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Ross lands six in AAA district

MANSFIELD — Ross picked up three individual champions and will have three other wrestlers in the Class AAA District Wrestling Tournament this weekend after finishing second in the sectional tourney at Mansfield Senior High School Saturday.

The Little Giants scored 134 team points to finish a distant second behind surprising Vermilion (191). The Sailors were making their first appearance in the AAA division after moving up from Class AA. Third went to Galion while Mansfield Senior was fourth and Findlay fifth.

Paul "Tex" Miller, Clarence Parks, and Troy Amor won sectional championships for the Little Giants. Chuck Binkley placed second for Ross with Gilbert Palocios and Tim Donnersback finishing fourth. The top four finishers in each division advanced to the district meet.

Dave Campbell of Ross finished fifth in the tourney at 145 and will be the alternate in that division.

"The kids did a good job," Ross Coach Al Voggenthaler said. "Binkley wrestled very well as did the kids who won titles."

Voggenthaler had taken his team into the tourney with hopes of getting possibly eight in the district tournament. "I thought if we wrestled badly, we would have four or five kids advance but if we wrestled well, we would have eight. We got six — that's right in the middle, so that's all right."

Miller, 126, was the first Little Giant to claim a divisional crown. The Ross junior edged Vermilion's John Anthony 2-1 in the finals. Miller had beaten Dave Ramey of Lexington 11-0 in Friday's

first round and knocked off Mike Lindsay of Marion Harding 2-0 in the second round.

In the semi-finals, Miller slipped past Dana Richie of Mansfield Senior to set up his match with Anthony.

Parks won the 155-pound crown and turned in the only pin in the 13 championship match finals. Parks, second seeded in the tourney, defeated Paul Beach of Marion Harding 8-3 in the first round and came back to pin Jeff McQuillen of Mansfield Senior in 3:59 to reach the semis. Jeff May of Vermilion was beaten by Parks 8-6 to set up the Ross senior's title bout with Mike Marzetti of Lexington.

Parks rolled up a 14-0 lead over Marzetti before scoring on a fall at 4:20.

Amor, a junior heavyweight, drew a bye in the first round before blanking Lee McDonald of Perkins 8-0 to reach the semis. It took Amor just 48 seconds to pin Jim San Gregory of Tiffin Columbian in that match. Mike Veley of Marion Harding was victimized 4-0 by Amor in the title bout.

Binkley was the big surprise for Ross. The senior Little Giant, in only his first year of wrestling, knocked off the fourth-seeded 185-pounder, Craig Cassidy of Vermilion 17-8 in the second round after a first round bye.

Top seeded Steve Carr of Galion was next for Binkley and the Ross matman upset Carr 3-2 to get into the finals against Sandusky's Randy Kosel. That was the end of Binkley's string of upsets — Kosel won 5-1.

The AAA district tourney will begin at 5:30 Friday at Toledo Rogers High School.

State berths on the line

District wrestling

Classes A and AA district wrestlers will be vying for berths in the state wrestling tournament beginning at 1 p.m. Friday but the big school division, Class AAA, gets a four-hour longer break.

Fremont Class A area district qualifiers will be taking to the mats at Findlay college Friday and Saturday. Wrestling begins at 1 p.m. each day with the all important finals matches on Saturday evening at 7 p.m. The top three wrestlers in the 13 weight divisions qualify for the state meet.

Fremont St. Joe will be sending 12 wrestlers, the highest number of any Fremont area school out of more than 50 district qualifiers, to the Findlay Class A district. Gibsonburg will be sending two matmen to Findlay while Woodmore has three aiming for a state berth.

Oak Harbor, with 11 wrestlers, leads the Fremont area Class AA schools into the district meet at Toledo Waite High School. The wrestling will begin at 1 p.m. both days

with the Friday night quarterfinal round at 7 p.m., the same time as the Saturday night finals.

In addition to the large Oak Harbor delegation, Genoa will be sending four wrestlers and Clyde will have three in the district tourney. Lakota will be represented by a single matman.

Bellevue and Margaretta will have four wrestlers apiece advancing from the Bellevue Sectional Tournament.

Ross, with six wrestlers in the district, leads the two big Fremont area schools into the next to last competition before the state finale. Port Clinton will have four grapplers in the AAA district at Toledo Rogers High School.

The AAA meet will begin four and one-half hours later than the smaller schools tourneys. The 5:30 p.m. Friday start will go the first two rounds to the semifinals.

To qualify for the state meet, the A and AA wrestlers will have to finish in the top three while the AAA wrestlers must finish in the top two to gain the state spot out of the Northwestern Ohio District.

In AAA, the most important matches of the tournament will be

Saturday afternoon when the semifinals matches are staged. The winners of those two matches will be in the state tournament.

Following is a list of the Fremont area wrestlers qualifying for the district meet:

CLASS AAA

FREMONT ROSS: 98, Gilbert Palacios; 126, Paul "Tex" Miller; 155, Clarence Parks; 175, Tim Donnersbach; 185, Chuck Binkley; heavyweight, Troy Amor;

PORT CLINTON: 105, Ray Barza; 112, Art Castillo; 155, Phil Gutkowski; heavyweight, Gary Van Deusen.

CLASS AA

OAK HARBOR: 98, Doug Blay; 105, Phil Weirich; 112, Jim Blausey; 119, Steve Burnett; 126, Ernie Goodsite; 138, Roger Beard; 145, John Biggett; 155, Dan Zunk; 167, Mike Carman; 175, Jim Lattimore; heavyweight, Jerry Velliquette;

GENOA: 98, Alex Quinones; 138, John Bedford; 112, Dan Lopez; heavyweight, Tim Schulte;

CLYDE: 132, Dean Fultz; 145, Mike Beier; heavyweight, Dan Burkett;

LAKOTA: 155, Chris Tyson; BELLEVUE: 112, Brian Mallott; 145, Ted Sberna; 167, P.J. O'Lynn; 175, Dave Contreras;

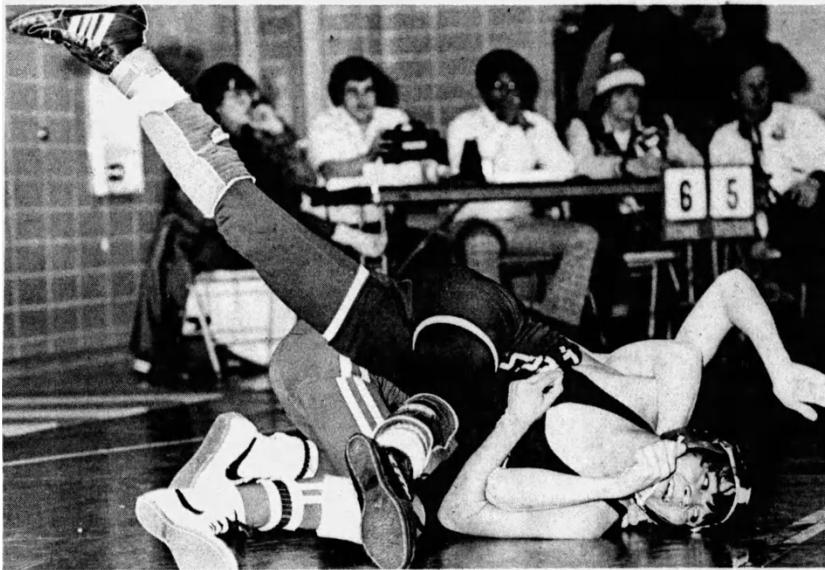
MARGARETTA: 98, Bob Avila; 112, Ed Cody; 138, Pat Scheufler; 155, Mark Palmucci.

CLASS A

FREMONT ST. JOE: 98, Louie Zamora; 112, Nick Picciuto; 119, Ken Freeh; 126, Tom Guyer; 132, Tom Lindenberger; 138, Lynn McKinney; 145, Brent Weickert; 155, Bob Freeh; 167, Jim Franks; 175, Mike Chambers; 185, Doug Courtney; heavyweight: Steve Pfefferle;

WOODMORE: 105, Jack Hubbs; 175, Mark Lenox; 185, Roger Massie;

GIBSONBURG: 112, Kraig Baker; 119, Tim Schell.



GILBERT PALACIOS of Ross takes a nose dive into the rubber during his 98-pound match against Rick Walterbach of Anthony Wayne. Walterbach got away from the Ross sophomore late in the

match to post a 9-5 win in the Class AAA District Wrestling Tournament at Rogers High School. (News-Messenger photo by Dan Borelli)

Rain washes out Citrus round

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — A violent thunderstorm, packing lightning and flooding rains, washed out second-round play Friday and set up a double round of 36 holes Sunday in the \$200,000 Florida Citrus Open golf tournament.

The decision to go to a double round Sunday was made by PGA Tour Deputy Commissioner Clyde Mangum after lengthy consultations with Citrus tournament sponsors and executives of NBC, which will provide national television coverage.

flooding the fairways and making the course unplayable. The rains continued throughout the day.

None of the players had completed their rounds before the washout. All will start over from the first tee on Saturday.

The first round leaders — Arnold

Campbell leads Ross quartet

TOLEDO — Dave Campbell came out of nowhere to lead a quartet of Fremont Ross Wrestlers into the semifinal rounds of the Class AAA District Wrestling Tournament at Rogers High School here Friday.

Campbell, 145, stepped out of the "alternate" field to post two upset wins. The Ross senior scored on a five-point move in the final round of a 6-4 win over Mike Piggott of St. Francis in his first round match.

He came back to nail Jack Moss of Defiance 5-0 in his second match to reach the semifinals.

The winners of the semifinal matches today will be in the state tournament next weekend in Columbus. Only the top two finishers in the Class AAA district in Northwest Ohio advance to the state showdown.

Other Ross semifinalists include Paul "Tex" Miller, 126, Clarence Parks, 155, and heavyweight Troy Amor. All three wrestled just one match Friday.

Miller defeated Ron Walters of Sylvania Southview 1-0 while Parks got by Tony Herrera of Clay 2-1 and Amor pinned Bill Jacoby of St. John's in 2:35.

Losers in the first round for Ross were Gilbert Palacios, 98, Tim Donnerbach, 175, and Chuck Binkley, 185. Palacios is the only Ross wrestler out of the tourney at the moment. Donnersbach and Binkley could be pulled back in today.

Pork Clinton will send one wrestler, 112-pounder Art Castillo into the semis. The Redskins still have 155-pounder Phil Gutkowski and heavyweight Gary Van Deusen "alive."

Vermilion, making its first appearance as a Class AAA school, holds a commanding 34½-21 lead over Sylvania Northview in the team race. Ross is in fifth spot with 18 points.

Wrestling begins today at 12:30 with the finals at 7 p.m.

District wrestling tourney pairings

Class AAA

TEAM STANDINGS: Vermilion 34½; Sylvania Northview 21, Mansfield Senior 20½, St. Francis 19, (tie) Fremont Ross and Lima Shawnee 18, St. John's 17½ (tie) Sandusky and Defiance 17, Maumee 16, Galion 15, Rogers 14½, (tie) Napoleon, Findlay and Port Clinton 12½, Whitmer 12, Anthony Wayne 10.

TODAY'S SEMIFINAL MATCHES

98 — Rick Wilde (Defiance) vs. Carl Speitzer (Galion); Todd Stalter (Rogers) vs. Lavelle Williams (Mansfield Senior);
105 — John Mayer (St. Francis) vs. Tim Savona (St. John's); Mike Gerken (Vermilion) vs. Mark Hatcher (Napoleon);
112 — John Churchill (Vermilion) vs. Art Castillo (Port Clinton); Dean Cooper (Sylvania Northview) vs. Lee Smith (Findlay);
119 — Jim Hinojosa (Clay) vs. Jim Sampson (Vermilion); Vince Petrella (Mansfield Senior) vs. Van Wagner (Galion);
126 — Doug Finch (St. Francis) vs. Steve Camella (Sandusky); Paul "Tex" Miller (Ross) vs. Marty Andryzcik (Whitmer);
132 — Ken Jones (Shelby) vs. Dick Leffler (St. Francis); Dave Orta (Defiance) vs. Larry Shoemo (Sandusky);
138 — Tim McIntire (Maumee) vs. Rick Hillen (Vermilion); John Miller (Ashland) vs. Dave Clark (Sandusky Perkins);
145 — Jeff Divilbiss (Mansfield Senior) vs. Paul Jacoby (St. John's); Giles Perry (Vermilion) vs. Dave Campbell (Ross);
155 — Clarence Parks (Ross) vs. Todd Sabo (Maumee); Marty Ruff (Whitmer) vs. Rick DeStephens (Lima Shawnee);
167 — Mark Ryerson (Maumee) vs. Rod Harrold (Mansfield Madison); Dan Kay (St. Francis) vs. Jim Detmer (Napoleon);
175 — Mark Ovall (Rogers) vs. Joe Shoen (St. John's); Chuck Sheehe (Vermilion) vs. Kevin Megyesi (Anthony Wayne);
185 — Randy Kosel (Sandusky) vs. Mike Burthcin (Lima Shawnee); Tom Bloomer (Sylvania Northview) vs. Eric Batt (Defiance);
HVY — Ray Myers (Bowsher) vs. Troy Amor (Ross); Pete Moddy (Perkins) vs. Brad Bloomer (Sylvania Northview).

District wrestling tournament results

—Class AAA—

TEAM STANDINGS (TOP 13)

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| Vermilion | 130 | Northview | 48 |
| St. Francis | 73½ | Rogers | 44½ |
| Mansfield Senior | 69½ | Sandusky | 41 |
| Ross | 61 | Lima Shawnee | 38½ |
| St. John's | 55 | Findlay | 28 |
| Defiance | 55 | Napoleon | 22½ |
| Maumee | 50 | | |

CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

98—Rick Wilde (Defiance) d. Todd Stalter (Rogers) 9-3; 105—Mike Gerken (Vermilion) p. Tim Savona (St. John's) 4:52; 112—John Churchill (Vermilion) d. Lee Smith (Findlay) 13-1; 119—Vince Petrella (Mansfield Senior) d. Jim Hinojosa (Clay) 2-0; 126—Doug Finch (St. Francis) d. Paul "Tex" Miller (Ross) 3-1; 132—Dick Leffler (St. Francis) d. Larry Shoemo (Sandusky) 7-6; 138—Dave Clark (Perkins) d. Tim McIntire (Maumee) 5-2;

145—Giles Perry (Vermilion) d. Jeff Divilbiss (Mansfield Senior) 10-9; 155—Clarence Parks (Ross) d. Rick DeStephens (Lima Shawnee) 8-4; 167—Dan Kay (St. Francis) d. Mark Ryerson (Maumee) 3-1, overtime; 175—Mark Oval (Rogers) d. Chuck Sheehe (Vermilion) 8-4; 185—Eric Batt (Defiance) d. Randy Kosel (Sandusky) overtime, referee's decision; HVY—Ray Myers (Bowsher) d. Brad Bloomer (Northview) 2-1;

CONSOLATION FINALS

98—Lavelle Williams (Mansfield Senior) d. Carl Speitzer (Galion) 3-0; 105—Roger Owens (Mansfield Senior) p. Mark Hatcher (Napoleon); 112—Dean Cooper (Northview) p. Art Castillo (Port Clinton); 119—Jim Sampson (Vermilion) d. Joe Regan (St. Francis) 7-4; 126—John Anthony (Vermilion) d. Ron Walters (Southview) 11-7; 132—Ken Jones (Shelby) p. Dave Orta (Defiance); 138—Rick Hillen (Vermilion) d. Rudy Ondrus (St. John's) 8-0;

145—Paul Jacoby (St. John's) d. Dave Campbell (Ross) 3-1; 155—Todd Sabo (Maumee) d. Marty Ruff (Whitmer) 8-2; 167—Matt Mossing (St. John's) d. Jim Detmer (Napoleon) 4-1; 175—Dominic Marrocco (Marion Harding) d. Kevin Megyesi (Anthony Wayne) 2-1; 185—Mike Burthchin (Lima Shawnee) d. Tom Bloomer (Northview) 13-3; HVY—Troy Amor (Ross) won by default over Pete Moody (DeVilbiss).

Class AAA

Parks, Miller reach state tournament

TOLEDO — Ross had its own little spotlight but Vermilion stole the show at the Class AAA District Wrestling Tournament at Rogers High School this past weekend.

The Little Giants will have two wrestlers making the trip to Columbus Friday to compete in the Ohio High School State Wrestling Tournament. Senior Clarence Parks ended his three-year stalk of a state berth and Paul "Tex" Miller, a junior, will carry the Ross hopes in the tourney.

Vermilion, with four advancing to the state meet, walked away with the district title. The Sailers, Class AA a year ago, piled up 130 points, nearly 60 more than runnerup St. Francis at 73½. Mansfield Senior finished third with 69½ and Ross was fourth at 61. St. John's with 55 rounded out the top five.

Al Voggenthaler, Ross coach, nodded his head in happiness, immediately after Parks had earned the right to travel to Columbus. The Ross senior and captain edged Todd Sabo of Maumee 1-0 in overtime in his hardest match of the tourney.

"Clarence wrestled his best tournament ever," Voggenthaler expressed, and added, "it was a good birthday present."

"Voggie" turned 40 Saturday.

Parks' win over Sabo was in the semifinals. He came back to win the district 155-pound title with an easy 8-4 win over Rick DeStephens of Lima Shawnee. The rights for the Columbus trip ended two years of futility for Parks.

"As a sophomore," Parks recalled, "I lost my one point in the last 20 seconds in the semifinals here. Then in my junior year, I lost in the semis by a referee's decision in overtime."

"This year I won in overtime."

Parks and Sabo had tied at 1-1 in the regulation match. Parks scored the only point of the overtime with an escape in the second period but what he did in the first period had guaranteed him his win.

Parks abandoned his waiting style for a dashing, daring "shooting" style against Sabo in the first extra session.

"We have been pounding it in his head all

week," Voggenthaler said, "that if he waited here, he would be staying home again."

Both Parks and his coach unveiled a helping hand that may have boosted the Ross senior over the hill after two years of trying.

"I have to thank Pete Werling," Parks began, "for helping me this week. He really worked on me."

Werling, a bit out of shape and two years out of high school, finished third in the state meet at 145 during his senior year. Voggenthaler solicited the aid of Werling who used a style similar to Sabo.

"Pete showed Clarence that if he hung back, he would get pounded," the Ross coach explained, "Pete pounded him a few times until Clarence started to come in and neutralize him. That was the same style he used against Sabo."

Miller defeated Marty Andryczik in the semis 4-1 to earn the state tourney berth but had his problems ... not so much with the Whitmer wrestler but with himself.

"I don't know," Miller said, "but I have not

had my mind in this tournament. Maybe I am thinking about the state meet, I don't know."

Doug Finch of St. Francis brought Miller back to reality in the finals, winning 3-1 when Miller picked up two penalty points for stalling.

In other Ross semifinal matches, Dave Campbell, 145, who got into the tournament as an alternate, lost to runnerup Giles Perry of Vermilion 5-3. Campbell went on to finish fourth, losing 3-1 in the consolation finals to Paul Jacoby of St. John's.

Troy Amor was third in the heavyweight division. He lost in the semis to eventual champ Ray Myers of Bowsler via a pin in 4:39. Amor came back to pin Gary Van Deusen of Port Clinton in 44 seconds in the consolation semis before winning by default in the consolation finals from Pete Moody of DeVilbiss.

Moody broke his collar bone when he was "underhooked" by Amor early in the match.

Port Clinton's Art Castillo finished fourth at 112 pounds. He lost in the semis to title winner John Churchill 4-1 before being pinned in the consolation finals by Dean Cooper of Northview.