jonathan Taylor (C) t.f. Zac Knoll (S) 19-2.  
145: Philip Montgomery (S) p. Bryce Aona (C) 1:27.  
152: Tyson Bouyack (C) p. Adam Crawford (S) 4:48.  
160: Josh Zieber (C) t.f. Hassan Moore (S) 18-0.  
171: Rick Montalvo (C) d. Eric Lyons (S) 14-7.  
189: Eric Schwartz (C) p. Brandon Mitchell (S) 2:16.  
215: Danny Johnson (S) forfeit.  
275: Luke Seal (C) d. Anthony Watson (S) 7-3.

#### JV matches

152: David Nofitz (S) p. Anthony Palicka (C) :30.

#### Ross 40, Sandusky 33

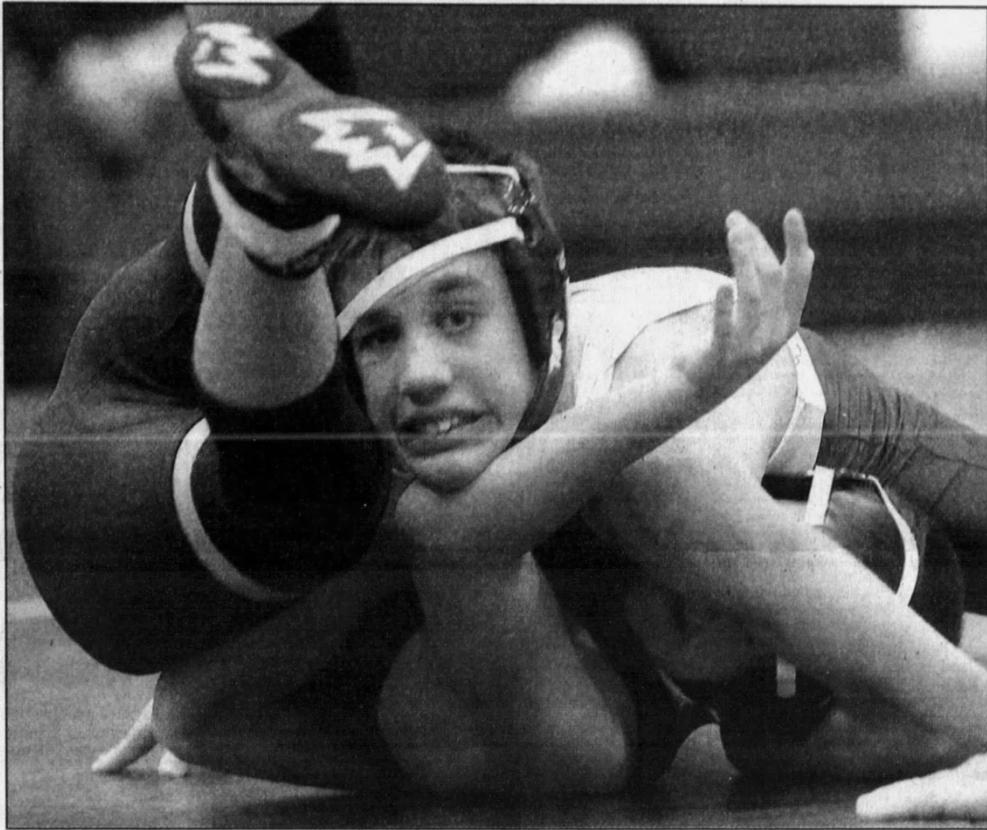
103: Jaime Mendoza (R) p. Andrew Montgomery (S) 3:59.  
112: Adam Calderon (S) m.d. Zac Brunner (R) 15-7.  
119: Jay Dreschel (S) t.f. Sammy Krueger (R) 15-0.  
125: Andy Chavez (R) forfeit.  
130: Brock Davis (R) p. Felix Scott (S) 5:40.  
135: Ron Pickens (S) p. Derek Earhart (R) 3:37.  
140: Jake Gutschalk (R) p. Zac Knoll (S) 3:27.  
145: Philip Montgomery (S) p. Josh Howey (R) 1:33.  
152: Austin Earle (R) p. Adam Crawford (S) 3:38.  
160: Myles Porter (R) m.d. Hassan Moore (S) 20-7.  
171: Eric Lyons (S) p. Brandon Wolfe (R) 3:51.  
189: Andrew Legg (R) p. Brandon Mitchell (S) 2:27.  
215: Danny Johnson (S) d. Chris Kayser (R) 6-3.  
275: Anthony Watson (S) d. Jarrod Peña (R) 4-2.

#### JV matches

140: Zimmerman (R) p. Peters (S) 3:17.  
160: Warner (S) d. Henry (R) 17-14.

Wrestling

# Giants stay alive



News-Messenger/Abigail Bobrow

**ZAC BRUNNER**, top, of Fremont Ross gets control of Whitmer's Jeff Moorehead during Wednesday's Great Lakes League match at the Purple Pit. Brunner pinned Moorehead in 28 seconds.

## Porter leads Ross to must-win over Whitmer

By ALEXIUS TOMASZEWSKI  
Staff writer

Fremont Ross 171-pounder Myles Porter is a team wrestler.

Bumped up from his normal 160-pound class, Porter pulled out an 11-9 overtime victory to key the Little Giants' 35-25 come-from-behind victory over Toledo Whitmer on Wednesday at the Purple Pit.

The victory was a must for Ross's Great Lakes League title defense. Entering the match, Ross, Napoleon and Findlay each had one GLL loss.

"I knew it was going to be close, but I didn't think it would be that close. Whitmer has some really nice kids," Ross head coach Grover Dowell said. "We talked about the match beforehand, and the kids knew they had to have this win or they'd kiss the championship goodbye."

Ross ran its league record to 3-1.

Porter's victory over Todd Ridgeway tied the match at 25 apiece. Although tired, he rallied to force the extra session and hit a double-leg takedown to end the match.

"Coming in, I knew it would be pretty close," Porter said of the bout. "I'm just glad I'm in as good a shape as I am. ... Everyone told me we needed the points. I just tried to come through in the clutch."

Said Dowell, "I bumped Myles up to 171 because our normal 171-pounder, Brandon Wolf, has been sick, and I thought he could handle it. Myles did a real nice job for us."

Andrew Legg won by forfeit at 189 pounds, and Chris Kayser earned a 10-2 victory over Ben Wright to seal the deal.

The Panthers (1-3 GLL) shuffled their lineup with hopes of pulling off the upset.

"We thought it would come right down to the wire," Whitmer head coach Rob Warren said. "Our heavyweight was in the match and ended up getting pinned, and he cost us three team points. That really hurt us. ... We weren't sure if we could manage a win at 215 with our 189-pounder. That was our only shot at the win."

Little Giant heavyweight Jarrod Pena pinned Dan Curry with a double-underhook throw in one minute, 41 seconds to start the match. Curry muttered some unkind words to the official and was hit with a flagrant misconduct call, resulting in the team point deduction.

Ross's Zac Brunner (103 pounds) pinned Jeff Moore-

head in 28 seconds, and Sam Krueger downed Ryan Macut 18-5 at 119 pounds to build a 16-3 Little Giant lead.

Brock Davis dropped a 7-2 bout to undefeated Damon Abitua of Whitmer. It was Davis' first loss of the season.

Said Dowell, "In Brock's behalf, he has a pulled hamstring. I know he was hurting and he didn't open up at all tonight. But that was a tough kid he wrestled."

Ross bounced back and took the 135-pound weight class when Derek Earhart pinned Derek Stender in 1:23.

The Panthers took the next four matches and took a 25-22 lead, their first of the night, when Clay Dubendorfer defeated Ross's Kevin Henry 16-5 at 160 pounds.

The Little Giants travel to Oregon Clay on Wednesday.

# **Wrestling**

## **High School**

### **Ross 35, Whitmer 25**

103 — Zac Brunner (R) p. Jeff Moore-head :28

112 — Corey Funk (W) p. Jaime Mendoza 4:58

119 — Sam Krueger (R) maj. dec. Ryan Macut 18-5

125 — Damon Abitua (W) dec. Brock Davis 7-2

130 — Kirk Bowman (W) maj. dec. Tim Freeman 13-0

135 — Derek Earhart (R) p. Derek Stender 1:23

140 — Chad Sharp (W) dec. Jake Gutschalk 16-10

145 — Tim Root (W) maj. dec. Kyle Wensinger 16-5

152 — Dan Gurney (W) maj. dec. Austin Earle 17-7

160 — Clay Dubendorfer (W) maj. dec. Kevin Henry 16-5

171 — Myles Porter (R) dec. Todd Ridgeway 11-9 OT

189 — Andrew Legg (R) forfeit

215 — Chris Kayser (R) maj. dec. Ben Wright 10-2

Hwt — Jarrod Pena (R) p. Dan Curry 1:41.

### **Ross JV 30, Whitmer 18**

#### **Ross JV winners**

103 — Kyle Watts, 119 — Andy Chavez,

140 — Tony Zimmerman, 145 — Josh Howey, 215 — Jason Bundschuh.

## Ross rips Eagles in GLL wrestling

OREGON — Tim Freeman, Andrew Legg and Jarrod Pena recorded pins to lead the Fremont Ross wrestling team to a 49-18 Great Lakes League triumph over Oregon Clay on Wednesday.

The Little Giants, the defending GLL champions, improved their league record to 4-1.

Pena and Legg made quick work of their Eagle foes. Heavyweight Pena pinned Ziad Kadri in 17 seconds, and Legg (189) pinned Rondel King in 38 seconds. Freeman pinned Clay's Andy Walsh in 2:43.

At 103, Zac Brunner posted an 11-0 shutout of Austin Erel, and Kyle Watts followed with a 4-0 victory over Steven Klorer at 119 pounds. Brock Davis (125) won by forfeit, as did Derek Earhart at 135.

Also earning victories for Ross were 152-pounder Austin Earle and 215-pounder Chris Kayser.

Earle earned a 10-1 major decision over Jake Grooll, and Kayser won 10-2 over Tom Lutz.

Ross hosts Fostoria on Wednesday.

## Wrestling

### High School

#### Ross 49, Clay 18

103: Zac Brunner (R) dec. Austin Erel (C) 11-0.  
112: Kyle Watts (R) dec. Steven Klorer (C) 4-0.  
119: Sam Krueger (R) dec. Bud Klorer (C) 12-4.  
125: Brock Davis (R) forfeit.  
130: Tim Freeman (R) p. Andy Walsh (C) 2:43.  
135: Derek Earhart (R) forfeit.  
140: Justin Hughes (C) dec. Jake Gutschald (R) 10-8.  
145: Josh Howey (R) default.  
152: Austin Earle (R) dec. Jake Grooll (C) 10-1.  
160: Cody Allen (C) dec. Myles Porter (R) 14-9.  
171: Mike Zieler (C) p. Brandon Wolf (R) :29.  
189: Andrew Legg (R) p. Rondel King (C) :38.  
215: Chris Kayser (R) dec. Tom Lutz (C) 10-2.  
HWT: Jarrod Pena (R) p. Ziad Kaari (C) :17.

# Ross wrestlers roll by Redmen

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross's final tune-up before the Great Lakes League wrestling tournament didn't go smoothly as hoped, but the Little Giants came away with a 48-22 non-league triumph over Fostoria on Wednesday night to finish the season with a 5-1 dual meet record.

The Little Giants were bailed out by five forfeits after winning only three of the remaining nine matches. At 130 pounds, Brock Davis posted an 8-5 win over Fostoria's Trey Garcia, and Little Giant Austin

Earle downed Shane Parsons 11-5.

Ross heavyweight Jarrod Pena pinned Dave Hummel in two minutes, 14 seconds, and teammate Myles Porter (160) won after Matt Goddard defaulted.

Jaime Mendoza (103 pounds), Andy Chavez (125), Derek Earhart (135), Brandon Wolf (171) and Andrew Legg (189) all had forfeits.

The Little Giants, looking to defend their league championship, return to the mat on Feb. 8 for the GLL tournament at Sandusky. Wrestling begins at noon.

# **Wrestling**

## **High School**

### **Ross 48, Fostoria 22**

125 — Andy Chavez (R) forfeit

130 — Brock Davis (R) dec. Trey Garcia  
8-5.

135 — Derek Earhart (R) forfeit

140 — Alex Shiff (F) p. Jake Gutschalk  
1:29

145 — Brad Howard (F) p. Eric Edwards 1:44.

152 — Austin Earle (R) dec. Shane Parsons 11-5.

160 — Matt Goddard (F) default

171 — Brandon Wolf (R) forfeit

189 — Andrew Legg (R) forfeit

215 — Joe Morton (F) dec. Chris Kayser 2-1.

Hwt. — Jarrod Pena (R) p. Dave Hummel 2:14.

103 — Jamie Mendoza (R) forfeit.

112 — Bill Reese (F) maj dec. Zac Brunner 13-3.

119 — Jake Keegan (F) dec. Sam Krueger 13-7.

In wrestling, Ross junior Andrew Legg was named the wrestler of the year. He joined Little Giant Zac Brunner on the GLL first team. Ross's Austin Earle, Chris Kayser and Jarrod Pena received second-team mention.

Ross finished second to Findlay in the GLL wrestling standings. The Little Giants went 4-1 in dual meets and came in second to the Trojans in the league tournament.