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Three Ross wrestlers in semifinals

TOLEDO — Three Fremont Ross wrestlers will have a shot at earning a berth in the state wrestling tourney today when the Class AAA District Tournament semifinal matches are staged at Rogers High School.

Andre Parks, Tim Donnersbach, and Troy Amor will be bidding for one of the two spots in each division that advance to the state tourney.

All three of the Little Giants had byes in the first round before recording second round victories.

Parks, 138, stopped Todd Jones of Bowsher 5-1 in his match to set up a rematch with Reid Rogers of Lima Shawnee in the semis today. Earlier this season, Parks and Rogers wrestled to a draw, the only blemish on Rogers otherwise spotless 25-0-1 season record.

Donnersbach, 175, knocked off Brian Brown of Defiance 7-1 in his second round match. That set up a match with Terry Joachim of Tiffin Columbian in the semis. Donnersbach defeated Joachim 5-2 in the sectional semifinals a week ago.

Amor, Ross's heavyweight, will face one of the better "heavies" in the Toledo area in the semis — Ray Myers of Bowsher. Myers defeated Amor 6-2 in the Medina Tournament this season.

In the second round, Amor pinned John Trivett of Defiance in 3:23 to reach the semifinal round.

Other Ross wrestlers failing to stay "alive" in the tourney were Gilbert Palacios, 105, and Paul Adams, 185.

The semifinal round begins at 12:30 p.m. today with the finals at 7 p.m. tonight. Only the top two wrestlers from each weight division advance to the state meet.

Following are the top 10 teams in the tourney after the first round.

TOP 10 TEAMS

St. John's 26, Bowling Green 23, Defiance 23, Galion 22½, Whitmer 20½, St. Francis 17, Vermillion 16½, Rogers 15, Clay 14½, Ross 14.



TIM DONNERSBACH OF ROSS LOOKS UP WHILE PUTTING THE SQUEEZE ON COLUMBIAN'S TERRY JOACHIM



REID ROGERS OF LIMA SHAWNEE IS WRAPPED UP IN A CRADLE BY ROSS'S ANDRE PARKS

District wrestling: Ross has two champs

TOLEDO — Andre Parks and Tim Donnersbach will represent Fremont Ross in the state wrestling tournament in St. John's Arena on The Ohio State University campus this week.

The Ross duo won division titles in the Class AAA District Tournament at Rogers High School Saturday. The top two wrestlers in the district gained entrance into the state tourney which begins Thursday evening in St. John's Arena.

Gallon won the district title with 70½ points. Second went to St. John's with 67; Defiance was third at 65 with Whitmer fourth with 61 and Ross finishing fifth with 56½.

Parks and Donnersbach were assured of state tourney berths by winning semifinals matches Saturday afternoon.

Parks knocked off Reid Rogers of Lima Shawnee 10-2 in the semis to score what many considered an upset. Rogers had entered the match with a 25-0-1 record — the only blemish, a draw with Parks in a triangular match two months ago in Findlay. Roger also had a jacket full of safety pins, a wrestler's symbol denoting matches won by falls of "pins." Parks was not phased by Rogers' chest of metal, quickly taking him down, letting Rogers escape, and then getting another takedown for a 4-1 lead after one period. With Parks "up" in the second period, the Ross junior quickly slapped a "cradle" on Rogers for a three-point nearfall. Another three-point cradle came a few seconds later and Parks had enough points for a 10-2 win and a berth in the state meet.

"He (Rogers) said before the match that he was going to beat me," Parks

said, "he said he was gonna stick another pin up there on his jacket."

Al Voggenthaler, Ross coach, said that Parks had to go after Rogers. "We thought that he was tough on his feet so we wanted Andre to go after him and build up a big lead."

Donnersbach, 175, pinned Terry Joachim of Tiffin Columbian in his semifinal match. The Little Giants senior applied the match-stopper at the 5:33 mark of the third period.

"He (Joachim) wanted me bad," Donnersbach said about the wrestler he defeated in the sectional semifinals a week earlier. "He said he lost last year in the district semifinals and he wasn't going to let that happen again."

Donnersbach, now 24-4 has turned in a reversal of form from a season ago. He was 6-13 when his junior season ended.

Troy Amor, the third Ross wrestler to reach the semifinal round, ran into the eventual district champ, Ray Meyers of Bowsher. The Ohio State bound griddler and now state wrestling tournament bound Meyers pinned Amor in 1:11 of the first period.

Amor did finish third for the Little Giants. He stopped Pete Fitzsimmons of Findlay 5-0 in the consolation bracket semifinals and then posted a 2-1 victory over Pete Moody of DeVilbiss in the battle for third place.

Other Fremont area AAA wrestlers in the district were Ray Garza, 112, Jeff Babcock, 126, Phil Gutkoski, 167, and Brian Celek, 175, of Port Clinton. Gutkoski was third in his division after losing in the semis to eventual champ Marty Ruff of Whitmer 8-0 in overtime. Celek also finished third.

Four Streaks in state meet

FINDLAY — When it comes to silver, St. Joe wrestling Coach Gary Logsdon is a reluctant expert and when it comes to gold, well, Logsdon has not had a glimpse of that stuff for four years.

Sandusky St. Mary's made it four for four Saturday by sweeping past the Crimson Streaks to the Class A District Wrestling Tournament title at Findlay College. All four times that the Panthers have been to the altar, St. Joe has been a consistent bridesmaid.

Columbus Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of this week.

Undeclared Nick Picciuto, Tom Lindenberger, Mike Chambers, and Steve Pfefferle will be going to Columbus for Logsdon and St. Joe. Picciuto was the only grappler to claim a district title. To advance to the state meet, a wrestler had to finish in the top three.

The St. Joe junior, now 23-0, rocked Tim Beverick of St. Mary's 7-0 in the