



## 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 Northwestern Ohio District Tournament. In the action at Toledo Waite high school George Branca 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 Bidde 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 LeMaire (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 decisioned in his first match by C. Stark of Edgerton, 10-2. Stark pinned his next opponent but fell in the consolation to R. Keesey, 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.

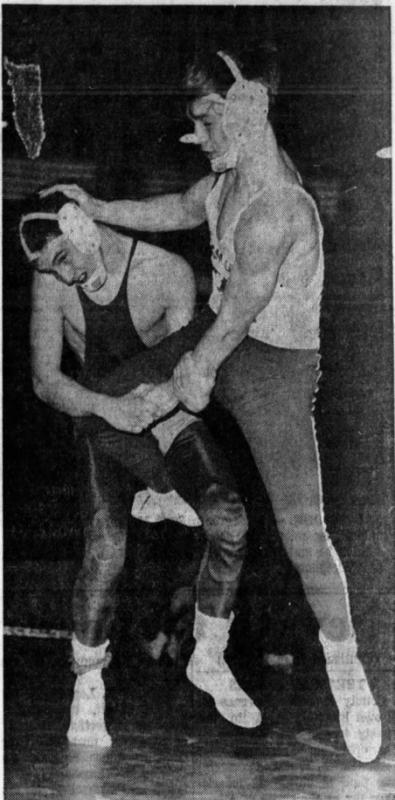
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### ROSS' BRUCE NORTON TRIES TO BREAK FREE

#### Bill Jones, Vermilion, 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 bout 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 failing 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, decisioned Mike Pfefferle, Ross, 10-2; Jerry Bidde, Lakota decisioned Pat Schen, St. Francis, 9-4; Bidde decisioned C. Stark, Vermilion, 10-2; Tom Picciuto, Findlay, decisioned C. Alvarado, Woodward, 5-4; Bill Frederick, Findlay, pinned D. Wood, Sandusky, 2-1; Jim Smith, Clyde, decisioned Paul Curley, Cardinal Stritch, 6-5; Smith decisioned T. Kitchen, Ashland, 6-4.

120 — Mike Pfefferle, Ross, decisioned Bruce Norton, Ross, 8-5; Al O'Neal, St. Francis, pinned C. Stark, Edgerton, 2-1; O'Neal decisioned M. Colden, Hopewell-Loudon, 8-1; O'Neal decisioned C. J. Smith, Clyde, 4-3; C. J. Smith decisioned Colvin Jennings, 4-0.

127-B. — Jones, Vermilion, decisioned Bruce Norton, Ross, 8-5; Al O'Neal, St. Francis, pinned C. Stark, Edgerton, 2-1; O'Neal decisioned M. Colden, Hopewell-Loudon, 8-1; O'Neal decisioned C. J. Smith, Clyde, 4-3.

138 — T. Tom, Rogers, decisioned Jim Waggoner, Ross, 3-1; Jerry Schen, St. Francis, decisioned Bill Frederick, 4-2.

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

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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 Ross 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

### District Summary

TEAM STANDINGS  
St. Francis 54, Clay 35, Rogers 31, DeWitt 26, Scott 25, Macomber 23, Central Catholic 22, Findlay 21, St. Joseph 20, Port Clinton 19, Lakota 18, Fremont 15, Huron 15, Genoa 14, Mansfield Madison 14, Cardinal Stritch 13, Vermillion 13, Edgerton 12, Bowsher 11, Fostoria 10, Toledo Whitmer 9, Delta 9, Lakota 9, Wauseon 9, Waite 7, Start 7, Defense 6, Sandusky 5, Clear Fork 5, Bellview 3, Swanton 3, Piqua 2, Clyde 2, Sylvania 2, Ashland 2, Crestline 2, Woodward 2, Libby 2, Ontario 2, Hopewell-London 2, Ashland 1, Bowling Green 1, Northwood 1, Lorain 1.

SEMI-FINALS  
115 — Ty Belknap, Port Clinton, defeated Jerry Biddle, Lakota, 5-3; R. Keesey, DeWitt, defeated J. Smith, Clyde, 4-1.  
130 — B. Jones, Vermillion, pinned Al O'Neal, St. Joseph, 5-25.  
137 — Steve Beier, St. Joseph, defeated B. Vondracek, Wauseon, 5-3.  
165 — George Branco, Ross, defeated T. Kofasz, Waite, 9-3.

FINALS  
115 — Belknap defeated Keesey, 3-2.  
137 — Beier defeated D. Beck, Whitmer, 4-0.  
165 — Joe Green, Scott, pinned Branco, second period.

CONSOLATIONS  
115 — Biddle defeated Wood, Scott, 2-0; C. Stark, Edgerton, defeated Smith, 9-2; Biddle defeated Stark, 4-2 (over-time).  
125 — R. Markoff, Fostoria, defeated Bruce Norton, Ross, 8-4; Markoff defeated O'Neal, 5-1.

141 — Bill Frederick, St. Joseph, defeated S. Green, Crestline; Jim Waggoner, Ross, defeated B. Frankenthaler, Macomber, 10-4; P. DiPolo, Central, defeated D. Reardon, Stritch, 5-2; DiPolo defeated Waggoner, 10-5.

148 — Ron Nieset, Lakota, defeated Dave Landon, Clinton, 3-0; F. Martinez, Clay, defeated Nieset, 3-0.  
166 — D. Beck, Whitmer, defeated Tom LeSavage, St. Joseph, 2-1.  
190 — D. Beck, Whitmer, defeated Todd Moore, Margaretta, 6-2.

Heavyweight — Laran Meador, Bellevue, defeated R. Jordin, Sylvania, 4-0; J. Johnson, Bowsher, pinned Meador, 5-4.

### Brown To Undergo Brain Operation

BALTIMORE (AP) — Catcher Dick Brown of the Baltimore Orioles was to undergo brain surgery today in a three-hour exploratory operation which doctors hope will disclose the cause of headaches and dizziness.

The 31-year-old Brown said he's more concerned about being able to play baseball again, than about the surgery itself. He has been an American League catcher for nine years.

The surgery follows two examinations in Florida, where Brown was preparing for spring training with the Orioles. An examination in Baltimore also was fruitless, and the surgery was prescribed.

### 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 scoured 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.

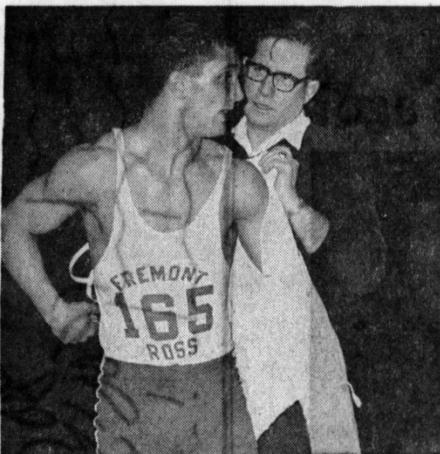
Ontario Athletic Commissioner Merv McKenzie said all that remained in order to hold the fight in Toronto was for the commission to approve details



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DISTRICT CHAMPION STEVE BEIER STRUGGLES IN QUARTERFINALS

Libby's J. Phifer Finds St. Joe Grappler Hard To Control



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

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

BOWLING GREEN — Oak 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

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 Libby, 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 Laran 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 DeBilbiss, in the finals.

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