

1972 Sectional...

Eight Ross Grapplers Have First Round Byes

BELLEVUE — Ross wrestlers received eight byes in the first round of the AAA Sectional Wrestling Tournament that will get under way at Bellevue High School Friday at 5:30 p.m.

First round pairings were made during a meeting of coaches at the tournament site Monday.

The Little Giants have only one top seed for the tourney — 145-pounder Jim Billow. Billow earned his seed with a 12-3-1 record. He'll face Dick Griffith of Marion Harding in the first

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98 POUNDS

Ed Svejkovsky (Malabar, 2-10), bye; Jerry Ferguson (Ashland, 11-5) vs. Dick Belle (Sandusky, 9-7); Steve Moyer (Bellevue, 4-3), bye; Roger Huff (Ross, 0-4), bye; Randy Lee (Madison, 11-3-2), bye; Dale Lambert (Marion, 14-4), bye; Jack Rex (Port Clinton, 1-1), bye; Bill Lapezenski (Columbian, 6-9), bye.

105 POUNDS

Dave Ballenger (Marion, 7-7), bye; Mark St. Clair (Port Clinton, 11-10-1), bye; Greg Martin (Ashland, 11-1) vs. Jim Linder (Bellevue, 11-6-1); Bob Kissel (Tiffin, 5-11), bye; Al Lepley (Galon, 11-7), bye; Brad McPhillyan (Sandusky, 1-7), bye; Tom O'Leary (Madison, 2-8) vs. Jeff Bishop (Mansfield Sr., 4-4); Eric Wolfe (Ross, 7-5), bye.

112 POUNDS

Dave Alejandro (Tiffin, 7-6-1), bye; Mark Lapezenski, (Tiffin, 8-7) vs. Ken Pershinger (Marion, 1-4); Lee Fauk (Ashland, 17-0) vs. Greg Ute (Marion, 0-10); Charles Williams (Mansfield Sr., 3-5), bye; Dave Braeunig (Sandusky, 17-1) vs. Roosevelt Johnson (Malabar, 2-0); Steve Tom Beoddy (Bellevue, 11-5) vs. Port Clinton wrestler to be named; Steve Arlene (Galon, 6-1-1), bye.

119 POUNDS

Gordie Patterson (Tiffin, 7-6-1), bye; Craig Fox (Malabar, 10-6-1) vs. Ross Wimbach (Port Clinton, 1-8); Dave Detrich (Bellevue, 11-6-1) vs. Kevin Haynes (Ross, 1-6); Ernie Ferguson (Sandusky 10-9), bye; Parnell Cameron (Mansfield Sr., 13-3), bye; Todd Trubee (Marion, 5-3), bye; Tom Goddard (Galon, 11-5) vs. Joe Mergel (Madison, 5-5); Joe Steigerwald (Ashland, 1-1), bye.

126 POUNDS

Mark Aigler (Bellevue, 5-5), bye; Jeff Meisner (Tiffin, 3-10) vs. Dan Wood (Marion, 2-10); Dick Kallenback (Port Clinton, 0-10) vs. Tim Weidinger (Ashland, 12-2-1); Paul Branco (Ross, 9-5), bye; Darwin Christensen (Madison, 11-3-2), bye; Jim Lee (Mansfield Sr., 3-6), bye; John Amiconi (Malabar, 7-6) vs. Tim Whittaker (Sandusky, 11-4); Bob Foust (Galon, 3-12), bye.

132 POUNDS

Rob Stierwalt (Ross, 4-8), bye; Mark Sauer (Ashland, 9-5-1) vs. Jim LeVeck (Mansfield Sr., 8-5); Mike Redmond (Malabar, 5-9) vs. Fred Parks (Marion, 3-8); Skip Holmes (Madison, 17-1), bye; Gary Andrews (Bellevue, 5-4), bye; Ted Sendlbeck (Tiffin, 16-1), bye; Matt Smith (Galon, 0-8) vs. Dave Regal (Port Clinton, 13-8); Greg King (Sandusky, 9-7), bye.

138 POUNDS

Bob George (Galon, 3-5), bye; Greg Gleisinger (Malabar, 11-6) vs. Mike Wade (Tiffin, 14-3); Dick Morgan (Port Clinton, 6-13) vs. Chris Crosby (Bellevue, 17-0-1); Terry Whittaker (Sandusky, 4-7), bye; Mike Owens (Madison, 16-1-1), bye; Don Hinton (Marion, 2-8), bye; Ed Farson (Ross, 11-5) vs. Bill Frontz (Mansfield Sr., 0-7); Tom Simonson (Ashland, 15-2), bye.

145 POUNDS

Mike Ranker (Tiffin, 4-5-2), bye; Steve Lehrer (Sandusky, 6-3) vs. Peter Drye (Mansfield Sr., 5-3); Jim Billow (Ross, 12-3-1) vs. Dick Griffith (Marion, 1-8); Mike Gilbert (Malabar, 8-6) bye; John Fox (Madison, 11-3-1), bye; Ross Hilt (Galon, 0-3), bye; Adrian Bull (Ashland, 9-4-1) vs. Greg Mira (Bellevue, 10-5); Jack Wallack (Port Clinton, 4-10), bye.

152 POUNDS

Terry Hinkle (Ross, 6-5), bye; Greg Young (Tiffin, 9-4) vs. Ron Ray (Bellevue, 12-7); Dave Johnson (Marion, 0-2) vs. Madison wrestler to be determined; Jeff Ward (Sandusky, 17-1), bye; Greg Bishop (Ashland, 13-2-1), bye; John Logan (Ashland, 13-2-1), bye.

round. Griffith has a 1-8 record. Kevin Haynes (119), Ed Farson (138), Dave Mierke (185) and Mark Cooley (heavyweight) also have preliminary matches. Haynes (1-6) will meet top-seeded Dave DeLuca (16-0-1) in the first round. Farson (11-5) has drawn Bill Frontz (0-7) of Mansfield Senior.

Opening opponent for Mierke (5-1) will be top seeded Mike Warren (13-0) of Tiffin Columbian. Cooley (0-4) will get Dale Bratcher (10-5) from Bellevue.

Roger Huff (98), Eric Wolfe (105), Dave Alejandro (112), Paul Branco (126), Rob Stierwalt (132), Terry Hinkle (155), Dave Skergran (167) and Dale Reiter (175) drew byes in the first round.

Huff (0-4) will go against third-seeded Randy Lee of Mansfield Madison in the quarterfinals Friday. Lee, who had an 11-3-2 seed record, also has a bye in the opening round.

Wolfe (7-5) will wrestle either Tom O'Leary (2-8) of Mansfield Madison or Jeff Bishop (4-4) from Mansfield Senior in the quarterfinals.

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167 POUNDS

Casey Didion (Bellevue, 11-5-2), bye; Jim Baehrens (Mansfield, 5-3) vs. Loren Wagner (Galon, 2-2); Ken Taylor (Sandusky, 4-7) vs. Tiffin wrestler to be named; Ken Heyde (Ashland, 16-0), bye; Dave Skergran (Ross, 13-4), bye; Steve Wright (Marion, 2-5), bye; Terry Thompson (Madison, 12-6) vs. Malabar wrestler to be named; John O'Nan (Port Clinton, 12-5), bye.

175 POUNDS

Craig Mitchell (Madison, 3-1), bye; Steve Hughes (Ashland, 13-4) vs. Paul Johnson (Mansfield Sr., 12-6); Matt Zoller (Tiffin, 12-1) vs. Matt Marion (4-6); Scott Boals (Malabar, 4-5), bye; Bruce Below (Port Clinton, 3-16), bye; John Carver (Sandusky, 2-7) vs. Mike Weber (Galon, 0-3); Dale Reiter (Ross, 14-3), bye.

182 POUNDS

Derrol Waggoner (Marion, 11-5), bye; Mark Shepard (Malabar, 3-6) vs. Gary Garman (Bellevue, 7-6); Dave Mierke (Ross, 5-1) vs. Mike Warren (Tiffin, 3-0); Dave Funk (Ashland, 6-6); Bill Metz (Madison, 15-2), bye; Bill Peterson (Port Clinton, 19-4) vs. John Hatchet (Mansfield Sr., 5-6); Dale Sartor (Sandusky, 8-4), bye.

HEAVYWEIGHT

Tiffin wrestler to be named, bye; Joe Hill (Galon, 10-6) vs. Scott Call (Ashland, 4-1); Rick Dröllinger (Marion, 5-6) vs. Larry Stacco (Madison, 13-3-1); Steve McKillips (Sandusky, 6-8); Jim Sass (Port Clinton, 9-12), bye; John Hafford (Mansfield Sr., 12-3), bye; Mark Cooley (Ross, 0-4) vs. Dale Bratcher (Bellevue, 10-5); Rick Blahnik (Malabar, 4-12), bye.

190 POUNDS

The sectional field includes Ross, Ashland, Bellevue, Galion, Mansfield Madison, Mansfield Malabar, Mansfield Senior, Marion Harding, Port Clinton, Sandusky and Tiffin Columbian.

Hingle's opening opponent will be either Ron Ray (12-7) of Bellevue or Greg Young (9-4) from Tiffin Columbian. Skergran (13-4) will go against Marion Harding's Steve Wright (2-5) in the quarterfinals while Reiter (14-3) will be matched against either John Carver (2-7) of Sandusky or Galion's Mike Weber (0-3).

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Local Players By

Local and area high school basketball players failed to gain first team honors in the District six of the Ohio School Basketball Coaches Association All-Star balloting.

Only two Fremonters, Ross high's Bob Brudzinski and St. Joe's Tim Shetzer, gained second team berths in their respective classes.

The northcentral Ohio coaching association named two Buckeye Conference performers to the first team of the Class AAA division. Sandusky's Scott May and Mansfield Senior's Dave Hurley were first team choices. Other selected were Scott McDavid of Galion, Mike Schoen of Bellevue and Don Bland of Tiffin.

Brudzinski, a 6-4 junior forward who averages 13.5 points per game for the Little Giants, took second team honors

along with Marion's Mike Roads, Malabar's Bob Crawford and Roger Loesch, and Mansfield Senior's Terone Butler.

The first team Class AA selections, none of which stand under 6-5, included Lexington's Tim Davis, Ontario's Roger Ash, Mike Burman of Willard, Joe Hord of Colonel Crawford and Dave Sweet of Norwalk.

Shetzer shared the second team honors with Sam Esposito of Margaretta, Steve Schwan of Willard, and Ron Arnett and Dave Pigman of Lexington.

The 6-0 senior guard for St. Joe's Crimson Streaks is averaging 22.0 points a game. He was the only Streak named to either team.

Area ball players couldn't penetrate into the ranks of the top five Class A roundballers. Gary Olmstead and Brett Steffanni of Bettsville managed

Eight Ross Matmen Reach Semifinals

BELLEVUE — Ashland and Bellevue were almost even in the battle for the team championship when the semifinals started this afternoon in the Bellevue Class AAA Wrestling Tournament.

Friday, Ashland held a half-point edge over the Redmen in the team race, 20-19. But four other squads appeared to have a shot at overtaking the two leaders.

Sandusky was third with 17 points, Mansfield Senior fourth, checked in with 16, Fremont Ross and Mansfield Madison each had 13. The Little Giants and Madison were followed by Tiffin Columbian (11), Port Clinton (six), Galion (four and a half), Marion (four) and Madison (one).

Bellevue led in the number of qualifiers for the semifinal round — nine. Ross and Ashland each had eight while Madison got seven grapplers through the first two rounds and Sandusky six.

Mansfield Senior and Tiffin Columbian each had five grapplers make it through the quarterfinals. Port Clinton had just two survivors and Galion one.

Still competing for individual titles for Ross were Eric Wolfe (108), Dave Alejandro (115), Rob Stierwalt (135), Terry Hinckle (141), Dan Skerian (152), Dale Reiter (170), Dale Marcks (185) and Mark Cooley (heavyweight).

Jim Linder (108), Tom Beatty (115), Pete DeLuca (122), Mark Aigler (129), Chris Crosby (141), Greg Mira (148), Casey Didion (170), Curt Stoltz (178) and Dale Bratcher (heavyweight) made the cut.

The only Port Clinton survivors were John O'Nan (170) and Mike Matta (185).

Wolfe, who drew a bye in the opening round and then outscored Jim Bishop from Mansfield Senior, 14-10, in the quarterfinals, drew McPhilliam as his semifinal opponent. The other

half of the bracket had Linder going against Dave Ballinger of Marion. Linder advanced with a 13-0 win over Ashland's Greg Martin and a third period fall over Columbian's Bob Kiesel.

DeLuca, who had been the semifinal opponent for Alejandro, Folk, who entered the tournament with a 17-0 record, had a pin and lopsided 12-0 decision in Friday competition.

Alejandro, who was one of nine Ross grapplers to have a bye in the opening round, pinned Mike Lapczenski in the quarterfinals.

Beatty and Sandusky's Dave Braeunig were paired in the other semifinal. All four semifinalists were seeded.

Braeunig was second and Beatty third. Alejandro, Folk and DeLuca were the other three with decision wins over Ross' Kevin Hayes (10-2) and Sandusky's Ernie Ferguson (3-2).

DeLuca, who had the second seed with Greg Mira (148) and Dave Broome (165) as his semifinal opponents, pinned

the four seeded competitors in the 129-pound bracket also reached the semifinals. Ashland's Tim Weidinger, the top seed, drew Aigler, while number three, Tim Whittaker of Sandusky, drew Greg Martin of Madison's Christian.

Stierwalt, who opened with a bye and then topped Mansfield's Jim LeVack, faced top-seeded Skip Holmes of Mansfield Madison. Ted Sendlbach and Greg Kinger were the other survivors. Stierwalt is the only member of the quartet who wasn't seeded.

The four seeds at 141 also survived the first two rounds. Crosby, who was number one based on a 17-0-1 regular season record, met number four Mike Wade of Tiffin Columbian while number two Mike Owens of

Madison collided with Ashland's Tom Simonson, the third seed. Mira reached the semifinals with a 4-2 upset of Ross' Jim Billow in the quarterfinals. Billow was the first seed and drawed the second bye while Mira was blanking Jack Wallack of Port Clinton, 8-0.

Mira faced Steve Lehrer of Sandusky for the right to wrestle in the championships. The winner would go against either John Fox of Madison or Mansfield Senior's Paul Pfeifer.

Hinckle downed Gary Young of Columbian, 4-1, in the second round to earn the opportunity to battle top-seeded Jeff Ward this afternoon. Ward, in his only match Friday, flattened Charles Cain of Madison, 4-0. The two will meet in the other semifinal.

DeLuca, who had the second seed with decision wins over Ross' Kevin Hayes (10-2) and Sandusky's Ernie Ferguson (3-2),

met Columbian's Greg Patterson this afternoon. In the other half of the bracket, Ashland's Dave Broome faced Mansfield Senior's Paul Pfeifer.

The only one remained in the first period when Skerian decked Steve Wright of Marion Harding in the quarterfinals. The victim earned Skerian the opportunity to meet Jim O'Nan of Port Clinton in the semifinals.

O'Nan decisioned Terry Thompson of Madison, 2-0, in the second round.

Dillon, the fourth seed, drew Alejandro, Ken Hayde.

DeLuca, who had the second seed with Ross came at 178 where Reiter went against Stoltz in the semifinals. Reiter advanced by pinning John Carver of Sandusky while Stoltz decked Bruce Below from Port Clinton in 2:33. In the other semifinal bout, Stan Hughes of Ashland faced Matt Zeller from Port Clinton.

Unbeaten Mike Warren of Tiffin Columbian was Mierke's semifinal foe. Both grapplers had quarterfinal pins — Mierke decked Dale Sartor of Sandusky while Warren disposed of Mansfield Senior's John Hatcher.

Wade is the top seed at 183. He will meet Greg Kinger, who is a number one seed in his semifinal match — Larry Stacco of Mansfield Madison. Cooley upset Galion's Joe Hill, 8-5 in the quarterfinals.

Ross grapplers who did not include Jim Huff (88), Hayes, Tom Hendricks (129), Ed Farson (141) and Billow. Several members of that quintet were expected to have the opportunity to wrestle consolation matches, however.

Overall, acting Ross head coach Dave Long was fairly pleased with the Ross performance.

"There were a couple of surprises but I think we did fairly well," Long said. "We had a lot of byes in the first round and that hurt us in the team race. But if we can get some of these kids into final those points should even out."

Semifinal action began this afternoon at 1:30 p.m. cr Preliminary and quarterfinal di

consolation matches were scheduled to follow at the conclusion of the semis. Tonight, the championship and third place matches will be run at the same

time starting at 7 p.m.

Practice Shoot

ELMORE — The Elmore Conservation Club will hold a practice trapshoot today, Se

beginning at 7 p.m. The club's

annual monthly trapshoot will be held March 5. The annual

membership trophy shoot is

scheduled March 19.

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AAA Summaries

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Gilbert (Malabar), 8-2, Drye (Mansfield Sr.), by.

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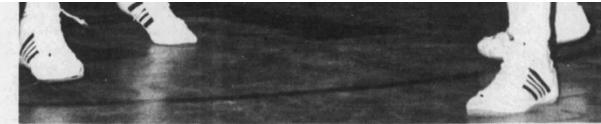
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ST. JOE'S JIM SZAKOVITS (left) works for a takedown against Mohawk's Jeff Weikert during the 170-pound championship match of the Heidelberg College Class AA-A sectional Saturday. Szakovits got the takedown and

won the title with a 4-2 decision. He and eight other Crimson streak grapplers will be entered in the district competition at Toledo Northwood this weekend. (News-Messenger Photo by Don Fogleson)

Wolfe, Reiter, Cooley In District Competition

BELLEVUE — Fremont Ross will have only three representatives in the district wrestling tournament at Toledo Whitmer this weekend.

The Little Giants were blanked in the championship category in last weekend's Class AAA sectional at Bellevue High School, but did manage three second places.

Taking runner-up spots for the Purple and White were Eric Wolfe (108), Dale Reiter (178) and Mark Cooley (heavyweight).

I'm happy those three fellows are going to the district but am disappointed we didn't have more boys make it," acting Ross head coach Dave Long said.

Ross sent eight entrants into the semifinals, but only Wolfe, Reiter and Cooley survived. Dave Alejandro (115), Rob Stierwalt (135), Terry Hinkle (158), Dave Skergan (170) and Dave Mierke (188) all bowed in the semifinals.

Those five dropped into the consolation bracket where only Hinkle was able to get through his first match. He advanced to the consolation finals before losing a 5-3 decision to Greg Bishop of Ashland.

Wolfe, after downing Brad McPhillamy of Sandusky to advance to the semifinals, lost a referee's decision to Jim Linder of Bellevue for the title. At the end of the regulation six minutes, the score was 0-0. They also battled to a 0-0 draw in the three-minute overtime.

Steve Hughes of Ashland

stopped Reiter's bid for a sectional crown, 7-3. Reiter earned his ticket into the finals with a semifinal win over Curt Stoldt from Bellevue.

Cooley, who's a 230-pound sophomore, surprised top-seeded

CHAMPIONSHIP
101—Shultz (Mansfield Senior) dec. Ferguson (Ashland), 10-2.

108—Lindner (Bellevue) won by ref. dec. over Wolfe (Ross).

115—Braesung (Sandusky) dec. Faulk (Ashland), 8-2.

122—Cameron (Mansfield Sr.) pinned DeLuca (Bellevue), 4-20.

129—Whittaker (Sandusky) dec. Weidinger (Ashland), 4-2.

135—King (Sandusky) dec. Holmes (Mansfield Madison), 3-2.

141—Crosby (Bellevue) won by ref. dec. over Owens (Mansfield Madison).

148—Fox (Mansfield Madison) dec. Lehrer (Sandusky), 6-3.

158—Hughes (Ashland) dec. Lame (Mansfield Sr.), 1-0.

178—Metz (Mansfield Madison) pinned Warren (Tiffin Columbian), 5-0.

HHV—Hafford (Mansfield Senior) dec. Cooley (Ross), 3-0.

SECOND PLACE

101—Lee (Mansfield Madison) pinned Ortlip (Galion), 2-0.

108—Bishop (Mansfield Senior) dec. Ferguson (Marion), 8-3.

115—Johnson (Malabar) dec. Williams (Mansfield Senior), 3-1.

122—Ferguson (Sandusky) pinned Trubee (Marion), 1-56.

129—Christensen (Mansfield Madison) dec. Aigler (Ashland), 3-0.

135—Regal (Port Clinton) dec. Parks (Marion), 8-4.

141—Simonsen (Ashland) dec. Wade (Tiffin Columbian), 1-0.

148—Drye (Mansfield Senior) dec. Mira (Bellevue), 6-3.

158—Bishop (Ashland) dec. Hinkle (Fremon), 8-3.

178—DeLuca (Bellevue) dec. Thompson (Madison), 5-3.

178—Stoldt (Bellevue) dec. Johnson (Mansfield Sr.), 13-2.

HHV—Brutcher (Bellevue) dec. Stacco (Mansfield Madison), 4-1.

Larry Stacco of Mansfield Madison in the semifinals, before losing a 3-0 verdict to John Hafford from Mansfield Senior. Cooley wasted little time with Stacco, recording a fall in 33 seconds.

Bellevue will send six contestants to the district competition at Toledo Whitmer while Port Clinton has two entries.

Linder was one of two champions for Bellevue. The only other winner was 141-pounder Chris Crosby who won an overtime referee's decision with Mike Owens of Mansfield Madison.

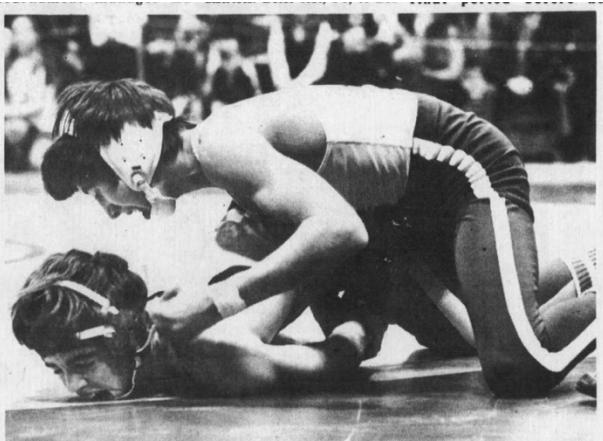
Also going to the district for Bellevue will be Pete DeLuca (122), Casey Didion (170), Curt Stoldt (178) and Dale Brutcher (heavyweight).

DeLuca finished second to Parnell Cameron of Mansfield Senior while Didion, Stoldt and Brutcher took third places.

Port Clinton will be represented by John O'Nan, the second place finisher at 170, and Dave Regal, who finished third at 135.

Mansfield Senior captured the sectional championship for the second consecutive year, edging Sandusky, 83-78½. Third place went to Ashland (77), while Madison (75) and Bellevue (72½) completed the top five.

Ross was sixth with 43 points followed by Port Clinton (27½), Tiffin (24), Marion Harding (14), Galion (eight and a half) and Mansfield Malabar (eight).



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ERIC WOLFE OF ROSS CONTROLS BELLEVUE'S JIM LINDER
The Bellevue Grappler Took A Referee's Decision



DALE REITER OF ROSS IN TROUBLE AGAINST ASHLAND'S CHUCK HUGHES
Little Giant Entrant Finished Second In Sectional Meet

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