

## Fremont Matmen Leading In AAA Sectional Event

BELLEVUE—With five wrestlers battling into the semi-finals today, the Fremont Ross mat crew is in a position to win the Class AAA sectional tournament.

"We've got top competition here today. If there's no letdown and our morale stays as high as it is, we'll be in good shape to win this tournament," said Coach Al Voggenthaler.

"I'm hoarse this morning because of all the fine wrestling we saw yesterday," croaked Voggenthaler.

Voggenthaler's first two wrestlers, Eugene Reyes and Roger Huff got bumped early in the tourney but Terry Hoffman, in the 115-pound class, overpowered his opponent, Randy Lee, of Mansfield Madison to jump into the semi-finals.

"Hoffman should go all the

way," said Voggenthaler. "The next match is going to be the tough one. He's lost before to this man, but I think he can do it."

Eric Wolfe and Kevin Haynes got bumped out of action in the first rounds and Paul Branco, 125-class, wasn't entered due to an injury in practice. Rob Stierwalt lost just before Ed Farson walked around his 145-pound opponent to win 7-1 and move into the semi's.

Steve Reiter, in the 158-class, pinned Brad Smith of Marion in 2:58 and then pinned Tony Distel in 2:26 to move into the semi's for the Little Giants.

Larry Parks moved better offensively in his match yesterday with Butch Dyer, according to Voggenthaler, and pinned him at the 3:30 mark.

Dave Mierke put on one heck of a show in the 178-class by beating

Paul Johnson of Mansfield Senior. Johnson had won twice in previous meetings, once by a pin. Mierke won a 6-3 decision but "controlled the match much more than the score indicates," to use Voggenthaler's words.

Mierke's win was the last the Little Giants saw of semi-final prospects as Terry Hinkle got charged and heavyweight Mark Cooley lost to a mighty Tom Meyer from Findlay.

Going into this afternoon's semi-finals the Little Giants have a tender first-place edge over the Blue Streaks of Sandusky, 17½-16½. In the first four positions of the team totals, no one team has more than a two-point edge so the tournament is still up for grabs.

### CLASS AAA SECTIONAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

**At Bellevue**  
(Fremont Ross and Bellevue winners)  
**TEAM SCORES:** Fremont, 17½; Sandusky, 16½; Bellevue, 15; Findlay, 14½; Mansfield Senior, 13½; Galion, 11½; Madison, 10; Tiffin, Columbian, 10; Malabar, 6½; Marion, 3½; Ashland, 3.  
**101-pound class** — Bill Lapczynski, Tiffin, decisioned Eugene Reyes, Fremont, 4-0; Bob Link, Bellevue, dec. Bob Berry, Marion.  
**108-class** — Steve Meyer, Tiffin, pinned Roger Huff, Fremont, 3-0.  
**115-class** — Terry Hoffman, Fremont, dec. Randy Lee, Madison, 9-3.  
**122-class** — Eric Wolfe, Fremont, pinned Dennis Frank, Madison, 1:07; Mark Aigner, Bellevue, dec. Wolfe, Fremont, 11-5.  
**128-class** — Kevin Haynes, Fremont, dec. Gail Jarvis, Galion, 15-1; Dave DeLuca, Bellevue, dec. Haynes, 15-5.  
**141-class** — Rob Stierwalt, Fremont, pinned Cortez Drinkell, Malabar, 1:19; Mike Wade, Tiffin, dec. Stierwalt, Fremont, 3-1; Rick Hamer, Bellevue, dec. Bob Parker, Ashland, 9-4.  
**148-class** — Ed Farson, Fremont, dec. Lyle Wagner, Galion, 7-1.  
**158-class** — Steve Reiter, Fremont, pinned Brad Smith, Marion, 2:34; Reiter, Fremont, pinned Tony Distel, Tiffin, 2:26.  
**178-class** — Larry Parks, Fremont, pinned Butch Dyer, Ashland, 3:33; John Schaffer, Bellevue, pinned Gary Ringwood, Tiffin.  
**178-class** — Dave Mierke, Fremont, dec. Paul Johnson, Mansfield Senior, 6-3; Casey Distel, Bellevue, pinned Bob Fresh, Sandusky.  
**188-class** — Steve Serrano, Bellevue, dec. Terry Hinkle, Fremont, 1-0 in overtime.  
**Heavyweight** — Tom Meyer, Findlay, dec. Mark Cooley, Fremont, 3-0.

## B. Allison Gets Pole For '500'

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Bobby Allison of Hueytown, Ala., no sooner had won the pole position for Sunday's Richmond 500 Grand National stock car race than he took off in his airplane to do one of his challenges a big favor.

Dave Marcis of Asheville, N. C., blew an engine in Friday's qualifying trials for the 271-mile National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing event, so Allison flew him to Asheville to pick up a new engine so he could try to make the 30-car field today.

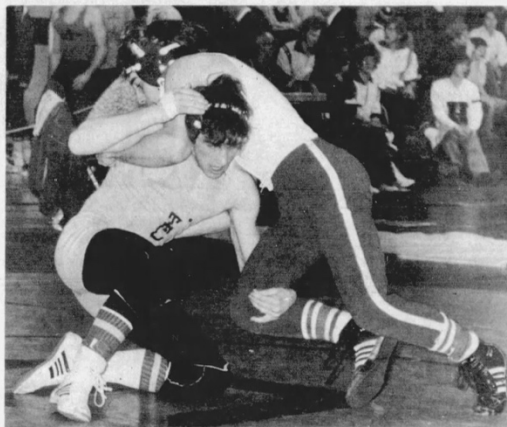
The last 20 spots for the \$34,000 race around the .542-mile Richmond Raceway were at stake in more qualifying trials today.

It was almost an Allison sweep Friday as the first 10 spots were filled, for Dave Allison just missed winning the outside pole position opposite his brother.



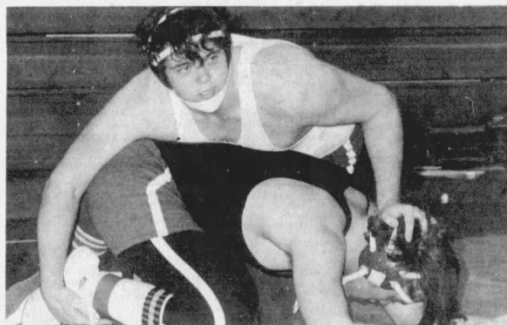
**PUSH THROUGH** — Terry Hoffman of Ross, grinds his teeth in an effort to put Randy Lee of Mansfield Madison on his back and into a

near-fall position. Hoffman won the match 9-3 for the Little Giant total, and was the first Little Giant to advance to the semi's.



**BREAK HIM DOWN** — Shouts Coach Al Voggenthaler as Little Giant Rob Stierwalt moves into Mike Wade of Tiffin Calvert in the 141-class. Stierwalt wrestled against Cortez Drinkell in first round action (for a pin at

1:19) while Wade had a bye. Wade scored a takedown and escaped for three points while Stierwalt only escaped in their match for one point. Stierwalt lost 3-1.



**"WHAT'S THAT COACH?"** — Mark Cooley, tying his heavyweight opponent from Marion up, looks to his coach to check the score. Ross's Cooley had little difficulty with Jim

Stillman in this round as he pinned him in the first period. The story was a little different in the next round as Cooley lost a decision to Tom Meyer of Findlay, 3-0.

## Ohioans To Play In Loop

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—Ohio State's offense, which hit a season high 102 points in an upset of Purdue, takes a shot at Northwestern tonight in a Big Ten basketball game.

Wardell Jackson and Luke Witte combined for 50 points, mostly from the inside, to complement Allan Hornyak's deadly outside shooting against the Boilermakers.

"It was Wardell's best game since he came here," Ohio State Coach Fred Taylor said of the 6-foot-7 junior from Toledo, "and the big kid dominated inside."

### Hot Streak

Taylor was referring to his 7-foot senior center Luke Witte, who scored 24 points to continue his hot streak. Witte has scored 113 points in his last five games to jump his average to 13.4.

Jackson has been nearly as hot in the same stretch with 98 points for a 12.4 mark for the season.

Hornyak continues to pace the Buckeyes with his 23.9 average and has 1,474 points in his career, No. 5 on the alltime school scoring list.

"Northwestern has three people in double figures and they are outrebounding their opponents by a good margin for the season," Taylor looked ahead to the only meeting this winter with the Wildcats.

## Bowling Scores...

**RAINBOW 500 LEAGUE**  
**INDIVIDUAL** — Jack Kiser, 300-186; 191-377; Bill Rogers, 542; Geo. Schuchter, 561; Dick Reno, 255-559; Tom Birmingham, 556; Dan Shanahan, 306-505; Harold Billow, 212-501; Hank Metter, 294-500.  
**TEAMS** — Moore Business Forms, 964-1021-957-5974; Fremont Fence, 1098-2809; Rainbow Trailer Sales, 1086-2828.  
**LEADERS:** Prairie Bldg., 82-26; Pinky's Big Bundle, 69-39; Red Fox Bar, 67-41.  
**PLAZA WHIRLPOOL NITE OWLS**  
**INDIVIDUAL** — Gary Hartman, 180-191-196-577; Sam Withrow, 212-207-575;



**LET'S DANCE** — Little Giant Kevin Haynes (right) in the 126-class seems to be dancing with Dave DeLuca of Bellevue in this Class AAA Sectional wrestling tourney. Either that or DeLuca is getting a first rate nose job. After winning a first-round match against Gail Jarvis of Galion, Haynes lost to DeLuca 13-9. (News-Messenger Photos by Bruce Crippen)

## Wottle Cops 880 In Midwest Race

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Olympic champion Dave Wottle said he wasn't surprised at his relatively slow 880-yard time Friday night in the U.S. Track and Field Federation's Midwest Indoor Championships.

"I was just trying to qualify for the NCAA indoors," said the slender Bowling Green senior between huffs and puffs after losing 1:54.9.

Bowling Green Coach Mel Brodt said of the NCAA.

Wottle, who was sixth after the first lap and fourth at the midway point, turned on his famous closing kick with 20 yards to go. He overtook Mango, timed in 1:51.0, a few strides before the finish.

Wottle ran without the hat he wore in winning the 800 meters

# Five Giants Earn District Berths

BELLEVUE — The Little Giants of Fremont Ross advanced five wrestlers to the Class AAA District wrestling tournament at Toledo Whitmer next weekend and captured a fourth place in the Sectional tourney at Bellevue on Saturday.

Terry Hoffman battled to a championship in the 115-pound class over Mansfield Senior opponent Tim Shiltz. Hoffman controlled the match to step into the winners' place with a 4-0 win.

Fremont Ross's second championship wrestler was Ed Farson in the 148-class. Farson whipped Sandusky wrestler Ernie Jones in a fiery contest 6-2.

"I was real happy with both wrestlers," said an excited Al Voggenthaler. "I felt all along that Hoffman could win and Farson wrestled a great match."

Both will advance to the district match.

Dave Meirke dropped a grueling match in the finals to Bellevue powerhouse, Casey Didion, 2-0. Meirke scrambled into the finals and will be wrestling as a runner-up.

As consolation winners, Rob

Stierwalt, in the 141-class and Larry Parks, in the 170-class will be wrestling in the District tourney. Stierwalt bested Bellevue matman Gary Andrews in the consolation match 6-3 and Parks overwhelmed Terry Thompson of Madison, 5-1.

Eugene Reyes at 101, Kevin Haynes at 129 and Heavyweight Mark Cooley were selected as alternates to the tournament.

## CLASS AAA SECTIONAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT At Bellevue

(Fremont winners and places)

TEAM SCORES: Sandusky, 76½; Mansfield Senior, 67½; Bellevue, 65; Fremont, 56½; Madison, 40½; Findlay, 38½; Tiffin Columbian, 35; Galion, 34; Malabar, 7½; Marion, 6½; Ashland, 6½.

### Finals

115-pound class—Terry Hoffman, Fremont, decisioned Tim Shiltz, Mansfield, 4-0.

148-class—Ed Farson, Fremont, dec. Ernie Jones, Mansfield, 6-2.

178-class—Casey Didion, Bellevue, dec. Dave Mierke, Fremont, 2-0.

### Consolations

101-class—Dick Belle, Sandusky, dec. Eugene Reyes, Fremont, 4-2.

129-class—Joe Morganstern, Madison, dec. Kevin Haynes, Fremont, 3-2.

141-class—Rob Stierwalt, Fremont, dec. Gary Andrews, Bellevue, 6-3.

158-class—Paul Petrella, Mansfield, dec. Steve Reiter, Fremont.

170-class—Larry Parks, Fremont, dec. Terry Thompson, Madison, 5-1.

Heavyweight—Larry Stacco, Madison, dec. Mark Cooley, Fremont, 1-0.