

1978 Buckeye Conference...

## BC tournament at Ross Saturday

Elyria has the inside track but it promises to be an all-out race for the runnerup spot in the Buckeye Conference Wrestling Tournament Saturday at Ross High School.

"You have to pick Elyria as the favorite," Ross Coach Al Voggenthaler theorized. "They may be stronger than last year."

The Pioneers scored 162½ points a year ago to edge surprising Mansfield by six and one-half points. Pre-tournament favorite Sandusky was third and Ross came home in fourth spot.

Ross will be hosting the tourney for the second time in a three-year span. Two years ago at Ross, the Little Giants finished second after grabbing a surprising lead going into the finals. Sandusky eventually won that title.

After picking Elyria as the likely champ, the Ross coach dropped down into the race for second.

"I think we are as tough a contender as anybody," he said. "Lorain, Mansfield, and us will make it a hot race."

"Sandusky has a young team but I can remember my first year at Ross when Sandusky finished dead last in the conference tournament and then came back to win the sectional two weeks later."

Ross will have one returning champion back — 155-pounder Clarence Parks. He is one of two champions that Ross had a year ago — Jesse Heidelberg was the other, winning the 105-pound title.

Voggenthaler said that his team has the best shots for individual titles at heavyweight, 155, and 126. The 126-pound division should be the strongest in the tourney.

"That's going to be a real barnburner," Voggie described the 126-pound division.

He rates Ross's Paul "Tex" Miller, Steve Camella of Sandusky, and Jock Murray of Elyria as being about even.

"The seeding will have a lot to do with that division," he offered.

Ross heavyweight Troy Amor, a junior, is 10-3 with nine of the wins via the "pinning" route. Parks will be gunning for his second straight 155-pound title. He is 2-0 with two pins at that weight after dropping down from 167 three weeks ago. Parks had a 5-3 mark at the higher weight.

Miller carries a 9-1-1 mark at 126. He started the season at 132 and was 0-1. The draw was the Camella.

"I think our strength lies in that we can place a lot of kids," Voggenthaler said. "We have wrestled in two very tough tournaments and have done well."

"We have also had good workouts this week," he said and then added that the blizzard helped serve as a conditioning drill for his team.

"Eight or nine of them were called out to help shovel out Riley school and that was a good workout for them."

Wrestling will begin at noon Saturday at Ross with the championship finals and consolation finals slated for a 7 p.m. start.

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## Buckeye wrestling today

Ross is the host school today for the Buckeye Conference Wrestling Tournament.

The eight-team tournament is regarded as one of the better league or conference wrestling get-togethers in northwest Ohio. Ross will host Elyria, the defending champ, Sandusky, Mansfield, Lorain, Admiral King, Marion Harding, and Findlay.

Wrestling will begin at noon today with the finals slated for 7 p.m. tonight in the Ross High School gym.

Ross Coach Al Voggenthaler announced a tentative lineup for his Little Giants. Following is that lineup for the 13 weight divisions with won/lost mark, and number of pins:

98—Gilbert Palocius, 3-2;  
105—Jim Krock, 1-5 with one pin;  
112—Ted Merrill, 3-5 with one pin;  
119—Mike Pena, 1-1;  
126—Paul "Tex" Miller, 9-1-1 with three pins;  
132—Andre Parks, 5-4 with one pin;  
138—John Pena, 1-3 with one pin;  
145—Dave Campbell, 3-3 with one pin;  
155—Clarence Parks, 2-0 with two pins;  
167—Chuck Tiller, 1-1;  
175—Tim Donnersbach, 3-4 with two pins;  
185—Chuck Binkley, 5-5 with one pin;  
Heavyweight—Troy Amor, 10-3 with nine pins.

Clarence Parks is the defending champion at 155 for Ross. He is one of four returning champions. John McNulty, 132, and Bobby Fleck, 138, will be back for Elyria and Larry Adley, 185, returns for Mansfield.

Elyria is favored to win the tournament but the battle for the runnerup spot is expected to be wide open. Ross, Lorain, and Mansfield are expected to be in that battle.

The Little Giants finished fourth in the 1977 tourney after a second place finish in the 1976 tourney.

# Elyria is mat champ! Ross finishes 4th



ROSS'S PAUL "TEX" MILLER GRABS A BREATH IN CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH  
... Miller defeated Dana Richie of Mansfield for 126-pound title

## BC wrestling final results

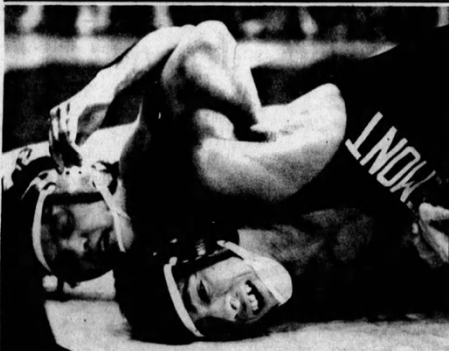
TEAM STANDINGS		
Elyria	150	Admiral King 67
Mansfield	144	Findlay 61
Lorain Senior	119 1/2	Sandusky 58 1/2
Ross	104 1/2	Marion Harding 18

CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS		
96-Lavell Williams (Mansfield) d. Ray Marshall (Elyria) 8-0, overtime; 105-Paul Showalter (Elyria) d. Paul Francis (Lorain) 10-4; 112-Mike Trevitt (Elyria) d. Mike Letman (Mansfield) 6-2; 119-Mike Pena (Ross) d. Don Lemons (Elyria) 6-2; 126-Paul "Tex" Miller (Ross) d. Dana Richie (Mansfield) 10-2; 132-John McNulty (Elyria) d. Larry Shoema (Sandusky) 3-2; 138-Bob Fleck (Elyria) d. Steve Betting (Findlay) 11-4; 145-Jeff Divesbas (Mansfield) d. Bruce Heater (Findlay) 14-2; 150-Clarence Parks (Ross) p. Harry Williamson (Lorain) 1-23; 167-Kirk Wyatt (Sandusky) d. Dallas Bonas (Ad. King) 5-3; 175-Domenick Moroco (Harding) d. Brad Mullins (Lorain) 9-3; 185-Dan Hagins (Ad. King) d. Todd Avill (Lorain) 4-1; HVY-Ed Cheves (Lorain) p. Eric Miles (Elyria) 5-0.		

CONSOLATION FINALS		
96-Rick Jones (Sandusky) d. Gilbert Palacios (Ross) 7-4; 105-Roger Owens (Mansfield) d. Henry Church (Ad. King) 5-4; 112-Lee Smith (Findlay) p. Herman Noble (Ad. King) 2-45; 119-Vince Petrella (Mansfield) d. Tom Wood (Ad. King) 10-5; 126-Save Camella (Sandusky) d. Benny Matos (Lorain) 11-1; 132-Jamie Malone (Lorain) p. Morgan Kier (Mansfield) 1-15; 138-Tim Price (Lorain) d. Luther Brumham (Mansfield) 1-0; 145-Brian Sittiger (Elyria) p. Mike York (Lorain) 3-35; 150-James Baidridge (Mansfield) 4-5; 167-Chuck Tiller (Ross) d. Ken Hoge (Elyria) 2-1; 175-Hank Kramer (Findlay) p. Dennis Pergame (Mansfield) 3-25; 185-Larry Adley (Mansfield) d. Chuck Binkley (Ross) 13-8; HVY-Troy Amor (Ross) p. Rick Gibson (Mansfield) 1-45.		



MIKE PENA of Ross is in trouble here but he was in control most of the match while upsetting top-seeded Don Lemons of Elyria in the 119-pound finals. (N-M photos by Dan Bornell)

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Sports news

## Parks, Miller, Pena win division titles

By BOB MARKER  
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Elyria claimed its second straight Buckeye Conference wrestling championship Saturday at Ross High School and the 14th in the 17 years that the conference has held its annual mat showcase.

The Pioneers, with first year head coach Bill Stetler winning the conference's top wrestling coach award, racked up 150 points, six more than Mansfield. That was the same order of finish as in the 1977 tournament at Elyria.

Surprising Lorain Senior finished third with 119 1/2 points and the host Ross Little Giants duplicated their fourth place finish of a year ago with 104 1/2 points.

Elyria claimed four individual champions with two — John McNulty (132) and Bobby Fleck (138) being repeat winners. The Pioneers had six wrestlers in the championship finals.

Ross placed second to Elyria in individual titles with three. Clarence Parks, seeded first at 155, won his second straight conference title by "pinning" his way through the eight-team tourney.

Parks, a senior, stopped James Baldrige of Mansfield in 5:34 of his first round match and then came back to flatten Dan Williams of Admiral King in 42 seconds in the semifinals. In the finals, Parks polished off Harry Williamson of Lorain in 1:23.

In three years of varsity wrestling, Parks has placed second in addition to the two championships in the conference.

"I've got my strength back now," Parks said quietly as he cooled down after the finals. He had started the season at 167 before dropping down to the lighter weight three weeks ago.

"I feel a lot stronger," Parks continued, "plus everyone (at 155) is not much taller than me."

Parks only smiled when asked if the tournament had been an easy one for him. "They never are as easy as they look."

Ross coach Al Voggenthaler was a bit disappointed that one of his brace of champions did not win the "outstanding wrestler" award. Voted by the conference coaches, Admiral King's Dan Hagins, 185, another champion from 1977, was voted the award after winning his second conference title.

The Ross coach was otherwise happy with his champs.

Paul "Tex" Miller survived a tough semifinal match with Steve Camella of Sandusky to springboard to the 126-pound crown for Ross. Miller was forced into overtime in defeating Camella 4-3 in overtime.

"My toughest match was against Camella," Miller said after defeating Dana Richie of Mansfield 10-2 in the finals.

"I'm not out of shape," the Ross junior said while admitting that he looked tired in the Camella match.

"It's tension — I cannot relax before the match. I didn't get tired against him; it was just tension."

The surprise came for Ross was unheralded Mike Pena. The Ross junior 119-pounder defeated

second-seeded Vince Petrella of Mansfield 2-0 in the semifinal match. He came back to whip top-seeded Don Lemons of Elyria 6-2 in the finals.

Voggenthaler praised. "It was just a lot of hard work on his part. He had never wrestled before last year and he just decided he would go out and do the job."

Pena agreed with his coach but revealed that he was over weight when he first weighed in Saturday morning. He was a pound over and had to get it off in order to wrestle.

"I ran with my sweat suit on," he said and then laughed when he made another revelation. "After I made weight, I went to Bonnie and Cy's and had pancakes and ham. That food gave me energy."

Continuing, Pena said, "I wasn't seeded so I just thought I'd try to do my best."

Parks' pin was one of two in the finals. Lorain Senior's Ed Chavez got his fall over Elyria's Eric Miles one second from the end of his match. Chavez also pinned his way through the tournament to the title.

Chuck Tiller and Troy Amor finished third for the Little Giants. Tiller defeated Ken Hoge of Elyria 2-1 in the 167-pound consolation finals and Amor pinned Rick Gibson of Mansfield in 1:45 of the heavyweight consolation finals match.

Amor slipped into the consolation bracket when Miles posted a 5-3 overtime victory over him in the semifinals.

Gilbert Palacios and Chuck Binkley finished fourth at 88 and 185 pounds for Ross.



CLARENCE PARKS is only seconds away from chalking up his third consecutive pin of the Buckeye Conference Wrestling Tournament Saturday at Ross. The Ross wrestler has Lorain's Harry Williamson on his back while on his way to scoring a fall in 1:23. The victory gave Parks his second straight conference title.

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## Felske's 39 just misses record

## Margaretta bombs Streaks