

1976 Buckeye Conference...

Ross on top in BC tourney

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Sandusky will win the bigger share of the individual titles but Ross will win the biggest gem this Saturday at Ross High School: the Buckeye Conference Wrestling Tournament championship.

The above reasoning is based on individual wrestlers' records and on finishes of the individuals in last year's tournament. Points were awarded on projected finishes of the wrestlers in the eight-team tourney on an eight points for first, seven for second, six for third, etc., down to one point for an eighth place finish.

In The News-Messenger projections, Ross tallied 83 points, one better than Sandusky, the defending BC champs. Elyria was third with 71, Mansfield fourth with 61, followed by Findlay, Marion Harding, Lorain, and Admiral King.

The Little Giants have the top spots at 101, 105, and heavyweight with seconds at 129, 141, and 148. Sandusky counters with possible titlists at 115, 129, 141, 148, 158, 178, and 188.

Tony Munoz at 101, the returning BC champ at that weight, Jesse Heidelberg, 108, and Jim Smith, heavyweight, have the best shots of five possible titlists for Ross. Ranking second in the ratings for Ross are Terry Holmes, 141, and Pete Werling, 148.

Holmes should reach the finals against Sandusky's Terry Randleman. The two have met twice before this season with Randleman holding a 1-0-1 edge. Werling should be going against two-time conference titlist Tony Jones of Sandusky in the 148-pound final. Werling and Jones have split the two times they have wrestled this season.

In all, there are five returning champions and ironically, one of the five, a state champion, will not be seeded in the top four of his weight division. The champions are Munoz, Kenny Miller (108) of Sandusky, Ed Favors (129), Jones, and Luther Henson (188) of Sandusky. All returning champs except Munoz and Henson will be wrestling one weight class higher this year than when they won their titles.

Miller will be the returning champ not seeded. One of the requirements to be seeded is to have at least five matches this season and Miller sports only a 3-0 record. Drawing the top seed in that division (115) will probably be Gary Hightower of Mansfield, who finished third a season ago in the same weight classification and is 8-0 this season.

In a poll of the eight coaches, in deference to the NM ratings, Sandusky was picked to vie with Elyria for the top spot while Ross and Mansfield are slated to fight it out for the third and fourth spots.

Wrestling Saturday will begin at noon with the first

round. Finals are slated for 7 p.m. Saturday night with championship bouts and consolation finals being run at the same time.

Following is The News-Messenger ratings on how the 13 classifications could end up. In the weight divisions, the wrestler, school, and current record at press time are given.

TEAM RATINGS: Ross 83, Sandusky 82, Elyria 71, Mansfield 61, Findlay 52, Marion Harding 47, Lorain 43, Admiral King 43.

WEIGHT DIVISIONS

101: 1-Tony Munoz, Ross, 7-0; 2-John Selmon, Man., 11-1; 3-Steve Hogg, Mar., 6-2; 4-Hector Perez, AK, 5-4; 5-Tom Showalter, El., 3-2; 6-John Redman, Fin., 2-3; 7-John Jarrell, Lor., 2-4; 8-Sandusky uncertain entry.

108: 1-Jesse Heidelberg, Ross, 10-0; 2-Jerry Little, El., 3-0; 3-Julio Bauthier, San., 5-1; 4-Robert Ray, Man., 7-2; 5-Jeff Nichols, Fin., 9-3; 6-Lance Curtis, Mar., 2-4; 7-Mickey Gonzales, Lor., 2-3; 8-Rick Gongaware, AK, 0-5.

115: 1-Kenny Miller, San., 3-0; 2-Gary Hightower, Man., 8-0; 3-Bruce Fowler, Lor., 4-1; 4-Rex Mason, Ross, 4-5; 5-Keith Anderson, Fin., 4-2; 6-Don Lemons, El., 1-2-1; 7-Larry Knox, AK, 1-4; 8-Dan Munsey, Mar., 1-6.

122: 1-Bob Madison, El., 9-1-1; 2-Kelvin Irby, San., 4-0-1; 3-Steve Owens, Man., 9-3; 4-Ted Stroud, Ross, 5-5; 5-Orlando Ramos, Lor., 3-3; 6-Bruce Roberson, Fin., 5-6; 7-Randy Swigart, Mar., 2-6; 8-Ron Grandison, AK, 0-7.

129: 1-Brion King, San., 3-0; 2-Aaron Sewell, Ross, 7-3; 3-Jack Murray, El., 8-3; 4-Mike Rall, Mar., 8-3; 5-Jim Dziak, AK, 3-4; 6-Rick Isaby, Man., 2-8; 7-Chuck Stumpf, Fin., 1-5; 8-Lorain uncertain entry.

135: 1-Ed Favors, Man., 12-0; 2-Steve Romans, El., 8-2; 3-Harry Williamson, Lor., 4-0; 4-Rick Hinkle, Ross, 6-3-1; 5-David Harris, San., 2-0; 6-Steve Rettig, Fin., 2-6; 7-John Phillipian, Mar., 1-7; 8-Lance Uzam, AK, 0-7.

141: 1-Terry Randleman, San., 8-1-1; 2-Terry Holmes, Ross, 9-1-1; 3-Fred Brownlee, Man., 10-2; 4-Kurt Koepf, El., 6-4; 5-Larry Wiesenerger, Fin., 7-5; 6-Wayne Cosey, Mar., 3-4; 7-Lorain uncertain entry; 8-Admiral King forfeit.

148: 1-Tony Jones, San., 9-1; 2-Pete Werling, Ross, 7-2; 3-Steve Young, Mar., 9-3; 4-Dave Mitchell, Fin., 4-4; 5-Kevin Hill, Lor., 5-1; 6-Jess Divelbiss, Man., 2-8; 7-Jack Claycomb, El., 0-8-1; 8-Admiral King forfeit.

158: 1-Leonard Ferguson, San., 7-2; 2-Steve Justice, Lor., 6-0; 3-Clarence Parks, Ross, 4-3-1; 4-Jeff McCullough, El., 2-1; 5-Gene Blue, Man., 7-4; 6-Dave Elderbrock, Fin., 5-5; 7-Jeff Ruth, Mar., 3-8; 8-Admiral King forfeit.

170: 1-Paul Sunagel, El., 6-2-1; 2-Cary Krueger, San., 3-4; 3-Bruce Levenson, Ross, 6-3; 4-Dan Hagins, AK, 3-4; 5-Steve Franklin, Fin., 2-3; 6-Nick Hodros, Mar., 2-6; 7-Kurt Whitmore, Lor., 1-5; 8-Fred Stuth, Man., 0-0.

178: 1-Tim Fresch, San., 8-3; 2-Ray Long, Ross, 5-1; 3-Onesy Fitzpatrick, El., 5-5-1; 4-Hank Kramer, Fin., 5-5; 5-Charles Shepherd, Man., 5-6; 6-Clarence Hughes, AK, 5-5-1; 8-Lorain uncertain entry.

188: 1-Luther Henson, San., 8-1; 2-Gary Redd, Mar., 9-3; 3-John Thrasher, El., 8-3; 4-Jim Bishop, Fin., 6-4; 5-Jim Hazzard, Ross, 5-4; 6-John Profant, Lor., 3-3; 7-Todd Blasing, Man., 0-2; 8-George Zolnai, AK, 0-0.

HWY: 1-Jim Smith, Ross, 7-0; 2-George Cook, El., 7-3-1; 3-Tom Kennedy, Fin., 5-6; 4-Oscar Addley, Man., 3-6; 5-Fred Lopez, Lor., 2-4; 6-Mike Beley, Mar., 0-5; 7-Bob Speck, AK, 0-7; 8-Sandusky forfeit.

Ross plays Sandusky

Admiral King will invade Findlay in the key Buckeye Conference basketball game Friday night. The game highlights when they managed to hit only 13 of 62 shots from the floor. In Sandusky, the Little Giants will face a team that handed them a

Sandusky shades Ross in BC wrestling

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Ross failed in its attempt to knock Sandusky off the top of the heap of Buckeye Conference wrestling.

Heidelberg, which had the Little Giants could manage only three individual championships as the Blue Streaks came from behind to win the Buckeye Conference Wrestling Tournament at Ross High School Saturday. The Blue Streaks tallied 128 points, six and one-half more than the Little Giants.

Tony Munoz, Jesse Heidelberg, and Jim Smith won weight division titles for Ross with second spots going to Aaron Sewell, Terry Holmes, Pete Werling, Clarence Parks, and Bruce Levenson.

Munoz won his second consecutive BC title at 101 pounds by defeating Mansfield's

Jon Selmon in the title bout. The win, however, was by a narrow 5-4 margin as Munoz wrestled sluggishly against the Tyger junior.

"For some reason I just didn't want to hit my moves," Munoz, a second place finisher at his weight division in the state last year, said. "I just couldn't move."

Werling questioned about his wrestling this year, Munoz said, "I think I am better than last year—it's just that I haven't wrestled well."

Munoz scored on a takedown in the first period but had to escape and get another takedown to lead 5-2 midway through the last period. Selmon closed the gap to 5-3 on an escape and "double underhooking" on Munoz, closed the gap to the final margin with two seconds to go in the match.

Heidelberg's win at 106 brought the full

house down. A junior, the top seeded Ross junior may have been a slight underdog in his match with Sandusky's Julio Bauthier despite a spotless 12-0 mark.

"Trailing 2-0 midway through the second period, Bauthier caught the Sandusky senior in a cradle and the pressure on and pinned Bauthier in 3:21."

For a few seconds after the match, it was difficult to tell whether the roof on the Ross gym was going to be high enough to contain the cheering fans. When he came down out of the rafters, he talked about his title win, his first in the conference.

"I guess I just got mad at him for taking me down in the first period," Heidelberg said. "He never took me down in the match we had at 101. He had beaten Bauthier 4-2 in a dual meet."

"When I got the cradle on him, I was thinking that I had him."

Heidelberg, although expressing surprise about his unblemished record, gave credit to Munoz for his progress this year. "I've become a better wrestler by wrestling Tony in practice," he said.

After Heidelberg's win over Bauthier, Ross' seniors faced Sandusky grapplers three times and lost all three in the championship finals.

Sewell was dropped by Brion King 8-4 in the 129-pound bout and Terry Randleman pinned Holmes in 3:48 of the 141-pound semi-final.

In probably the classic match of the night, Tony Jones, who was named the tourney's "outstanding wrestler" nipped Ross' Werling 10-8 in the 148-pound battle.

Kevin Irby, Sandusky's 122-pounder, took third from Ross' Ted Stroud with a 6-4 win in the consolation finals. Irby had trailed 4-0 after the first period.

Smith, Ross' 250-pound junior heavyweight, crushed the finals by pinning Oscar Addino of Mansfield in 1:15 in his first round match and reaching the finals by stopping Findlay's Tom Kennedy in 52 seconds.

Smith faced George Cook of Elyria in the final bout in his hands full before pulling out a 7-3 win. Smith scored on two takedowns in the first period and an escape and a takedown in the final two minutes. All Cook's points came on escapes.

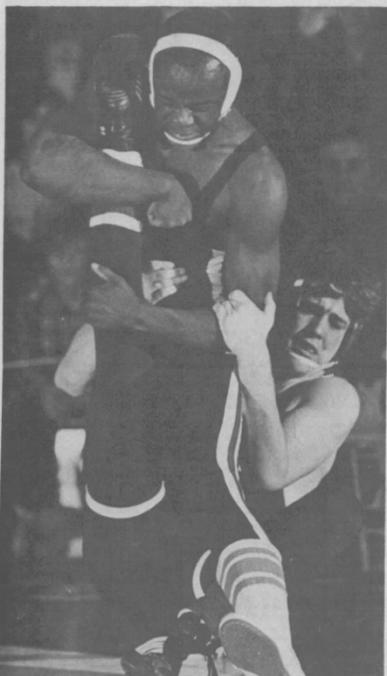
Finishing third in the tourney was Elyria with 112 points, while fourth went to Mansfield at 77½. Findlay, Lorain, Admiral King, and Marion Harding rounded out the field.



Jesse Heidelberg, left, of Ross, peers out from under the chin of referee Steve Kerlin in the 108-pound title bout. Seconds afterwards, the Ross junior pinned Julio Bauthier of Sandusky for his first conference title.

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Ross expressions in Buckeye Conference tourney



PETE WERLING of Ross, hangs onto the arm of Sandusky's Tony Jones in the photo above. Jones won the 148-pound division by slipping by Werling 10-8.



AARON SEWELL of Ross has a good grip on Sandusky's Brion King in an effort to keep him from escaping in the 129-pound finals.



TONY MUÑOZ, above, is upside down but recovered to defeat Mansfield's Jon Selmon for 101-pound championship.



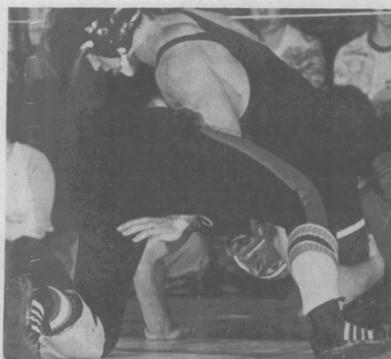
ROSS Coach Al Vogenthaler consoles Terry Holmes after the Ross wrestler lost in the 141-pound finals to Sandusky's Terry Randleman.



CLARENCE PARKS of Ross, on top in above photo, has control of Elyria's Jeff McCullough.



Jim Smith of Ross puts pressure on Elyria's George Cook in heavyweight bout



PAUL SUNAGEL of Elyria takes the low road against Ross's Bruce Levenson. Sunagel defeated Levenson 7-3 for the 176-pound title.

Final standings

TEAM STANDINGS

Sandusky	128	Findlay	43
Ross	121 1/2	Lorain	37 1/2
Elyria	108	A. King	24
Mansfield	77 1/2	Marion	8

CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

101 — Tony Munoz (R) d. John Selmon (Man) 5-4; 108 — Jesse Heidelberg (R) p. Julio Bauthier (S) 3:21; 115 — Ken Miller (S) d. Gary Hightower (Man) 9-4; 122 — Orlando Ramos (L) d. Bob Madison (E) 1-0; 129 — Brion King (S) d. Aaron Sewell (R) 8-4; 135 — Ed Favors (Man) d. Steve Romans (E) 3-1; 141 — Terry Randleman (S) p. Terry Holmes (R) 3:48; 148 — Tony Jones (S) d. Pete Werling (R) 10-8; 158 — Jeff McCullough (E) d. Clarence Parks (R) 6-5; 170 — Paul Sunagel (E) d. Bruce Levenson (R) 7-3; 178 — Tim Fresch (S) p. Charles Shephard (Man) 3:09; 188 — John Thrasher (E) d. Luthern Henson (S) 7-5; HVY — Jim Smith (R) d. George Cook (E) 7-3

CONSOLATION FINALS

101 — Hector Perez (AK) def. Jon Redman (F) 10-1; 108 — Jerry Little (E) d. Jeff Nichols (F) 3-2; 115 — Bruce Fowler (L) p. Larry Knox (AK) 2:00; 122 — Kelvin Irby (S) d. Ted Stroud (R) 6-4; 129 — Jack Murray (E) d. Rick Isy (Man) 2-1; 135 — David Harris (S) p. Steve Rettig (F) :50; 141 — Fred Brownlee (Man) d. Kurt Koepf (E) 10-2; 148 — Dave Mitchel (F) d. Jeff Develbiss (Man) 2-0; 158 — Dave Elderbrock (F) d. Steve Justice (L) 4-3; 170 — Dan Hagins (AK) d. Fred Stuht (Man) 10-0; 178 — Doug Fitzpatrick (E) d. Hank Kramer (F) 3-1; 188 — John Profant (L) d. Jim Bishop (F) 6-1; HVY — Bob Spevok (AK) d. Tom Kennedy (F) 5-2