

St. Joe has four top seeded wrestlers

Fremont St. Joe will have four top-seeded wrestlers in the Class A Sectional Tournament at Northwood High School this Friday and Saturday. The St. Joe top seeds topped the area teams in drawings held Sunday.

Ross will have two top seeds in the Bellevue Class AAA sectional while Genoa and Oak Harbor will have one apiece in the Oak Harbor Class AA tourney, and Woodmore will have one top seed at the Northwood tourney with St. Joe.

Tom Guyer (101), Willie Zamora (108), Rick Boyer (148), and Dale Courtney (heavyweight) are the top seeds for the Crimson Streaks. Guyer is 19-0 for the season while Zamora is 15-0. Moyer is 16-0 and Courtney is 14-0. In seeding for Class A, wins over Class AA and AAA opponents were counted but losses against the larger schools were not counted on the record.

Woodmore's seed at Northwood is 188-pounder Pat Massie with an 11-0 mark. The team with the most seeds at Northwood is Sandusky Bay Conference champ, St. Mary's with six.

Tony Munoz, 12-0-1 at 101 and Jesse Heidelberg, 18-0 at 108, are Ross's top seeded wrestlers at Bellevue. Jim Smith was second seeded for Ross at heavyweight while Aaron Sewell and Terry Holmes were third seeded at 129 and 141, respectively. Bruce Levenson was also third seeded at 170 for Ross.

Bill Weaver, 15-2, of Bellevue was seeded first at 122 and was joined in the top seeded spots by teammates Pat Thonen (17-0) at 158 and heavyweight Rob King (15-1).

In the Class AA at Oak Harbor, Genoa's Rick Peiffer (17-0) drew the top seed at 115 and Oak Harbor's Tim Martikan gained that distinction at 178.

Cardinal Stritch led that tourney with seven first place seeds and 12 seeds in all divisions.

St. Joe had six other seeded wrestlers besides the top four seeds. Tim Luc was second at 115 with Lynn and Jim McKinney drawing the fourth seeds at 122 and 129, respectively. Jim Meyer was fourth at 158 and Bob Pfefferle will enter the tourney as the third seeded 170-pound wrestler. Mike Jay is third seeded at 188.

Woodmore had a second seed in Dave Armbrust at 178 and Mike Lenox at 122. Denny Freimark was third seeded at 129 while Bill Johnson was seeded second at 141, also for the Wildcats.

Gibsonburg will have four seeded wrestlers at Northwood: Kraig Baker, second at 108, Denny Sanchez, second at 158, Chuck Sander, second at 170, and Chuck Wonderly, third at 178.

At Oak Harbor, other area seeded wrestlers include Mark Mancinotti, third for Genoa at 108, and Comets Alfredo Lozoya, second at 158, and heavyweight Butch Williams, fourth seeded.

Oak Harbor has fourth seeds in Steve Burnett (101), John Biggert (122), Randy Lewis (129), Jim Beard (135), Marty Borjas (148), and Chris Floro (188).

Gary Bond of Lakota drew the third seed at 135 at Oak Harbor and teammate Ron Conley is the fourth seed at 178.

Margaretta has three seeded wrestlers and Clyde has one in the Vermilion Class AA Sectional.

Jorge Santana of Margaretta is seeded second in the 122-pound class, while Raul Veliz (129) and Dave Bell (heavyweight) are both seeded third for the Bears.

Dean Foults (129) of Clyde is seeded fourth.

St. Joe, Ross rolling along

Fremont Ross trailed Mansfield by one-half of a point in the team race for the Class AAA sectional wrestling crown at Bellevue after the first two rounds of the tourney were completed Friday night.

The Little Giants will have eight wrestlers competing in the semifinal round today which began at noon. Ross trails Mansfield Senior 51½-51.

Gaining semifinal berths for Ross were Tony Munoz (101), Jesse Heidelberg (108), Aaron Sewell (129), Rick Hinkle (135), Pete Werling (148), Clarence Parks (158), Bruce Levenson (170), and Jim Smith (heavyweight).

Bellevue was tied with Lexington for fifth spot in the tourney with 26½ points. Advancing to the semis for the Redmen were Bill Weaver (122), Pat Thonen (158), Carl Evert (178), and Rob King (heavyweight).

At Northwood's Class A

tourney, Fremont St. Joe will have nine wrestlers in the semis. Sandusky St. Mary's is leading the tourney by virtue of winning all 17 matches that they competed in during the first two rounds. The semis started at noon.

St. Joe wrestlers in the semis were Tom Guyer (101), Willie Zamora (108), Tim Luc (115), Lynn McKinney (122), Jim McKinney (129), Rick Moyer (148), Jim Meyer (158), Mike Jay (188), and Dale Courtney (heavyweight).

Gibsonburg advanced Kevin Foos (101), Kraig Baker (108), Denny Sanchez (158), Chuck Sander (170), and Chuck Wonderly (178) to the semis, also at Northwood.

Woodmore will have Mike Lenox (122), Denny Freimark (129), Bill Johnson (141), Bill Deitemyer (158), Jeff Kelley (170), Dave Armbrust (178), and Pat Massie (188) in the Northwood semis.

At the Oak Harbor Class

AA, Cardinal Stritch leads the team standings with 60 points. Oak Harbor, Genoa, Lakota, and Port Clinton are competing.

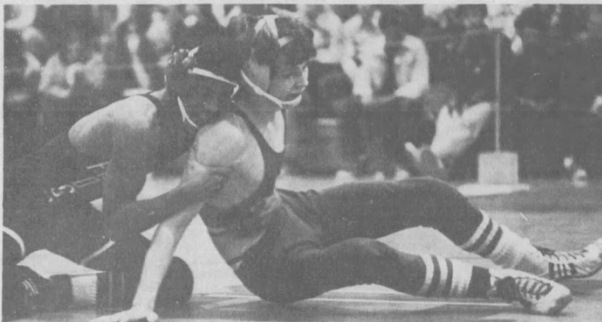
Oak Harbor will have only Jim Beard (135) and Tim Martikan (178) in the semifinals today. Genoa will have Mark Mancinotti (108), Rick Pieffer (115), and Butch Williams (heavyweight) in the semis while Lakota has only Ron Conley at 178. Port Clinton will have Gutowski (158), Tim Celek (170), and Lyle Alvarado (188).

At Vermillion's AA tourney, Margaretta was forced to compete with only three wrestlers after 10 varsity grapplers were suspended from the team because of disciplinary reasons.

Clyde, also competing at Vermillion will have Mike Beier in the semis. He is a 145-pounder.

Finals in all the tourneys are at 7 p.m. tonight with the exception of the Class AAA at Bellevue which will begin at 6 p.m.

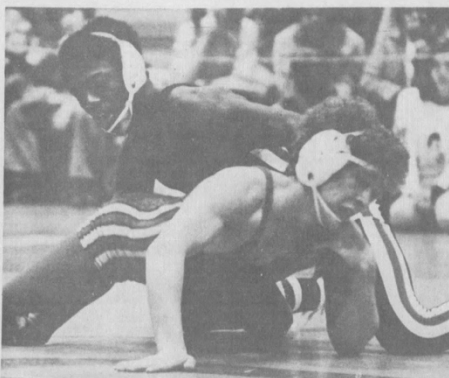
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ROSS'S JESSE HEIDELBURG HAD CONTROL OF LEXINGTON'S RICK SIEGEL

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BELLEVUE'S three champions are shown in the surrounding photos. At the top, 122-pound champ Bill Weaver struggles to get away from Sandusky's Kelvin Irby in the championship finals. At the top right, Pat

Thonen extended his unbeaten string to 21 with his title win at 156 and at the bottom right, heavyweight Rob King breathes a sigh of relief after defeating Ross's Jim Smith in his championship match.



Little Giants win Class AAA sectional

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Ross got a measure of revenge against arch-rival Sandusky Saturday by capturing the Bellevue Class AAA Sectional Wrestling Tournament title by a slim 128-126½ margin.

With the mythical title, the Little Giants qualified eight wrestlers to the district tourney at Toledo Rogers High School next Friday and Saturday. The district will send the top two wrestlers from each weight class to the state finals in Columbus on March 12-13.

The Little Giants had finished second to Sandusky a month ago in the Buckeye Conference tournament.

Ross won three championships and took second in one other. Tony Munoz, the state runnerup at 101 a year ago, won his second consecutive title at that weight with a narrow 2-1 verdict in overtime over Mansfield junior John Selmon. The two have not met three times this season with the Ross senior holding a 2-2-1 margin.

The match was tied at 1-1 at the end of regulation with Munoz scoring on a penalty point and an escape in the overtime for the win.

Jesse Heidelberg ran his record to 22-0 in winning the 168-pound crown. The Ross junior tripped Lexington's Rick Siegel 4-1 in the finals.

Pete Werling, a state qualifier for Ross last year, won the 148-pound division with a hard earned 2-1 win over Brett Edwards of

Madison. The Ross captain moved his record up to 16-3 with the championship win.

Jim Smith, heavyweight, took runnerup in that division as Bellevue's Rob King edged the Ross grappler 2-1 in a reversal in the second period. Smith has now lost only twice in 18 matches and both losses have come at the hands of the 6-6, 265-pound Bellevue giant.

Bellevue also had champions at 122 in Bill Weaver and Pat Thonen at 158. Weaver jumped off to a 5-0 first period lead over Sandusky's Kelvin Irby and hung for a 5-4 decision in the title bout.

Thonen remained unbeaten with his 21st straight win in the title bout against Jay Wagner of Gallion. The Bellevue senior won easily 10-5 in the final match.

Ross coach Al Voggenthaler was subdued but happy over the sectional win. "We got some help from Mansfield along the way when they kept knocking off Sandusky wrestlers," he said.

"Then, of course, we turned in a good all-around performance," the Ross coach said.

The sectional win for Ross had its bit of irony, however, because it marked the first year since sectional competition started that the sectional tournament winner did not receive a trophy. Instead, it was only a handshake and good luck in the district affair.

Besides the three champs and the runnerup, Ross will send Aaron Sewell (129), Rick Hinkle (135), Clarence Parks (158), and Bruce

Levonson (170) to the district meet. Sewell finished third with a 10-0 consolation win over Dan Roach of Madison and Hinkle was third with a default win over Andy Vrabel of Malabar.

Bellevue, besides its three 111ists, will send Carl Evert to the districts. Evert took fourth in the 178-pound division.

TEAM STANDINGS: Fremont Ross 128, Sandusky 126½, Mansfield 109, Bellevue 71½, Malabar 67½, Lexington 62, Madison 49, Gallion 41½, Ashland 39, Findlay 38½, Perkins 36½, Marion Harding 16, Tiffin Columbian 6½.

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

101 — Tony Munoz (FR) d. John Selmon (M) 2-1, overtime; 108 — Jesse Heidelberg (FR) d. Rick Siegel (L) 4-1; 115 — Ken Miller (S) d. Gary Hagstover (M) 10-1; 122 — Bill Weaver (B) d. Kelvin Irby (S) 5-4; 129 — Brian King (S) d. Dan Cho (Mal) 5-2; 135 — Ed Pavoni (M) d. David Harris (S) 4-3; 141 — Fred Brownlee (M) d. Terry Rasmussen (S) 9-3; 148 — Pete Werling (FR) d. Brett Edwards (Mad) 2-1; 158 — Pat Thonen (B) d. Jay Wagner (G) 10-5; 170 — Tom Fulk (A) d. Marty Tougas (L) 2-2; 178 — Clarence Parks (P) d. Dave Angle (L) 4-2; 188 — Luther Henson (S) p. Eric Driskell (Mal) 2-33; HVY — Rob King (B) d. Jim Smith (FR) 2-1.

CONSOLATION FINALS

101 — Rusty Amstutz (L) d. Jon Redman (P) 9-5; 108 — Julia Baustler (S) d. Van Wagner (G) 2-1, overtime; 115 — Bruce Lepley (G) won by default over Ed Brownlee (Mal); 122 — Steve Owens (M) d. Bruce Robertson (P) 6-1; 129 — Aaron Sewell (FR) d. Dan Roach (Mad) 19-6; 135 — Rick Hinkle (FR) won by default over Andy Vrabel (Mal); 141 — Brian Goodson (G) d. Jeff Hoop (A) 5-2; 148 — Dave Bricker (Mal) Jeff Divilian (M) 12-4; 158 — Gene Blue (M) d. Clarence Parks (FR) 12-4; 170 — Mike Painter (P) d. Bruce Levonson (FR) 2-0; 178 — Dale Reppine (Mad) d. Carl Evert (B) 8-1; 188 — Jim Blahy (P) d. Gary Kidd (M) 7-5; HVY — Paul Pope (P) d. Mike Haynes (Mad) 11-3.



PETE WERLING of Ross, left and above, shows the signs of taking an elbow to the nose in his title bout with Madison's Brett Edwards.