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JOHN LOZANO
...24-8 for Ross



MATT MARINIS
...28-6 for Ross



SAM HOTZ
...29-3 for St. Joe



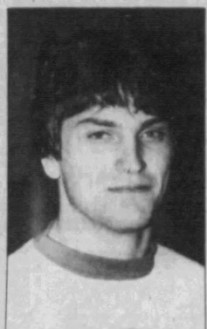
BRIAN HOFFMAN
...28-5 for St. Joe



TOM LUPICA
...30-3 for St. Joe



MIKE GIESLER
...27-0 for Woodmore



ANDY ROE
...27-2 for Woodmore



FERD MILLER
...33-0 for Genoa



MIKE SHADOAN
...27-9 for Oak Harbor



TIM HORNYAK
...26-2 for Genoa

'Lucky 13' bid for state titles

Woodmore standout Mike Giesler leads area contingent

By BOB MARKER

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Projected state champion Mike Giesler of Woodmore leads 13 area wrestlers into the 49th Ohio High School State Wrestling Tournament.

The tourney begins with Class AA and AAA first-round matches Thursday at 4 p.m. The second session for Class A, AA and AAA will begin Friday at 11 a.m., with the third session slated for a 6 p.m. start Friday.

Saturday consolation matches begin at 11 a.m., with the championship and consolation finals beginning at 6 p.m.

Giesler, 27-0, carries the burden of being picked as the projected 167-pound Class A state champ in the 1986 High School Wrestling Forecast compiled by Brian F. Brakeman. Brakeman's forecast is considered a reliable barometer in high school wrestling circles.

Giesler, a senior, will face Matt MacLellan, rated number four by Brakeman, in his first match Friday. MacLellan, 22-5, is from Richmond Heights.

Andy Roe, Giesler's teammate, is 27-2 at 185 and is rated third in the state. He will go up against Greg Reighard, 21-4, of Liberty Center. Mike Vargo, 29-0, of Bridgeport is the projected champ and is in the same bracket with Roe.

Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic is sending the most wrestlers to the state among area schools. The Streaks have Brian Hoffman, 105, Sam Hotz, 126, and Tom Lupica, 138, in the



TONY KERN
...21-3 for Gibsonburg



DAN BIDDLE
...27-7 for Lakota



ERIC SCHEUFLER
...11-2 for Margaretta

A meet.

Hoffman, 28-5, will meet a stern test from the opening whistle when he takes on projected state champion Joe Bonaventura, 33-1, of Grandview Heights.

Hotz, 29-3, will go up against Todd Mizer, 24-4, of Cadiz in his first match. Should he win that initial test, Hotz could go up against projected champ Jim Speelman, 32-1, of Mansfield St. Peter's.

Lupica, 30-3, squares off against another Cadiz grappler, Brad Giffin, 28-5-1, in his first match. The St. Joe junior is ranked second in the state behind projected division king Pat McKeon, also 30-3, of Thompson Ledgemont. The two are in opposite brackets in a division that Brakeman rates as a tossup.

The final area A participant is Tony Kern, 112, of Gibsonburg. Kern, 21-3 and rated sixth in the Brakeman forecast, will wrestle Billy Myers, 24-6, of Sandusky St. Mary's in his first bout. Myers is rated number three.

Ross will send 112-pounder Matt Marinis and 145-pounder John Lozano into Class AAA state competition.

Marinis, 28-6, a sophomore, is making his second appearance in the state tourney. He will take on Dave Hinkel, 24-7, of Fairfield in his first match. Marinis is ranked ninth by Brakeman.

Lozano, 24-8, will go against Joe Guiciardo, 28-3, of Lakewood St. Edward. Guiciardo is rated number five. Monty Dagley, 30-0, the projected state champ from Xenia is in the same bracket with Lozano.

In Class AA, five area

wrestlers will be competing, including two from Oak Harbor.

Ferd Miller, who lost in the first round of the state tourney as a Genoa sophomore, is the only undefeated wrestler in the 185-pound division. Now wrestling for Oak Harbor, the junior has a 33-0 record.

Miller will face John Fuduric, 26-4, of Middlefield Cardinal in his first match. Ranked number three by Brakeman, Miller is in the opposite bracket from the second-ranked Dave Moore, 28-1, of Rootstown. The defending and projected state champ, Jack Leeder of Orrville, is not in the state tourney.

Miller's teammate, 119-pounder Mike Shadoan, 27-7, will wrestle projected champ Mark Marinelli, 28-1, of Columbus DeSales in his first match.

Tim Hornyak, 105, of Genoa was third in the state at 98 pounds last year as a junior. The 26-2 senior will take on Jeff Letzner, 28-1, of Medina Highland in his first match. Letzner is ranked second and Hornyak third in Brakeman's tournament forecast.

Dan Biddle, 112, will represent Lakota in the state tourney. Biddle is 27-7 and will face Dan Wilkins, 30-5, of Kenston in his first state test. Wilkins is rated number four.

Eric Scheufler of Margaretta is making his second appearance in the state meet. Injured most of this season, Scheufler posted an 11-2 mark wrestling in the 132-pound division. He will take on Joe Breiding, 26-2, of Brookside in his first bout.

Ross matmen out

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COLUMBUS — John Lozano came close, but a disputed takedown in the final 11 seconds ousted the Ross wrestler from the state high school wrestling tournament.

Lozano, 145, was pulled back into the tournament when Joe Guciardo of Lakewood St. Edward upset the division favorite, Kyle Mayse of Marion Harding, 10-6 in the Friday night semifinals.

That gave Lozano another shot.

In his first-round consolation match against Tim O'Connor of Worthington, the Ross senior held a 3-2 lead with 11 seconds remaining when O'Connor

initiated a move close to the out-of-bounds line.

O'Connor got behind Lozano, but the mat referee stopped the wrestling, calling both wrestlers out-of-bounds and not awarding any points.

The mat judge, however, disagreed and after a conference with the mat referee, awarded O'Connor with a takedown. The Worthington wrestler made the 4-3 lead stand up.

"They were both out-of-bounds," Ross Coach Al Voggenthaler argued, "and I did not think he (O'Connor) had control."

Ross's other state tourney participant, Matt Marinis, after losing in the first round, was not pulled back into the tournament.