

1967 Sectional...

# Two Victories Will Send Wrestler To District Meet

CLYDE — Twenty - two of 85 area wrestlers are two matches away from a chance to compete in the Toledo district championships. That is what all the activity will be about in Clyde high school gymnasium Saturday afternoon and evening.

The Clyde facility for the second year will be site of the sectional wrestling tournament. The competition is all on individual basis. There is no team trophy, no team points awarded. Purpose of the tournament is elimination in the first step toward naming district and state wrestling champions.

## State Veterans

Competing will be three boys who have reached the state tournament in the past, Ty Belknap of Port Clinton, Jerry Biddle of Lakota and Steve Beier of St. Joseph. Beier enters the sectionals with an unbeaten mark extending over two seasons, except for the loss that eliminated him in the state tournament a year ago. This year he has won the 156 - pound titles in the Catholic Invitational in Cleveland and Bowling Green Invitational.

Questionmark hovers over the chances of Sandusky Bay Conference 129-pound champion Al O'Neal of St. Joseph. O'Neal injured a knee this week in practice.

## Seven Full Teams

Seven of the eight schools will have a boy entered in each weight class. Oak Harbor, a first - year wrestling school has entries in eight classes but passed up 106, 123 and heavy-weight divisions. The Rockets had no dual meet season and their only competition has been participation in the Sandusky Bay Conference reserve tournament. Competing schools are Clyde, Ross, St. Joseph, Bellevue, Margaretta, Lakota, Port Clinton and Oak Harbor.

## TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS

First round of matches will begin Saturday at 1 p.m. with finals at 7 p.m. Two winners each weight division will go on to the district meet.

Initial pairings for the sectional with records are as follows (four best records top-seeded in each division):

106 — Griffith (B), 4-8 vs. Junior Veliz (M), 1-5; Mike Schultz (L), 1-11, vs. Jose Alejandro (R), 12-3; Mike Kingsborough (SJ), 6-7, bye; Walker

(PC), 2-6, vs. Steve Fultz (C), 5-7.

115 — DeLuca (B), 3-3, vs. Moore (OH), 0-0; Gary Swartzlander (R), 1-5 vs. Terry Biddle (L), 10-2; Jim Grove (SJ), 13-4, vs. Tom Cullen (M), 1-8; Randy Keegan (C), 1-12, vs. Carrisales (PC), 9-3.

123 — Chuck Koch (SJ), 10-8; vs. Gary LeMaitre (R), 2-11; G. Rice (M), vs. Jim Smith (C), 9-0; Ty Belknap (PC), 12-1, vs. DeLuca (B), 4-8; Cal Jennings (L), 12-1, bye.

131 — Randy Sachs (R), 7-5; Jerry Wettrich (C), 3 - 8; DeLuca (B), 6-6, vs. Jerry Biddle (L) 11 - 1; Al O'Neal (SJ), 15-3, vs. Pauleete (OH), 0-0; T. Kamm (M), 1-5, vs. Gahn (PC), 6-5.

136 — Mark Meggitt (C), 7-6, vs. B. Scott (M), 1-8; Schultz (OH), 0-0, vs. Lyn Coleman (L), 14-0; Cal Kanan (R) 13-3, vs. Ray (B), 2-7; Jack Hershey (SJ), 7-5, vs. Paul Belknap (PC), 7-4.

141 — Larry Williford (L), 5-4, vs. Jerry Parker (M), 2-6; Grieger (OH), 0-0 vs. Nick Stratso, Bellevue, 13-2; Jim Wettrich (C), 10-3, vs. Zelms (PC), 2-6; Scott Deeker (R), 4-9, vs. Bill Beier (SJ), 12-5.

148 — Mike Doust (R), 6-5, vs. Dave Post (SJ), 0-4; C. Collins (M), 1-8, vs. Bill Kramer (B), 12-1; Ron Nieset (L), 12-2, vs. Bill Simpkins (OH), 0-0; Mrk Smith (C), 2-5, vs. Van Hoose (PC), 5-8.

157 — Scott Niehm (M), 5-5, vs. Jim Winters (R), 3-9; Tom Shrider (L), 1-12, vs. Steve Beier (SJ), 18-0; Craig Crosby (B), 12-3, vs. Garza (PC), 4-6; Nehls (OH), 0-0, vs. Jim Pump (C), 9-3.

169 — Keiser (PC), 8-5, vs. Ray Smetzer (M), 7-5; Bud Weiser (R), 2-10, vs. Ed Fiber (SJ), 14-2; Rowland (B), 9-2, vs. Jim Fleury (L), 3-8; Hughes (OH), 0-0, vs. Tim Tarris (C), 10-3.

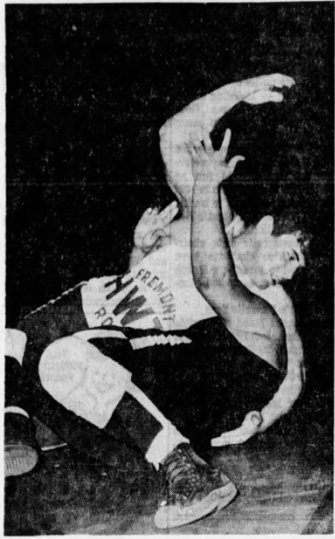
178 — Ray (B), 9-5, vs. Bethel (OH), 0-0; Holly (PC), 0-5, vs. Charles Knight (L), 10 - 2; Bob McGrath (C), 10-2, vs. Todd Moore (M), 3-4, Dick Bowersox (R), 6-6, vs. Bill Overmyer (SJ), 11-4.

Heavyweight — Keith Dahms (C), 9-4, vs. Radisck (OH), 0-0; Larran Meador (B), 15-0, bye; Brad Lawrence (R), 11-2, vs. Dean VanCauwenberg (M), 1-1; Tom Picciuto (SJ), 9-6, vs. Dick Mendoza (L), 9-3.

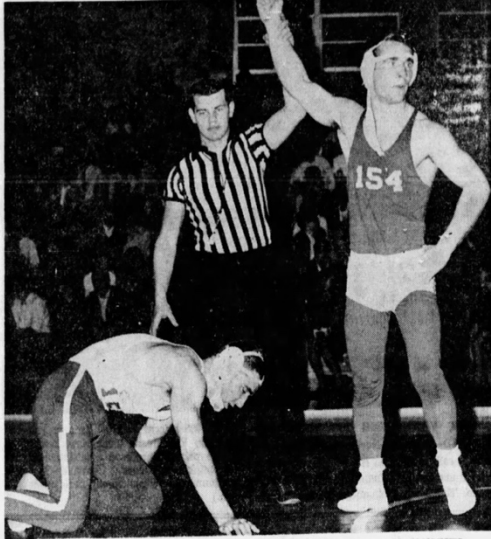
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ROSS' BRAD LAWRENCE ON TOP OF ACTION  
Rolls Lakota Heavyweight Dick Mendoza



VICTOR AND THE VANQUISHED IN SECTIONAL WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS  
Officials Raises Steve Beier's Arm, Jim Winters Struggles To Knees

### ROSS QUALIFIES THREE, ST. JOSEPH TWO

## Bellevue Most Successful In Mat Sectional

CLYDE—Bellevue, Port Clinton, Lakota and host Clyde led the quest for district wrestling berths in Saturday Sectional tournament at Clyde high school. Bellevue had five individuals qualify for the district, while Port Clinton, Lakota and Clyde qualified four each.

Ross and St. Joseph of Fremont had their problems, part of them due to injury prior to the tournament. Ross qualified three boys and St. Joseph two. Margaretta and Oak Harbor both failed to send a boy to the district tournament next weekend at Toledo Whitmer.

Four of nine boys who won the right at Clyde Sectional last season to compete in district failed in repeat bids. Gaining the district tournament step toward the state individual title for another time were Ty Belknap, Port Clinton, 123; Jim Smith, Clyde, 123; Steve Beier, St. Joseph, 138; Larran Meador, Bellevue, heavyweight, and Craig Kaiser, Port Clinton, 168.

Also reaching district a second consecutive year will be Jerry Biddle, 130, who won in Mohawk sectional last year before his Lakota team was switched back to Clyde.

Winning two matches to qualify for district from Ross were Brad Lawrence, Heavyweight; Randy Sachs, 130, and Jose Alejandro, 106. St. Joseph winners were Beier and Mike Kingsborough, 106.

Injury forced two seeded Fremonters to drop from the tournament. Cal Kanan, second-seeded in the 136-pound class, received a shoulder injury in the Wednesday night match with Clyde. Doctors deemed it was impossible for him to compete.

A similar fate was suffered by Al O'Neal, district qualifier a year ago and second-seeded this year in the 130-pound division. The St. Joseph wrestler injured a knee in practice Tuesday night and was on crutches

watching the sectional tournament as a spectator. Knee injury had also erased the St. Joseph 148-pounder Jim O'Brien just prior to tournament drawings. O'Brien's would have qualified him for a seed in the sectional.

Former district qualifiers who didn't make it this year were Gary LeMaire, Ross, 123; Todd Moore, Margaretta, 178; Tom Picciotto, St. Joseph, heavyweight, and O'Neal.

Five sectional winners for Bellevue were Rick DeLuca, 115; Nick Stratos, 141; Bill Kramer, 148; Roger Rowland, 168, and Meador.

Clyde's qualifiers were Jim Smith, 123; Jim Wettrich, 141; Jim Pump, 157, and Bob McGrath, 178.

Lakota entries in district will

be Jerry Biddle, 130; Lyn Coleman, 136; Ron Niesel, 148; and Charles Knight, 178.

Making the district from Port Clinton were Craig Kaiser, 168; Ty, 123, and Paul, 138, Belknap; Jose Carrisales, 115.

#### TOURNEY SUMMARY

**Preliminaries**  
108 — Veliz (M) decided Griffith (B); Alejandro (R) decided Shultz (L), Kingsborough (SJ) bye, Fulz (C) dec. Walker (PC).

115 — Rick DeLuca (B) decided Moore (OH), Terry Biddle (L) decided Swartzlander (R), Cullen (M) pinned Grove (SJ), Carrisales (PC) decided Keegan (C).

123 — LeMaire (R) decided Koch (SJ), Smith (C) decided Rice (M), Ty Belknap (PC)

#### WILLIE BABIONE DECKED:

## Pier Six Brawl Climaxes Marshall Upset Of Toledo

By HAL PARIS

Associated Press Sports Writer Basketball and a Pier Six brawl stole the spotlight at Memorial Fieldhouse in Huntington, W. Va., Saturday night. When the smoke had cleared, Toledo was on the sidelines nursing its first setback of the season.

Marshall, taking care of regularly scheduled business, rudely snapped the Rockets' 14-game winning streak with a 96-81 victory in the key Mid-American Conference skirmish.

Not on the program was an inopportune fist fight involving players and fans with a little more than two minutes to play. Toledo didn't fare too well in this battle either as Willie Babione of the Rockets was knocked unconscious during the melee.

The extra-curricular activity started when Toledo's John Brisker and Marshall reserve Parkie Beam traded punches in front of the Rockets' bench. Brisker, who had fouled out, was struck in the face with an out-of-bounds ball and threw it back in Beam's face. Beam

promptly flung the ball back at Brisker and the ruckus was on.

The game was delayed more than five minutes as players from both teams and some of the fans became involved in the brawl. Coaches, officials and police finally restored order but not before Babione took the ten count.

The Thundering Herd, staging a strong second half comeback, stormed to a 12-point advantage almost midway through the period after trailing by as many as 10 through most of the first half.

High-scoring George Stone, counting 21 of his 31 points in the second half spurt, led Marshall to its fourth conference victory against two losses. Toledo, a game ahead, has a 5-1 record.

Bill Backenstoe and Steve Mix scored 30 and 27 points respectively, for Coach Bobby Nichols' losers.

In other MAC activity, Western Michigan moved up to 4-3 by shading Kent State 65-44 on three vital points by Gene Ford in the final minute of play.

And Bowling Green (3-3) kept its title hopes alive by edging Ohio University 82-79 behind Walt Patkowski's 31 points. Jerry McKee hit 25 for the losing Bobcats and teammate Fred Cluff delivered 23.

decisioned Joe DeLuca (B), Jennings (L) bye.

130 — Jerry Wettrich (C) dec. DeLuca (B), Jerry Biddle (L) decisioned Ramon (M), Gahn (PC) decisioned Haslinger (SJ), Sachs (R) pinned Paulette (OH).

136 — Meggitt (C) pinned Scott (M), Coleman (L) deci-

## Nieports Comes From Nowhere To Win Classic

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) —It was something out of the book of golfing miracles, the stunning upset victory of Tom Nieports over Doug Sanders in the \$110,000 Bob Hope Desert Golf Classic.

It was a triumph for a 37-year-old teaching professional who seldom plays the money tournaments and never was famous during the five years he journeyed over the nation on the PGA tour. His PGA winnings last year were \$890.

But this likeable, good-looking father of seven, with an eighth expected at his winter home in Boca Raton, Fla., came through under pressure to win an admittedly welcome \$17,000. He broke a tie with Sanders on the 18th green with a 12-foot putt for a birdie, a final round 69 and a 90-hole score of 349, 11 strokes under par.

The resplendent Sanders, playing behind the 6-foot-1, 185-pound Nieports, had two holes to catch up.

Doug, seeking his second Classic win in a row here, came close on two long putts for birdies but couldn't get them.

The tournament concluded the winter swing through California. The \$70,000 Phoenix Open in Arizona follows this weekend. But Nieports left Monday for home and then three tournaments in the Caribbean.

Such gallery favorites as Jack Nicklaus, Billy Casper and Arnold Palmer faded from attention as the final round went down to the wire between Sanders and Nieports.

Nicklaus's 72 gave him 355. Casper had a 71 for 356 and Palmer dropped out of sight with 73 for 362.

Chi Chi Rodriguez finished third at 354 and tied with Nicklaus were Paul Harney, Bert Yarney and Georg Archer. The 356 group included Bob Charles, Dale Douglass and Cas-

tioned Greiger (OH), Paul Belknap (PC) decisioned Ray (B), Hershey (SJ) decisioned Leske (R).

141 — Decker (R) decisioned Parker (M), Stratos (B) decisioned Steward (L), Jim Wettrich (C) bye, Bill Beier (SJ), pinned Quevas (PC).

148 — Doust (R) decisioned Post (SJ), Kramer (B) decisioned Collins (M), Niesel (L) decisioned Simpkins (OH), Van Hoose (PC) decisioned Smith (C).

157 — Winners (R) pinned Niehm (M), Beier (SJ) pinned Shrider (L), Crosby (B) decisioned Garza (PC), Pump (C) bye.

168 — Kaiser (PC) decisioned Smoter (M), Flier (SJ) pinned Weiser (R), Rowland (B) decisioned Flury (L), Tarris (C) decisioned Hughes (OH).

178 — Ray (B) decisioned Balduf (OH), Knight (L) pinned Finke (PC), McGrath (C) decisioned Moore (M), Overmyer (SJ) pinned Bowersox (R).

Heavyweight — Dahms (C) pinned Goldstein (OH), Meador (B) bye, Lawrence (R) decisioned Van Cauwenburg (M), Mendoza (L) decisioned Picciotto (SJ).

#### —:—:— FINALS

106 — Alejandro (R) decisioned Veliz (M), 9-2; Kingsborough (SJ) decisioned Fulz (C), 5-4.

115 — DeLuca (B) decisioned Biddle (L), 4-3 (time advantage), Carrisales (PC) decisioned Cullen (M), 8-0.

123 — Smith (C) decisioned LeMaire (R), 4-2, T. Belknap (PC) decisioned Jennings (L), 4-1.

130 — Biddle (L) pinned Wettrich (C), Sachs (R) decisioned Gahn (PC), 4-0.

136 — Coleman (L) pinned Meggitt (C), P. Belknap (PC) decisioned Hershey (SJ), 2-0.

141 — Stratos (B) decisioned Decker (R), 5-0; Wettrich (C) decisioned B. Beier (SJ), 8-2.

148 — Kramer (B) pinned Doust (R), Niesel (L) decisioned Van Hoose (PC).

157 — S. Beier (SJ) decisioned Winters (R), 4-0; Pump (C) decisioned Crosby (B), 3-1.

167 — Kaiser (PC) decisioned Flier (SJ), 5-0 overtime, Rowland (E) decisioned Tarris (C), 13-4.

178 — Knight (L) decisioned Ray (B), McGrath (C) decisioned Overmyer (SJ), 2-1. Heavyweight — Meador (B) decisioned Dahms (C), 3-1, Lawrence (R) decisioned Mendoza (L), 12-5.

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