

2004 Sectional...

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SECTIONAL WRESTLING

Division I

At Toledo Rogers

WHEN: Friday 4 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m., finals at 6 p.m.

TEAMS: Ashland, Bowling Green, Bowsher, Toledo Central Catholic, Columbian, Ross, Lima Senior, Maumee, Perrysburg, Rogers, Sandusky, Scott, Start, Whitmer

TEAM FAVORITE: Perrysburg

OTHER CONTENDERS: Maumee, Ross, Sandusky

AREA WRESTLERS TO WATCH: Ross — 130 Brock Davis, 27-5; 171 Andrew Legg, 33-0; 152 Austin Earle, 29-5; 140 Jake Gutschalk, 25-6; 189 Myles Porter, 27-6; Rob Durnwald, 13-8.

OTHER WRESTLERSTOWATCH: 103 Rico Andaverde, Central Catholic 20-7; 112 James Schuler, Central Catholic 36-1; 119 Noah Zydock, Perrysburg 32-6; 125 Jay Dreschel, Sandusky 32-4; 135 Brent Wiesensteiner, Ashland 23-5; 140 Tony Castillo, Perrysburg 32-9; 152 Cody Mager, Ashland 16-5; 160 Will Plowman, Maumee 32-4; 189 Jeremy Carpenter, Maumee 28-1; 275 Dave Wyper, Perrysburg 38-2.

NEXT: Top four individuals in each weight class advance to district tournament at Perrysburg.

Six Giants advance

Six Fremont Ross wrestlers advanced to the semifinals with victories at Toledo Rogers on Friday.

BROCK DAVIS (130), **JAKE GUTSCHALK** (14), **AUSTIN EARLE** (152), **ANDREW LEGG** (171) and **MYLES PORTER** (189) each registered two pins. **JORGE PEREZ** (215) had a bye before winning by fall.

The six Little Giants advance to the district tournament at Perrysburg next Friday and Saturday.

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N Ross Results

103: Marcus Measimer — bye;
Roshawn Jones (Start) p. Measimer :44.

112: Bill Koch (Rogers) dec. Zac Brunner 8-6.

119: Chris Bursley (Ashland) t.f. Mike Flores 15-0.

125: Sam Krueger — bye; Matt Holland (Perrysburg) p. Krueger 1:08.

130: Brock Davis p. Joe Nichols (Ashland) 2:54; p. Addison Schafer (Maumee) 1:22.

140: Jake Gutschalk p. Michael Swartz (Columbian) 3:23; p. Chris Glover (Scott) :10.

145: Josh Howley — bye; Chris Steinmetz (Columbian) p. Howley 2:17.

152: Austin Earle p. Jerry Marsenburg (Scott) 1:26; p. Nick Stretchberry (Bowling Green) 3:45.

160: Drew Beat (Perrysburg) p. Kevin Henry 3:18.

171: Andrew Legg p. Stever Herman (Whitmer) :58; p. Eric Taylor (Rogers) 1:55.

189: Myles Porter p. Eric Lyons (Sandusky) :22; p. Mike Clement (Start) 1:10.

215: Jorge Perez — bye; p. Dustin LeStrange (Central Catholic) 3:39.

275: Rob Durnwald p. Matt Rodnicki (Bowsher) :20; Bruce Pratt (Bowling Green) p. Durnwald 3:50.

and **TONY BROWN** (189) and Woodmore's **CHASON AULT** (130) also earned sectional titles.

Also for Lakota, **KYLE KLOTZ** (152, 2nd), **CURT LOWERY** (145, 3rd), **JIMMY SHULTZ** (171, 4th) and **JACOB POWERS** (215, 4th) advanced.

For Woodmore, **KEITH GIESLER** (103, 2nd), **JON MARQUIS** (125, 2nd) and **JUNI ARREOLA** (140, 4th) also advanced.

Hogue captures title

JOHN HOGUE earned a title at 152 pounds and was one of three Margaretta wrestlers to advance out of the Plymouth Sectional.

JOSH FOX was second at 171, and **ERIC MYER** was fourth at 160.

Division I

Ross has Legg up

Seven Fremont Ross wrestlers advanced to the district tournament at Perrysburg after Saturday's Toledo Rogers Sectional.

ANDREW LEGG (171) pinned his way through the tournament,

including Perrysburg's Brian Whitner at 5:08 in the final.

"I wanted to go out and make a statement," Legg said. "The final match was probably my best match. I got into a nice mind-frame and was really prepared. Hopefully, I can prepare myself that way through districts and state."

BROCK DAVIS (130) beat Perrysburg's Rand Haskell 16-12 in the championship match.

"Brock had a good tournament," Legg said. "He only won the final by four, but he completely dominated the match. The score didn't indicate how close the match really was. Brock took control for the entire match."

MYLES PORTER (189) lost to Maumee's Jeremy Carpenter, who is ranked second in the state, in the finals.

"Myles wrestled tough," Legg said. "He lost to a kid ranked second in the state. If Myles wrestles tough, we can send at least four to state — me, Brock,

Austin and Myles."

AUSTIN EARLE (152, 3rd), **JORGE PEREZ** (215, 3rd), **SAM KRUEGER** (125, 4th) and **JAKE GUTSCHALK** (140, 4th) also moved on for the Little Giants.

Ross finished third as a team.

Division II

Redmen roll

It was lucky 13 for Bellevue.

The Redmen had six champions and advanced 13 to next weekend's district tournament as they captured the Shelby Sectional title.

JEFF PELTON (103), **DUSTIN GURLEY** (140), **JOHNNY PELTON** (145), **KYLE BAKER** (160), **DUSTIN DEARTH** (189) and **TYLER EDGINGTON** (215) all earned titles for Bellevue.

QUENTON SMITH (130), **ED HUPP** (135), **ALEX MALOTT** (171) and **JORDAN RADLOFF** (275) were runners-up.

JOSH HEATH (112), **BRANDON CHAPIN** (125) and **DREW LIDNER** (152) were third.

Prep corner

Legg dominant as a Little Giant

The wrestler of the week is **ANDREW LEGG** of Fremont Ross.

Legg, who is 33-0 on the mats this year, was recently voted the Greater Buckeye Conference wrestler of the year.

The honor was just the latest for the two-time state qualifier and state placer who is one of the best wrestlers to ever don the purple and white for Ross.

"I am just impressed with what Andrew has done and accomplished," veteran Ross coach **GROVER DOWELL** said. "Andrew has not been scored on offensively this year. He works his tail off to get better. Wrestling is not a winter sport for Andrew, it is a year-round commitment. Andrew takes his wrestling serious and is willing to do whatever it takes to be successful.

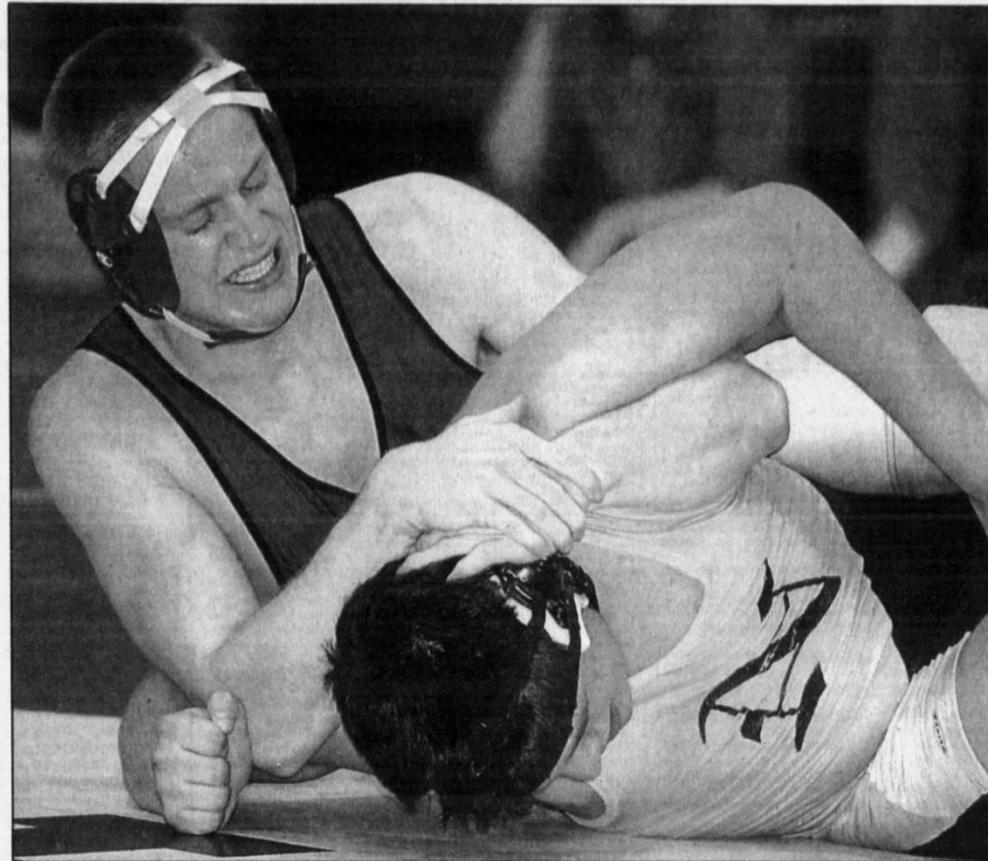
"He has a burning desire to get back to Columbus and stand at the top of the podium," Dowell continued. "But as serious as he is about wrestling, he's just as serious about his education. He's just a quality kid, and there's no other way to put it."

■ POWER POLL: 1.

Bellevue, 2. Clyde, 3. Oak Harbor, 4. SJCC, 5. Ross, 6. Margaretta, 7. Lakota, 8. Woodmore, 9. Gibsonburg

—Scott Black

Sight to behold



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FREMONT ROSS'S MYLES PORTER, left, is 27-6 and seeded second in this weekend's Division I Toledo Rogers sectional. That success is despite the fact that the senior can barely see. He was born with ocular albinism, which severely restricts his vision.

Near blindness doesn't handicap Ross's Porter

By MATTHEW HORN
Sports Writer

Every athlete risks individual failure. Aside from winning and losing, fear may be the most compelling factor in motivating them to succeed.

Fremont Ross wrestler Myles Porter has an unshakable excuse he could use when things don't go his way.

But he would never dream of offering it.

The Little Giant senior can hardly see, but he's not disabled in his eyes.

And his athletic exploits confirm just that.

Porter is 27-6 and seeded second in the 189-pound weight class in this weekend's Division I Toledo Rogers sectional.

"He knows he takes a chance with every sport he plays," said fellow senior Andrew Legg, who at 171 pounds is often Porter's practice partner. "The other wrestlers look up to that. He never quits. He keeps coming at you. He has a lot of mat awareness and heart."

"He's almost blind, and he's wrestling."

More prep wrestling

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Astonishingly, Porter played wide receiver on the freshman and junior-varsity teams his first two years at Ross before switching to defensive tackle the last two seasons. He caught seven passes his first two seasons and had 31 tackles and one sack last year.

He is also a captain on the track team and competes in the high jump, long jump, shot put and occasionally runs races.

Porter was born with ocular albinism. He must hold small print within 4 inches of his eyes to read, and people must be within a couple of feet for him to pick up fine details.

But his sight has little or no negative impact on his execution on the mat.

"I tie up with the kid, that's why you don't see much action in the first period

of my matches," he said. "I feel the kid out and try to capitalize on what he's doing and make adjustments in the second and third periods to hopefully win the match."

Legg said Coach Grover Dowell certainly doesn't coddle Porter. In fact, Dowell is often harder on Porter than the rest of the Giants. And Porter said he wouldn't have it any other way.

"I've adapted over the years," he said. "(My sight) really doesn't bother me. Sometimes people baby me too much or remind me. I don't want to be babied. If I need help, I'll ask for it. I'm independent. I like to achieve goals without anybody's assistance."

Dowell has helped Porter become more defensive.

"It's hard to pick up detail and real quick movement," Porter said. "I don't like being neutral. It's hard for me to react to people's shots and adjust to quickness. I can get caught off guard."

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Porter provides much inspiration for Giants

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"I basically go on instinct. If a guy's going to shoot and I adjust, I'll be more aware of when he might shoot again. I have to react because I can't see how their stance is and what their body gestures are. I wait until they make a mistake and capitalize."

Porter, whose season ended at districts with a 23-11 record last season, has made his senior season count.

"Since junior high there's been a 150 percent improvement," Legg said. "He comes off with his head high win or lose, listening to the coaches. Expectations for Myles keep rising."

Porter doesn't want to hear his story for personal accolades. He wants his story to benefit others.

"Disabled is not in my vocabulary," he said. "If somebody can't walk, hear or doesn't have motor skills, that's a disability. I can do what I want, when I want to do it. I'm a normal person. I always try to push ahead."

"People may be inspired to do what they want to do and not just wish they did certain things. I want people to live their lives to the fullest and have no regrets. I like helping people, and I want them to be happy with themselves. Some folks might avoid pressure and sit back and watch their life go by."

Porter will never be accused of that.