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Fremont Ross junior Tylor Trautwein (189), the lone area wrestler in Division I, won his first match of the tournament Thursday.

Trautwein (41-2), a former junior high state champion making his state debut, edged Maple Heights' Fred Robinson (28-2), 5-3, to advance to the quarterfinals.

"The first one's always tough, so it's good to get it out of the way," said Trautwein, who will meet Centerville's Nick Miler (18-0) today. "There's no comparison to the junior high state tournament. There's nothing like taking the mat here in Columbus."

Little Giants coach Mike Mezinger was pleased with Trautwein's performance.

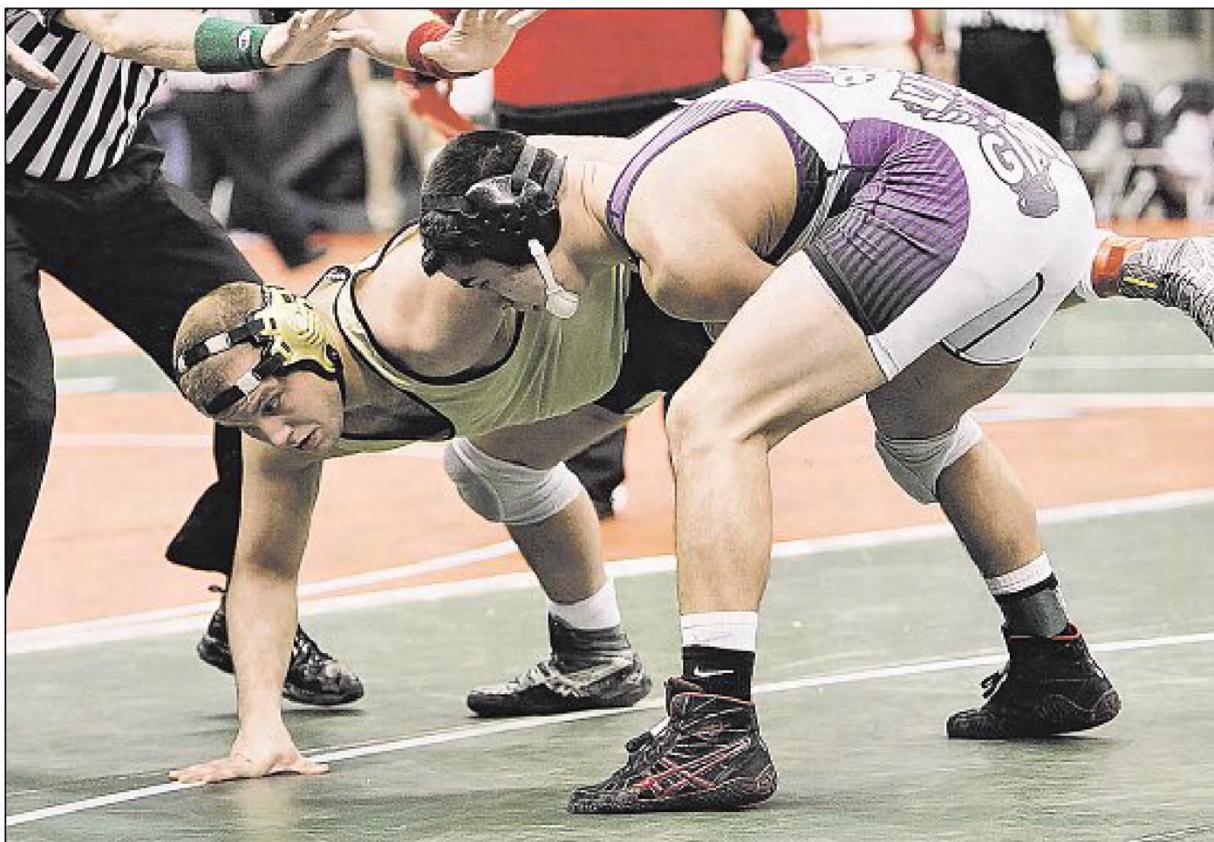
"When he was aggressive, that's when he took the guy down to the ground," he said. "When he was on defense, that's when we gave up a few points. We've just got to stay on the offense for six minutes. Down here, every match is important, and you've got to go six minutes hard in all of them."

"We're not just here to get on the podium. We're aiming high."

Trautwein (41-4) lost to Centerville's Nick Miller, 9-6, in the quarterfinals, and was eliminated by Cincinnati Elder's Kevin Hyland by pinfall in 4:35.

"It's a good experience for next year," Fremont Ross coach Mike Mezinger said. "He got a taste of it down here, and we're not satisfied with just coming down here. We had high hopes for this weekend."

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Fremont Ross's Tylor Trautwein wrestles Cincinnati Elder's Kevin Hyland during the second day of the Division I state wrestling tournament in Columbus.