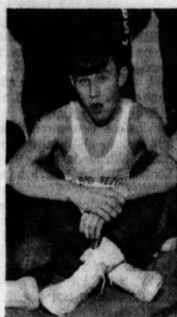
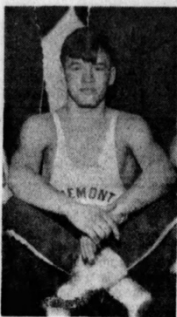




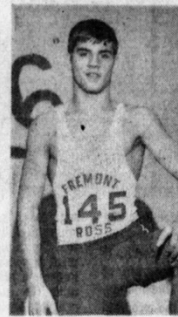
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Fremont Ross High Representatives In The District Wrestling Tournament

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SECOND TRY FOR FIVE FREMONTERS

District Wrestling Tournament Opens Friday

Thirty-three winners from the Clyde sectionals, plus five La-kota wrestlers who survived the Carey sectional, will be among the 198 high school grapplers from six sectionals participating in the district wrestling tournament.

Of the 33 from Clyde, 24 drew byes in the abbreviated first round. Highlighting the field in the bid for a trip to Columbus and the state championship will be two state winners from a year ago — Joe Green, Toledo Scott, and Dick Meyer, Toledo St. Francis.

LeSavage To Challenge Green was champion last year in the 157-pound class, but has jumped to the 168-pound division this year. Meyer is defending his 123-pound title.

Green will receive his first test of the district tournament from Fremont St. Joseph's Tom LeSavage. LeSavage could prove a severe test for the Scott wrestler. The St. Joseph boy was unbeaten in dual competition and posted a season overall record of 15 wins, one loss.

Three wrestlers from the Toledo District will qualify for the state championship tournament, March 11-12, at Columbus. Qualifiers will be winners of upper and lower brackets and champion of the consolation fight. Those beaten by the two bracket wrestlers who survive to the finals get a second chance in the consolation.

The tournament schedule calls for wrestling at least three rounds Friday night. Saturday the consolation qualifiers will be

determined by semifinal matches. The semifinals, finals and consolation are likely to be run off Saturday.

A district champion is decided in each weight class, but both participants in the championship match qualify for state, along with the consolation or third place winner.

Two Unbeaten Fremont will send two unbeaten wrestlers to the district tournament — George Branco, 168, Ross, and Steve Beier, 157, St. Joseph. Branco has a 15-0 mark and Beier is 17-0. Branco pulled the opposite bracket from LeSavage and Green in his weight class. His first test will be from Larry Gorsuch, Mansfield Madison, winner of the consolation bracket at the Mansfield sectional.

The Fremont Ross wrestlers in the district and their records are: LeMaitre, 123, 6-1; Jim Waggoner, 141, 6-2; Branco, 15-0; Mike Pfefferle, 115, 10-5; Bruce Norton, 127, 10-3.

St. Joseph wrestlers competing will be Al O'Neal, 130, 13-4; Bill Frederick, 141, 17-1; Beier, 157, 17-0; LeSavage, 168, 15-1; Ron Gibson, 178, 16-1; Tom Picciuto, Heavyweight, 10-2-2.

DISTRICT PAIRINGS

106 — Ron Feltner, Sandusky, vs. John Maddipati, Mansfield; Walter Stevenson, Perkins, bye; Lynn Spaulding, Genoa, bye; Stevenson vs. Rusty Lee, Mansfield Madison; Spaulding vs. Jim Guthrie, Corey.

115 — Ty Beane, Port Clinton, bye; Jim Smith, Clyde, bye; Mike Pfefferle, St. Joseph, vs. Conrad Stark, Edgerton; Jerry Biddle, Lakota, bye; Biddle vs. Dale French, Bowsher, or Pat Schoen, St. Francis.

120 — Don Brattain, Sandusky, bye; Gary LeMaitre, Ross, bye; Jeffery Carver, Huron, bye; Brattain vs. Rod Brown, Delancey, or Tim Gilmore, Mansfield Madison; LeMaitre vs. Roger Drummer, Wauseon; Carver vs. Bob Showman, Napoleon; Col Jennings, Lakota, bye; Jennings vs. Jesse Corbett, Scott.

127 — Gordon Weiler, Sandusky, bye; Bruce Norton, Ross, bye; Al O'Neal, St. Joseph, vs. Lee Nihart, Edgerton; Weiler vs. Greg Gilmore, Mansfield Madison; Norton vs. Bill Jones, Vermilion.

130 — Frank Mount, Huron, vs. Randy Myers, Perryburg; Frank Mount, Huron, vs. Tom Wolff, Madison, Collins vs. Bob Armstrong, Mansfield Madison; 138 — Jim Waggoner, Ross, bye; Bill Frederick, St. Joseph, bye; Phil Amerine, Sandusky, bye; Waggoner vs. Tom Taylor, Rogers; Frederick vs. James Sottler, St. Francis; Amerine vs. Jim Robinson, Lake, or Robert Spiller, Bowling Green.

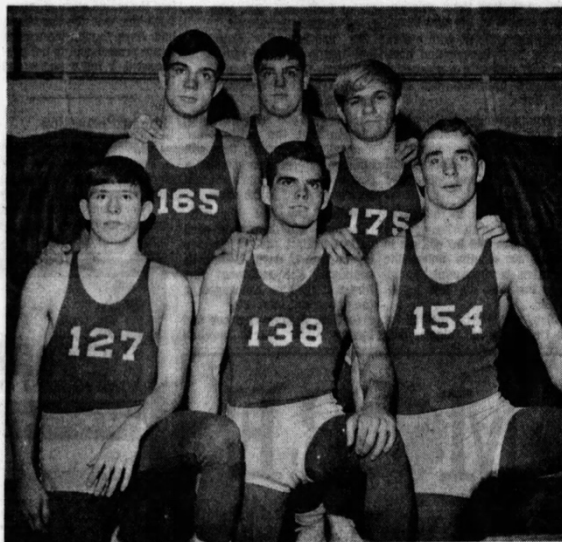
145 — Housepitz, Milton, vs. Ridel Martine, Clay; Dave Laurendeau, Clyde, vs. Tim Wright, Sandusky, bye; Martine vs. Gary Heckman, Rogers; Wright vs. Steve Wilkie, Belleville; Ridel Martine, Lakota, bye; Wilkie vs. Dick Patten, Waite.

157 — Steve Beier, St. Joseph, bye; Fred Wagner, Huron, bye; Chris Kiefer, Port Clinton, vs. Tom Miller, Clay; Beier vs. Douglas Cape, Edgerton; Wagner vs. Tom Martin, Sandusky.

165 — George Branco, Ross, vs. Larry Gorsuch, Madison; Tom LeSavage, St. Joseph, bye; Fred Hupp, Bellevue, bye; LeSavage vs. Joe Greff, Hope vs. Mike Caywood, Rogers.

175 — Ron Gibson, St. Joseph, vs. Don Reif, Rogers; Brian Cape, Sandusky, bye; Todd Moore, Margerette, bye; Clark vs. William Smith, Macomber; Moore vs. Irwin Harris, Clay; Gary Ransbatt, Lakota, bye; Ransbatt vs. Jack Wrethoven, Napoleon, or Ken Hallor, Clair Park.

Heavyweight — Tom Ernst, Sandusky, bye; Laron Meador, Bellevue, bye; Tom Picciuto, St. Joseph, vs. Jim Miller, Delta; Dick Kendosa, Lakota, bye; Ernst vs. Clifford Parr, Mansfield; Meador vs. Dick Distrow, Vermilion; Meador vs. Ed Johnson, Bowsher.



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ST. JOSEPH DISTRICT wrestling representatives are shown prior to the Friday-Saturday tournament competition. Kneeling are Al O'Neal, Bill Frederick and Steve Beier. Standing are Tom LeSavage, Tom Picciuto and Ron Gibson.

Fight Promoters Set Sites On Montreal, Hope To Maintain Original Date Plans

MONTREAL (AP) — Scorned by New York and kicked out of Chicago, the Cassius Clay-Ernie Terrell heavyweight title bout skipped across the border to Montreal today for a hoped-for showing on the same date, March 29.

Bangor, Maine; Louisville, Clay's native city; and even Huron, S.D., had been mentioned as possible U.S. sites for the politically explosive fight until Main Bout, Inc., settled on Montreal Wednesday.

MBI, headed by Mike Malitz of New York and including Black Muslims among its stockholders, has the rights to the closed-circuit television and other ancillary income (movies, broadcasts, foreign showings, etc.) which usually adds up to millions, or the main share of the gross receipts.

After the Illinois Athletic Commission, by a 2-1 vote, thumbed down the fight which they originally licensed on Feb.

8, Malitz, in New York, announced Montreal, a sports-loving Canadian city with a metropolitan population of 2 1/2 million as the fight site.

The Montreal Athletic Commission was scheduled to meet today to determine whether a license would be issued for the bout in the 15,000-seat Montreal Forum.

Loren Cassina, owner of All-Canada Sports Promotions Ltd. in Toronto, has made an application for the bout.

It was an outburst by Clay that apparently doomed the bout in Chicago.

Shortly after Clay's draft board in Louisville reclassified him to 1-A and made him eligible for the military draft, the 24-year-old undefeated champion made remarks about the war in Viet Nam — remarks called "unpatriotic" and "disgusting" by Gov. Otto Kerner of Illinois. Mayor Richard Daley of Chicago also said he did not want the fight in the city.

Chairman Joe Triner and Joe Robichaux voted to deny the permit application while Lou Radienda cast his vote in favor of the fight.

In Miami, Fla., Clay, who prefers to be called by his Muslim name of Muhammad Ali, said he was disappointed the fight would not be in the United States.

He added, however, that "if Illinois wanted to call off the fight, they have a right to." Terrell, the 35-year-old Chicagoan who is recognized as champion by the World Boxing Association, blamed the Illinois Commission's action "on Clay's big mouth."

"How can anyone tell me he has common sense after he's played around with a million dollars that way," said Terrell at his training camp in Pleasantville, N.Y. "He made the Illinois Commission look foolish by not apologizing."

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# Three Fremont Wrestlers Reach District Semifinals

TOLEDO — Three Fremont boys remained unbeaten and one victory away from a trip to Columbus at the conclusion of wrestling Friday in the North-western Ohio District Tournament. In the action at Toledo Waite high school George Branco of Ross, along with Al O'Neal and Steve Beier of St. Joseph, advanced unbeaten to the semifinals in their weight class.

Of the wrestlers who won their right to the District from the Clyde Sectional five in addition to the three Fremonters reached the semifinals. These are Walter Stevenson, Perkins, and Lynn Spaulding, Genoa, 103; Ty Belknap, Port Clinton, and Jim Smith, Clyde, 112; Fred Mount, Huron, 133.

Lakota, which qualified at Carey Sectional, still has Jerry Biddle in contention for a title at 112 pounds.

## One Eliminated

Of the 11 wrestlers from Fremont (six from St. Joseph and five from Ross) only one has been definitely eliminated from further competition. Seven boys, beaten in the Friday action, still could return for a second chance in the consolation bracket.

Toledo City champion St. Francis leads the battle for a team title with four semifinalists. St. Joseph with two is in contention, but four schools have three semifinalists — Macomber, Findlay, Clay and Central Catholic.

Three boys from Northwestern District will qualify for state competition—the two who reach the finals in each weight and the consolation winner. Those beaten along the way by the two finalists drop into the consolation for a second chance.

## Wait For Consolation

The conquerors of seven Fremonters remained unbeaten through the semifinals. Further competition by these boys hinges on whether the wrestler to whom they lost wins his first match today.

Watching for these results are Gary LeMaitre (120), Bruce Norton (120), Jim Waggoner (138) of Ross; Bill Frederick (138), Tom LeSavage (165), Ron Gibson (175) and Tom Picciuto (heavyweight).

Only wrestler definitely on the sidelines for the tournament is Mike Pfefferle, Ross 112-pounder. Pfefferle was decided in his first match by C. Stark of Edgerton, 10-2. Stark pinned his next opponent but fell in the consolation to R. Kee-sey, Toledo DeVilbiss, in a 4-3 time advantage decision.

For the three boys still unbeaten from Fremont and one each from Lakota, Clyde and Port Clinton, a victory in the first bout today insures a ticket to state. In case of defeat, they would still have a chance in the consolation.

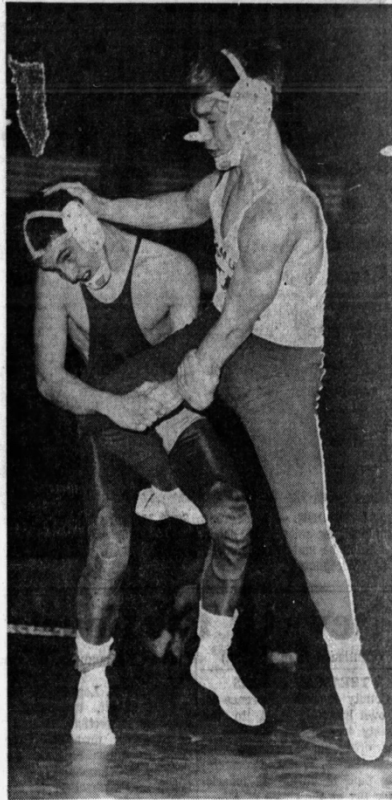
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New York 121, Detroit 119  
Philadelphia 107, Cincinnati 103  
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New York at Cincinnati



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## ROSS' BRUCE NORTON TRIES TO BREAK FREE

Bill Jones, Vermillion, Hangs On To Win

A total of 11 seconds divided two more St. Joseph wrestlers from the semifinals. Ron Gibson, 175, won his first match, but lost in the second outing to J. Kolasinski, Toledo Central. Against Kolasinski the score was tied at the conclusion, but the Central wrestler received a point for time advantage for a 3-2 decision. Kolasinski made the necessary minute for a time point with five seconds to spare.

In the heavyweight division Tom Picciuto came within six seconds of winning in the semifinals. He and Ernie Johnson, Bowsher, wrestled to a tie, Picciuto falling by six seconds to have enough time for a time advantage point. In the second overtime Johnson pinned Picciuto.

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## SUMMARY

112—C. Stark, Edgerton, decided Mike Pfefferle, Ross, 10-2; Jerry Biddle, Lakota decided Pat Schoen, St. Francis, 9-4; Biddle decided St. Calvary, Vermillion, 9-4; Ty Belknap, Port Clinton, decided C. Alvares, Woodward, 3-2; Billings decided D. Wood, Scott, 6-2; Jim Smith, Clyde, decided Pat Curley, Cardinal Stritch, 6-2; Smith decided T. Kitchen, Ashland, 6-4.

120—Gary LeMaitre, Ross, decided R. Drummer, Wauseon, 5-3; T. Porter, Macomber, decided LeMaitre, 8-1; J. Carbett, Scott, decided Calvin Jennings, 6-0.

127—B. Jones, Vermillion, decided Bruce Norton, Ross, 9-5; Al O'Neal, St. Joseph, decided L. Nibart, Edgerton, 8-2; O'Neal decided M. Coldiron, Howell-Lakota, 8-1; O'Neal decided C. J. Smith, St. Francis, 4-1.

138—T. Taylor, Rogers, decided Jim Waggoner, Ross, 5-1; Jerry Schoen, St. Francis, decided Bill Frederick, 4-3 (overtime).

145—Ron Niesel, Lakota, decided D. Posten, Waite, 5-4; G. Heckman, Rog-

ers, decided Niesel, 6-2.  
154—Steve Beier, St. Joseph, decided D. Cape, Edgerton, 9-0; Beier decided J. Miller, Liberty, 6-2; Craig Kaiser, Port Clinton, decided T. Miller, Clay, 3-1; Foster decided D. Ketterling, Ashland, 1-2; Gary Geiger, Findlay, decided Kaiser, 2-1.

165—George Branco, Ross, pinned Larry Gorsuch, Madison, 2-41; Branco decided G. Kayser, Wilmers, 6-2; Branco decided J. Mohler, Delta, 11-3; Joe Green, Scott, pinned Tom LeSavage, St. Joseph, 4-24.

175—Ron Gibson, St. Joseph, decided Don Rall, Rogers, 12-1; J. Kolasinski, Central, decided Gibson, 3-2; E. Harris, Clay, decided Todd Moore, Margerette, 3-2; M. Westhoven, Napoleon, decided Gary Reinbolt, Lakota, 7-1.

Heavyweight — Tom Picciuto, St. Joseph, decided J. Muir, Delta, 5-0; Picciuto decided M. Heuberg, Ontario, 4-1; Ernie Johnson, Bowsher, pinned Picciuto, overtime; Larran Meador, Bellevue, pinned D. Osborn, Vermillion, 2-58; G. Sloan, Napoleon, pinned Meador, 5-49.

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## ST. JOSEPH WRESTLER WINS DISTRICT TITLE

# Beier, Branco Qualify For State Wrestling

TOLEDO — Steve Beier of St. Joseph and George Branco of Toledo both qualified for the state tournament Saturday in the Northwestern District wrestling tournament. Beier was declared 157-pound district champion in

the tourney in the Toledo Waite field house.

Branco went unbeaten until the final match when he was beaten by Joe Green, current 157-pound state champion who has jumped a class to the 165-pound weight.

It was only the second time Branco has lost in two years and the first time he was pinned when Green put him to the mat in the second period of the championship match. The only

other Branco defeat in two years came when he broke a collar bone in the district tournament last year at Toledo Rogers.

Beier extended his record to 21 wins without a defeat in this

first season of varsity competition. He snared the district championship with his finest exhibition of the tournament in the finals. In the championship match Beier scored a 4-0 decision over Don Beck of Toledo Whitmer.

The St. Joseph wrestler moved into the finals with decisions over D. Cape, Edgerton, 9-0; J. Phifer, Toledo Libbey, 6-5, and B. Vanderbunt, Wauseon, 9-3. Vanderbunt went on to win the consolation bracket and the third berth from Northwest District in the state tournament.

Winner, runnerup and consolation winner of each weight class qualified for state.

Toledo St. Francis repeated as the team district champion with 56 points. St. Joseph of Fremont was the second highest scoring team from outside the Toledo area. The St. Joseph wrestlers with 20 points were nipped by one for the outside-Toledo honors. Scoring 21 points was the team from Findlay, which had qualified the most of any team, 10, for the district tournament. Findlay had advanced the 10 wrestlers from the Carey Sectional tournament.

St. Francis, team champion, had nine qualifiers. St. Joseph had started with six wrestlers as it finished ninth overall in the standings. Fremont Ross finished one notch in back of St. Joseph, tied for 10th with 17 points.

There are a total of 75 schools in the Northwest District and 57 of these qualified wrestlers for the district tournament. Of the 57 teams in the tournament, 45 recorded points in the two days of wrestling.

St. Francis not only won the team title, but had the most champions, three, and qualified the most for state, four.

Jim Waggoner of Ross came within one match of qualifying for a trip to Columbus. Waggoner lost his first match to the eventual 141-pound runnerup, T. Taylor of Rogers, but then advanced to the consolation finals. In the consolation finals he was beaten by Pete DePaola, Central Catholic, 10-5.

Wrestlers from Fremont eliminated in the semifinals of the consolation bracket were Al O'Neal, 130, and Bill Frederick, 141, of St. Joseph. Also dropping out at this level were Larran Meador, Bellevue heavyweight, and Ron Nieset, 145, Lakota.

Two other wrestlers from the News - Messenger circulation area qualified for state, both in the 115-pound class. Jerry Biddle, Lakota, won the consolation bracket of the weight division. Port Clinton's Ty Belknap was the champion of the class after beating Biddle, 9-4, in the semifinals and R. Keesey, Toledo De-Vilbiss, in the finals.

### District Summary

**TEA STANDINGS**  
St. Francis 56, Clay 35, Rogers 31, Central Catholic 22, Findlay 21, St. Joseph 20, Fremont 19, Napoleon 17, Port Clinton 15, Huron 15, Genoa 14, Mansfield Madison 14, Cardinal Stritch 13, Vermillion 13, Edgerton 12, Bowsher 12, Fostoria 11, Toledo Whitmer 11, Delta 10, Lakota 9, Wauseon 9, Waite 7, Start 7, Defiance 6, Sandusky 5, Clear Fork 5, Bellevue 3, Swanton 3, Perkins 2, Clyde 2, Sylvania 2, Mohawk 2, Crestline 2, Woodward 2, Libbey 2, Ontario 2, Hopewell-Loudon 2, Ashland 1, Bowling Green 1, Northwood 1, Lake 1.

**SEMIFINALS**  
115 — Ty Belknap, Port Clinton, defeated Jerry Biddle, Lakota, 5-3; R. Keesey, De-Vilbiss, defeated J. Smith, Clyde, 4-1.  
130 — B. Jones, Vermillion, pinned Al O'Neal, St. Joseph, 5-2.  
141 — Steve Beier, St. Joseph, defeated B. Vanderbunt, Wauseon, 9-3.  
145 — George Branco, Ross, defeated J. Koffetz, Waite, 9-3.

**FINALS**  
115 — Belknap defeated Keesey, 5-2.  
137 — Beier defeated D. Beck, Whitmer, 4-0.  
145 — Joe Green, Scott, pinned Branco, second period.

**CONSOLATIONS**  
115 — Biddle defeated D. Wood, Scott, 2-0; C. Stark, Edgerton, defeated Smith, 9-2; Biddle defeated Stark, 4-2 (over-time).  
127 — R. Markoff, Fostoria, defeated Bruce Norton, Ross, 8-4; Markoff defeated O'Neal, 5-1.  
141 — Bill Frederick, St. Joseph, defeated S. Gear, Crestline; Jim Waggoner, Ross, defeated B. Frankrotter, Macomber, 10-4; P. DePaola, Central, defeated Frederick, 8-1; Waggoner defeated D. Reardon, Stritch, 5-2; DePaola defeated Waggoner, 10-5.  
145 — Ron Nieset, Lakota, defeated Dave Laurendeau, Clyde; F. Martinez, Clay, defeated Nieset, 3-0.  
146 — Bill Miltko, Findlay, defeated Tom LaSavage, St. Joseph, 5-1.  
175 — J. Mohler, Delta, defeated Todd Moore, Margaretta, 6-2.  
Heavyweight — Larran Meador, Bellevue, defeated R. Jordan, Sylvania, 4-0; E. Johnson, Bowsher, pinned Meador, 5-4.



DISTRICT CHAMPION STEVE BEIER STRUGGLES IN QUARTERFINALS  
Libbey's J. Phifer Finds St. Joe Grappler Hard To Control

## Toronto Seen As Fight Site

TORONTO (AP)—This Canadian city will be the site of the Cassius Clay - Ernie Terrell heavyweight title fight — probably, not definitely.

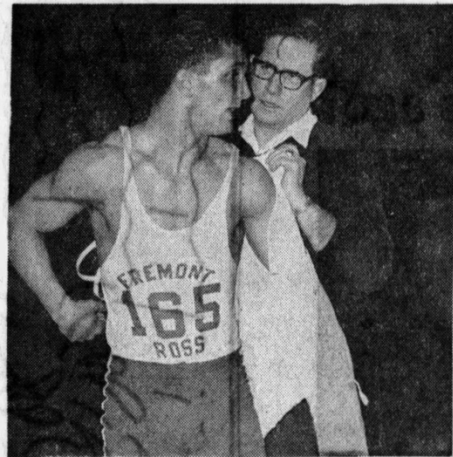
The fight — an in-and-out-of-town affair since Clay sounded off after being reclassified 1-A in the draft — will be held in Maple Leaf Gardens, an official of the arena said Sunday, with reservations.

"The fight will take place in our building," Harold Ballard, executive vice president of the Gardens said, "unless there is a disapproval from the Ontario government. But we have semi-approval."

And the fight promoters said they have selected a site in Canada, which they would disclose today.

"We want to let it cook overnight so we can be sure we have the site," Mike Malitz of Main Bout, Inc., which holds the closed-circuit television rights for the bout, said in New York.

Ontario Athletic Commissioner Merv McKenzie said all that remained in order to hold the fight in Toronto was for the commission to approve details of the contract. He said that



GEORGE BRANCO AFTER SEMIFINAL VICTORY  
Gets Words Of Advice From Coach Mal Mackey

## Second Half Delta Defense Stifles Rockets 80-64 In Sectional Finals

BOWLING GREEN — Oak Harbor hit the end of the tournament road Saturday night, 80-64, as they ran into an airtight second half Delta defense. The Delta victory came in the Sectional tournament finals and advanced

Harbor had 21 points, aided by 18 of Dick Dewitz. Sievert was a major factor in the tight first half as he controlled the offensive boards.

Downfall of Oak Harbor came in the third period when the

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