

1966 Buckeye Conference...4th place

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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 tourney, 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 tourney.

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, 138-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 140-pound January limit for the lower class, Lou Berger 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

Cruzado, Admiral King, and Gordon Weller, Sandusky. Cruzado, who is unbeaten in seven matches this season, will return in the 112-pound class.

Weller has jumped a class to 127 pounds where he has won only two of five matches.

127-Pound Strength

The 127-pound class could be one of the most hotly contested divisions of the tournament. Not only is Weller returning, but Bruce Norton, who was third at 120 last year has also jumped to this division. Norton holds a 6-3 decision over Weller this year in dual meet competition. Adding to the stiffness of competition will be presence of unbeaten in four matches Greg Koziel

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 LeMaitre (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 Tidsall, 120, 4-0; Greg Koziel, 127, 4-0; Chuck Hanline, 133, 4-0; Gary Geiger, 154, 4-0; Bill Miltko, 165, 4-0; Jack Collins, 175, 4-0.

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

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

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

ADMIRAL KING—Bob Cruzado, 112, 7-0.

LORAIN — Clendon Parr, heavyweight, 8-0.

Elyria has wrestlers entered in eight other divisions who have dropped only one match. 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 145, 154; John Kopcho, Elyria, second in 175, 175; Jack Collins, Findlay, third in 175, 175; Lee McKemie, Elyria, third in heavyweight, heavyweight; Clendon 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 opener 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 an 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 vacat-

ed by Wally Lemm. Harland Sware, 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.

WILLIAM H. AUSTIN
New Steeler Boss

Austin left the Packers suddenly last year and shifted to Los Angeles as an assistant under Sware while Ray Wietecha moved from the Rams to the Packer staff.

The decision to fire Bones Taylor at Houston after he claimed he had a verbal agreement to continue for three more years stirred up quite a flurry. Lemm reportedly is in line to follow Taylor. Taylor is talking of court action and a protest to Commissioner Joe Foss.

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.

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IT'S SHOCKING

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 tournament. Pioneer 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 79 points. Sandusky finished third a year ago, while

Manfield the second place finisher of 1965, slipped to fifth this year. A strong Findlay team pushed in ahead of Ross for third place.

Breaks Advance 10 The Sandusky Blue Streaks advanced all but one wrestler past the preliminaries, but had seven boys fall in the semifinals.

All seven of the Sandusky second round losers then won their consolation matches to take third place and add 28 points to the final scoring.

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

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 with ten seconds remaining Saturday night to give Green Springs an 86-85 victory over Bloomville.

The cool-headed shooting by Harris also reversed an earlier 85-80 Green Springs setback at Bloomville.

The three-pronged Bobcat attack of Harris, Tom Sherman

SPORTS BRIEFS:

Massengale Wins Crosby; Records Fall

From Associated Press
PERRIE BEACH, Calif. — Don Massengale, 28-year-old pro from Jacksonboro, Tex., sank a birdie putt on the 18th green Sunday to ward off an Arnold Palmer charge in the final round of the \$104,000 Bing Crosby tournament.

Palmer came in with a final round 71 after sinking birds on three of the last four holes, including the 18th.



FREMONT ROSS PLACE WINNERS in the Buckeye Conference wrestling tournament, held at Ross, congratulate each other. The successful Ross wrestlers were George Branco, 165-pound champion; Jim Waggoner, 138-pound champion; Roy Clayton, 123-pound runnerup; and Mike Pfeiffer, 112-pound third place. It was a second championship each for Branco and Waggoner.

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Hammer Pounds Victory Tune For St. Wendelin

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

Hammer hammered the baskets for 18 field goals and two free throws and 28 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, 32-29, at the intermission. 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 Chieftans from Bascom now have an overall victory season record of nine wins, four losses.

Team	W	L	T	W	L	T
Bascom	9	4	0	9	4	0
Fortoria	1	1	0	1	1	0
Hopewell-London	1	1	0	1	1	0
St. Wendelin	1	1	0	1	1	0

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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 234 per game average. Weber boosted his total of 5,564 with Sunday games of 240, 288, 232 and 232 for 1,232.

KIDD IS INJURED

KITZBUHEL, Austria — Rudy 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 spill during the slalom event here Sunday. The injuries, although not serious, brought an end to Kidd's first day of European events at Hahnen, West Germany, and Adelboden, Switzerland.

KOUFAX SNOWED OUT

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Sandy Koufax of Los Angeles Dodgers wasn't on hand here Saturday night when he was awarded the diamond-studded belt signifying the S. Rae Hickok Professional Athlete of the Year Award for 1965. Koufax got as far as Cleveland in a flying trip from the Bing Crosby golf tournament in California. His flight was halted in the Ohio city because of snow storm conditions making it impossible to continue to Rochester.

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York's Explosive Second Half Breaks Down Old Fort Stockade

CLYDE — Old Fort was only its second appearance outside Seneca County action Saturday night and ran into a buzz saw at York, losing 77-50. The Stockade players who had allowed foes to score at a 60-point game clip found themselves giving up the second highest point total allowed this season. At the same time they had their second worst point production.

Adding to the insult was the fact the Panthers from York dominated the boards, taking down 43 rebounds to 30 for the losers.

For the first half of play Old

Fort was in contention, but it fell by the wayside as York opened up in the second half for 46 points.

Beasley Leads Scorers

Roy Beasley of York led all scorers with 20 points, including 10 of 10 from the foul line. Wayne Hoover was high for Old Fort at 19, but Doug Piccini was held seven points below his scoring average at 13 by the York defense.

It was the first time this season the Panthers, who have averaged 82 points a game, had topped the century mark. Gibsonburg has won only two of 12 games.

In reserve action Old Fort bounced back on the winning track, winning 11th of 12 games, 42-38. Friday at Attica the Old Fort Stockade had dropped their first game of the season.

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York	1	1	0	1	1	0
Old Fort	1	1	0	1	1	0
Gibsonburg	1	1	0	1	1	0
Attica	1	1	0	1	1	0

INDOOR RECORDS FALL

LOS ANGELES — John Perni leaped 16 feet, 9½ inches Saturday in the Los Angeles 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 53-½ in the triple jump by Art Walker. The old vault mark is 16-8-¾ by Pentti Nikala of Finland and the former triple jump indoor standard was 52-¾ by Michael Sauer of Germany.

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Los Angeles	1	1	0	1	1	0
Finland	1	1	0	1	1	0
Germany	1	1	0	1	1	0

Weekend Fights

SEOUL — Kim Ki-Soo, 159½, South Korea, knocked out Ben Argoncio, 159½, Philippines, 9. TOKYO — Hajime Taraura, 129½, Japan, outpointed Fighting Kim, 124½, South Korea, 10. TOURCOING, France — Rene Liber, 111, France, knocked out Jose Blazquez, 108, Spain, 2. QUITO, Ecuador — Sebastian do Nascimento, Brazil, knocked out Jaime Valladares, Ecuador, 3. Junior welterweights.

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St. Mary's Hits 101, Moves Near SBC Title Clinch

SANDUSKY — Sandusky St. Mary's put another brick in the championship tower they are building in the Sandusky Bay Conference Saturday night. The Panthers notched victory number five in facing Gibsonburg, 101-72. It was the third defeat as many conference outposts for Gibsonburg. St. Mary's won only one of its final two games with Lakota to clinch at least a tie for the conference title.

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himself his final foe to take third in the 112-pound division. Clayton came within a minute of giving Ross its third champion, leading Findlay's Chuck Hamline until the final minute in a 5-2 match.

Besties By Champions

Three wrestlers who eliminated Ross contenders went on to championships — Haline, 133; Bob Bigelow, Mansfield, eliminated Gary LaMaire, 44, in 120-pound class, and Dave LeVier, eliminated Bill Kanan, 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, succeeded. Falling in a bid for a second championship 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 Coniam, 1-0.

Waggoner and Bob Cruzado of Admiral King repeated in the same weight classes, 148 and 112 respectively. Branco advanced a weight class from 154 to 165 for his second championship medal.

Cruzado finished with two shutout decisions after defeating first round foe, Tom Kane of Lorain, 9-4. Cruzado then stopped Van Shindelecker, Findlay, 9-4, and Mel Romans, Elyria, 5-0.

Pfeiffer Wins Pin

Romans 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 112-pounder then won third place in the consolation round by pinning Shindelecker in 1:23 of

the second period. Clayton pulled one of the upsets of the tournament when he got a takedown and near fall in the first period to decide Sandusky's Jim Collins, 5-2. Clayton who had a first round bye then fell to Hamline 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 Caudle. His second match ended in default when Garnet White of Admiral King was injured and could not continue in the second period. Waggoner was way ahead 4-0 points when the match was called. The medal was won in the finals with a 7-3 decision of Elyria's Randy Clark.

Branco had a first round bye in the first period to pin his first foe. Bruce Hagins of Lorain. In the finals Branco posted an 11-4 decision over Bill Miller of Findlay.

Big Heavyweight Falls

Only wrestler to record more than one pin was Elyria heavyweight champion Lee McKenzie. McKenzie, a 215-pounder pinned Lorain's Paul Azzarini in 1:17 of second period. He then pinned 229-pound Tom Ernst of Sandusky in 1:24 of the third period. Ernst had pinned his first foe in the consolation round in the third place. McKenzie won his title with a 4-2 decision of previously unbeaten Crown Parr of Mansfield.

Winning individual crowns for Elyria were McKenzie, Glenn Burnett, 101; Bob Coniam, 127, and Charley Weller, 120. A recent transfer student from Buckeye, was wrestling for the first time in Elyria colors.

Buckeye Mat Summary

TEAM POINTS
(1) Elyria, 133 (2) Findlay, 41 (3) Ross, 36 (4) Mansfield, 29 (5) Admiral King, 25 (6) Gibsonburg, 24 (7) Sandusky, 23 (8) Findlay, 22 (9) Lorain, 21 (10) Findlay, 20 (11) Findlay, 19 (12) Findlay, 18 (13) Findlay, 17 (14) Findlay, 16 (15) Findlay, 15 (16) Findlay, 14 (17) Findlay, 13 (18) Findlay, 12 (19) Findlay, 11 (20) Findlay, 10 (21) Findlay, 9 (22) Findlay, 8 (23) Findlay, 7 (24) Findlay, 6 (25) Findlay, 5 (26) Findlay, 4 (27) Findlay, 3 (28) Findlay, 2 (29) Findlay, 1 (30) Findlay, 0

Betsville Throws Scare Into Carey

BETTSVILLE — A Bettsville pulled to a 45-46 tie with a rally in the third period, but fell under the fourth quarter pressure Saturday night. Finishing flurried Carey a 66-39 victory over Bettsville.

The loss advanced to the Hoopes standing for the Bobcats at seven wins, three losses.

Turnovers Costly

Turnovers and inability to get off enough shots spelled defeat for the home team. The turnovers were factors in the lack of shots, which offset a good shooting percentage. Bettsville hit 61 per cent of its shots from the field, but attempted only 36 and hit 22. Carey hit for only 44 per cent of its attempts, but took 54 shots, putting 28 through the hoop. It was a similar story for the opponents at the foul line. Carey hit 14 of 21 and Bettsville cashed in 15 of 22 free throws.

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