

1998 District...

Wensinger, Iliff fall short for Ross at district meet

News-Messenger reports

TOLEDO — Fremont Ross will not be represented in the state wrestling tournament this weekend, as Derek Wensinger and Kyle Iliff placed fourth at the district tournament at Toledo Rogers High School.

In the Division I Rogers district, the top three finishers in each weight class advanced to the state tournament in Columbus.

Wensinger, a senior 125-pounder, dropped a tough 9-8 decision to Sandusky's Jason Kresser in the consolation finals.

"Derek just barely missed," said Ross coach Grover Dowell. "When you see someone five times,

you never know what's going to happen. It's just luck, a bad draw, when you get a top-quality kid like that."

Iliff dropped a 2-0 decision to Springfield's Rick Jackson.

"I'm really happy with Kyle's performance," said Dowell. "He had a real good tournament. He missed state, you can say, by a takedown. He's really developed into a nice wrestler."

Dowell said he is pleased with the Little Giants' season and is excited for the future.

"Overall, the kids worked hard," he said. "I'm very optimistic about what's going to happen in the next few years."

Wrestling

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District results

DIVISION I

at Rogers

TEAM STANDINGS: 1— Sandusky 116.5, 2— Ashland 80.5, 3— Central Catholic 78, 4— Wapakoneta 72, 5— Perrysburg 63.5, 6— Mansfield Madison 61.5, 7— Springfield 61, 8— Tiffin Columbian 33, 9— Celina 27.5, 10— St. John's 26.5, 17— Fremont Ross 16

(Top three advance to state)

CONSOLATION MATCHES

125— Jason Kresser (Sa) dec. Derek Wensinger (F), 9-8

140— Rick Jackson (Sp) dec. Kyle Iliff (F), 2-0