

1966 Buckeye Conference...4th place

ROSS IS TOURNAMENT HOST

Buckeye Loop Matmen Vie Saturday

Fifty-five wrestlers from seven schools will compete in 77 matches Saturday as the fifth annual Buckeye Conference wrestling tournament is staged in Ross high school. The other six wrestling schools in the conference will be trying to break the Elyria domination of the tournament, but the experts place little hope in possibility.

The tournament was started in 1962 and the wrestling Pioneers have captured the team crown each of the four years. Last year Elyria received a strong challenge from Mansfield, which has finished second each of the three times it has competed in the tournament.

Elyria amassed 72 points for the title, while Mansfield was second with 65. In third place at 52 was Sandusky and 46 points was good for a team fourth for Ross. Other teams competing in order were Findlay, Lorain and Admiral King.

This year, Marion remains as the only Buckeye Conference team not to compete in wrestling.

Last year Mansfield and Elyria wrestlers each snared three individual champions. Sandusky and Ross each had two and Admiral King had one.

Ross Champions Back

Both Ross champions of 1965 are back in action Saturday, although both might be at different weights than where they won the title. George Branco, 165-pound champion last year, is unbeaten in five matches this season at 165 pounds and will definitely compete at the heavier weight.

Jim Waggoner, 158-pound conference king a year ago, has competed so far this year in the 145-pound class, although he



GEORGE BRANCO



JIM WAGGONER

is certified at the lower weight. Waggoner is attempting to make the lower weight at which he would be top-seeded as defending champion.

If Waggoner makes the 145-pound class he will shift up a class to 145. Berger has competed this year at 138 and will do so in the tournament if Waggoner does not make weight.

Saturday there will be four wrestlers back trying for a second championship, but only one of these is certain to compete in the class in which he is defending champion. In addition to Branco and Waggoner, returning champions are Bob

of Findlay and Elyria's Bob Coniam, 9-1.

The tournament will feature 19 wrestlers unbeaten this year in dual competition. There are six each from Findlay and Sandusky. Elyria, which has competed in far more matches due to the Pioneer Invitational tournament it staged, has three unbeaten. Gary LeMaire (2-0) and Branco are unbeaten for Ross; Admiral King's Cruzado is unbeaten, as is Junior Parr of Lorain.

Unbeaten Wrestlers

The unbeaten wrestlers, their weights and records are:

FINDLAY — Steve Tidwell, 120, 4-0; Greg Kozel, 127, 4-0; Chuck Hanline, 133, 4-0; Gary Geiger, 134, 4-0; Bill Milko, 165, 4-0; Jack Collins, 175, 4-0.

SANDUSKY — Ron Feltner, 103, 5-0; Terry Holzaepel, 112, 1-0; Jim Collins, 133, 5-0; Phil Amerine, 138, 5-0; Dave LeVier, 154, 4-0-1; Tom Ernst, heavyweight, 3-0.

ELYRIA — Glenn Burnett, 103, 9-0; Chan Martin, 145, 6-0; Orlando Bush, 154, 9-0.

FREMONT — Gary LeMaire, 120, 2-0; George Branco, 165, 5-0.

ADMIRAL KING — Bob Cruzado, 112, 7-0.

LORAIN — Cledon Parr, heavyweight, 8-0.

Elyria has wrestlers entered in eight other divisions who have dropped only one match. The team is enhanced this year by the already loaded Pioneer mat the addition of two transfer students. Chan Martin, 145, will make his first appearance in an Elyria uniform at the Buckeye meet. He recently transferred from Buckeye and this will be the first time he has been eligible. Martin was 6-0 at Buckeye and placed third last year in the Cleveland district tournament.

Also a transfer student, although working all year with the Elyria team is the unbeaten Bush. Bush transferred at the start of the school year from Midview.

Back To Try Again

Boys who had near misses last year, winning places, who will be back for another try at an individual championship include:

Glenn Burnett, Elyria, second in 103, 103; Charles Ware, Lorain, third in 103, 120; Bruce Norton, Ross, third in 120, 127; Chuck Hanline, Findlay, second in 133, 133; Jim Collins, Sandusky, fourth in 133, 133.

Randy Clark, Elyria, second in 138, 138; Phil Amerine, Sandusky, fourth in 127, 138; Pete Sigal, Lorain, second in 165, 154; John Kopcho, Elyria, second in 175, 175; Jack Collins, Findlay, third in 175, 175; Lee McKenzie, Elyria, third in heavyweight, Cledon Parr, Mansfield, fourth in 175, heavyweight.

Elyria and Findlay each bring unbeaten teams to the tournament. Elyria has won six, plus the Pioneer Invitational Tournament, and Findlay has captured four matches. Sandusky and Fremont have each lost a single match in five outings. Fremont fell to Sandusky and the Blue Streaks were season openers victims of Clyde.

Wrestlers will weigh in, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, and coaches will meet for pairings at 11 a.m. Wrestling will get under way at 1:30 p.m. with 55 afternoon matches scheduled. In the evening there will be the finals on one match and consolation on a second mat with events starting at 7:30 p.m.

Austin Hired As Steeler Coach; Taylor Threatens Court Action Against Houston

NEW YORK (AP) — Bill Austin is the new coach at Pittsburgh and George Allen finally is officially in at Los Angeles, but five pro football jobs still are open.

Atlanta, Washington and St. Louis are the three vacancies in the National Football League, and Houston and Miami have openings in the American League.

When Atlanta originally said it would make no announcement until the end of the season, it was presumed that this meant a coach would be chosen before the first of January. However, there has been no word, although 45,000 season tickets have been sold.

One of the hot rumors through the year had George Wilson, former Detroit head coach and a Washington assistant last season, headed for the Falcons.

Washington has yet to pick Bill McPeak's successor. Paul Brown's name has been mentioned, but the fact that he is reportedly trying to line up a group to build a stadium and grab the 16th franchise for Cincinnati may rule him out. Another name bandied around is Bob Devaney of Nebraska.

St. Louis is looking for a new man to take over the job vaca-

ted by Wally Lemm. Harland Svare, fired at Los Angeles in a surprising move, is reported high on the list of possibilities.

The hiring of Austin at Pittsburgh follows the recent trend to take assistant coaches and move them into the head spot. Austin had been rumored to be in line for every vacant head coaching job in the league for several years while he was Vince Lombardi's assistant at Green Bay.

Austin, 37, was given a three-year contract. Salary terms were not revealed.

"It's a big challenge, but I'm happy to be with such an organization as the Steelers," said Austin at his home in Van Nuys, Calif.

Austin replaces Mike Nixon, who was fired by the Steelers Dec. 28 after the club finished one of its most dismal seasons, losing 12 of 14 games. Nixon took over the club following the abrupt resignation of Buddy Parker Sept. 6.

The Steelers have never won a division title in 33 years.

Austin played guard for the New York Giants in 1949 and 1950, and after two years in the service, returned to the club from 1953 through 1957.

He coached at Wichita University in 1958 before moving to Green Bay.

WILLIAM H. AUSTIN
New Steeler Boss

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ELYRIA REPEATS AS TEAM CHAMPION FIFTH TIME

Branco, Waggoner Win Second Buckeye Conference Wrestling Titles

Saturday's Buckeye Conference wrestling tournament looked like a repeat of 1965 as far as Ross high school was concerned. George Branco and Jim Waggoner again won individual titles and the Little Giants finished fourth as a team. This was the same story one year ago.

Also a repeat was the fact Elyria won its fifth team title in the five-year history of the conference.

Four wrestlers won four individual championships and placed in nine of 11 weight classes. Only in the 133 and 165-pound levels did Elyria fail to take one of the first four places.

This meant Elyria had advanced nine of its 11 men past the first round of wrestling. Seven of 11 Pioneers reached the finals.

Despite this strong showing Elyria was pushed for the title by Sandusky, which finished second with 70 points. Sandusky finished third a year ago, while

Mansfield the second place finisher of 1965, slipped to fifth this year, while Findlay is a man raised in ahead of Ross for third place.

Streaks Advance 10

The Sandusky Blue Streaks advanced all but one wrestler past the preliminaries, but had seven boys fall in the semi-

als. All seven of the Sandusky boys were eliminated before the second round of competition had started. Two of the four Ross first round winners advanced on byes, while seven fell by the wayside.

Ability to have wrestlers survive preliminaries cost Ross a chance at the title. The four who made it to the preliminaries made strong showings, but

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Of the four survivors, Branco and Waggoner won titles. Roy Crayton took second in the 133-pound class, and Mike Pfeiffer pinned his final foe to take third in the 112-pound division. Crayton came within a minute of giving Ross its third championship, but lost in a 5-2 match.

Second By Champions

Three wrestlers who eliminated Ross contenders went on to championships — Halle, 133; Bob Bigelow, Mansfield, eliminated Gary LeMaître, 44 in 120-pound class, and Dave LeVer, eliminated Kaman, 32, in 154-pound class.

Four champions from 1965 returned in an effort to gain a second championship. Three of these, including the two Ross winners, survived. Findlay's Randy Clark, 120, was the third champion in a bid for a second championship in a row. The fourth was Gordon Weller of Sandusky.

Weller, 120, pound champion of a year ago, came within one point of the championship at 127 pounds. He made it to the finals before being edged by Elyria's Bob Crayton, 120.

Waggoner and Bob Cruzado of Admiral King repeated in the same weight classes, 168 and 112 respectively. Branco advanced a weight class from 154 to 165 for his second championship medal.

Crayton finished second in two short decisions after defeating first round foe, Tom Kane of Lorain, 9-4. Cruzado then stopped Walt Shindeldecker, Findlay, 9-0, and Mel Romans, Elyria, 5-0.

Pfeiffer Wins 133

Roman had stopped Ross' Pfeiffer, 10-1, in the semifinals after a first round bye. Pfeiffer made it to the semifinals with a 4-0 victory over Ken Estep of Mansfield. The slender Ross won his third title this year in the consolation round by pinning Shindeldecker in 1:23 of

the second period.

Crayton pulled one of the upsets of the tournament when he got a takedown and near fall in the first period to decision Sandusky's Jim Halle, 133.

Crayton won a first round bye and fell to Halle in the finals. The victory reverses a regular season 2-0 loss to Collins.

Waggoner opened his title defense with a 1-0 decision of Findlay's Rod Caudie. His second period takedown was in default when Garnet White of Admiral King was injured and could not continue in the second period.

Waggoner was way ahead in points when the match was called. The two had won the 133-pound class with a 7-3 decision of Elyria's Randy Clark.

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Big Heavyweight Falls

Only wrestler to record more than one pin was Elyria heavyweight champion Lee McKenzie.

McKenzie, a 218-pounder pinned Lorain's Paul Azzariti, 112, in the first period. Findlay's Tom Ernst had pinned his first foe, 165, and then bounded back in the consolation with a pin to win third place.

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Winning individual crowns for Elyria were McKenzie, G. E. Burnett, 163; Bob Conlan, 127, and Chan Martin, 145. Martin, a recent graduate from Elyria, was wrestling for the first time in Elyria colors.

Late Harris Free Throws Give Green Springs Win

GREEN SPRINGS — Bob Harris, who finished the night with 29 points, hit his first shot and the bonus on a one-and-one free throw to give Green Springs a 56-55 victory over Bloomville. This was the first defeat in four ventures outside the Seneca County League for Bloomville.

The cold-headed shooting by Harris also reversed an early 52-49 Green Springs setback at Bloomville.

The three-pronged Bobcat attack of Harris, Tom Sherman

Hammer Pounds Victory Tune For St. Wendelin

FORTORIA — Step Dan Hammer is the theme of all teams which encounter Fortoria St. Wendelin. Hopewell-London invaded Fortoria Saturday, failed to stop Hammer and slipted home the victim of a 73-54 setback.

Hammer hammered the baskets for 18 field goals and two free throws and 33 points. With this kind of point production from one man, the Mohawks pulled away from a tight first half to win going away.

Hopewell-London had been within range of the Fortoria hammer in the second half, a combination of weak offense and inability to stop Hammer made it a different ball game.

Hopewell-London won the reserve game, 40-34.

The Chieftains of Bascom now have an overall varsity season record of nine wins, four losses.

Scoreboard

Home	G	P	T	W	Loss
Green Springs	1	2	1	1	0
Bloomville	1	2	1	0	1
Fortoria	1	2	1	1	0
Hopewell-London	1	2	1	0	1
St. Wendelin	1	2	1	0	1

Scoring

St. Wendelin's Del Mar Polo Team Conquers

NEWBERRY — Del Mar polo club of Fremont defeated Mahoning Valley Polo Club of Youngstown 9-4 Saturday.

Slalom events at Hildene, West Germany, and Aebelchen, Switzerland.

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SPORTS BRIEFS:

Massengale Wins Crosby; Records Fall

From Associated Press

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. —

Don Massengale, 25, year-old pro from Jacksonville, Tex., sank a birdie putt on the 18th green Sunday to ward off an Arnold Palmer charge in the finishing round of the \$104,500 Bing Crosby tournament. Palmer came in with a final round of 71, sinking birds on three of the last four holes, including the 18th.

Massengale shot a final round 70 and a 233 for the tournament. Third round leader Al Geiberg soared to a final round 76 for a 238 and Massengale came from behind to win his first major Professional Golfers Association tournament.

Chuck Courtney and Dr. John Moler, a dentist, won the program in a playoff against Bill Martindale and San Francisco businessman Bob Ross. Each had a best ball of 255.

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STRAMPE HOLDS LEAD

LANSING, Mich. — Bob

Strampe of Detroit continued his pin bombardment and Dick Weber of St. Louis began to make his move in the fifth day of the 25th annual All Star Bowling tournament. Strampe held the lead with a 25-game total of 5,623 — a 224 per game average. Weber added his total of 5,564 with Sunday games of 234, 265, 268, 232 and 232 for 1,236.

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KIDD IS INJURED

KIRKBUHL, Austria —

Billy Kidd, the only American ever to win a silver medal in men's events, at the Winter Olympics, sprained a right ankle and pulled a ligament in a spasm of pain during the evening Sunday. The injury, although not serious, brought an end to Kidd's tour of Europe after two victories. Slalom events at Hildene, West Germany, and Aebelchen, Switzerland.

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KOUFAX SNOWED OUT

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Sandy Koufax of Los Angeles Dodgers was unable to pitch Sunday night when he was hit by the diamond — studded heel of the S. Rae Hickok Professional Athlete of the Year Award for 1965. Koufax got as far as Cleveland in a flying trip from the Bob Crosby golf tournament at the California Club, but was halted in the Ohio city because of snow storm conditions making it impossible to continue to Rochester.

In reserve play Lakeside won 42-39.

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INDOOR RECORDS FALL

LOS ANGELES — John Penel leaped 16 feet, 9 1/8 inches Saturday in the Los Angeles Indoor Invitational to set a new world indoor pole vault record. It was one of two world records in the meet. The other was a jump of 53-6 1/4 in the triple jump by Art Walker. The old vault mark is 16-8 3/4 by Penti Nikula of Finland and the former triple jump indoor standard was 53-3 1/4 by Milt Gomm of Canada.

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