

# Ross has 7 in AAA semifinals; St. Joe leads A sectional meet

Ross has seven wrestlers in the semifinals and St. Joe as 10 as a result of preliminary-round action in the sectional tournaments Friday night.

Ross is at the Class AAA sectional at Findlay Central Junior High School and St. Joe is at its own Class A meet in the Streak's gym.

Meanwhile, in the Class AA sectional at Oak Harbor High School, Clyde has five wrestlers in the semifinals, Oak Harbor has five, Lakota four, Margaretta four, Port Clinton seven and Genoa one.

At the AAA meet in Findlay, Defiance and Tiffin Columbian are tied for the lead with 63 points each. Ross is fifth with 50 points.

Semifinalists for the Little Giants are Mike Mezinger (105), Mark Schmidt (119), Kevin Shaffer (132), Brett Johnson (138), Graig Trick (155), Mike

Wendt (185) and John Trimble (HVY).

At the A meet at St. Joe, the host Crimson Streaks lead with 80½ points. Seneca East is second with 67 points, followed by Norwalk St. Paul 56½ and New London and Mansfield St. Pete, 46 each.

The 10 semifinalists for the Streaks are Sam Hotz (98), John Swint (105), Victor Flores (112), Tom Weickert (119), Steve Chamberlain (138), Mike Weickert (145), Steve Guyer (155), Pat Eberly (167), Mike Sweeney (175) and Mark Coleman (185).

At the AA meet in Oak Harbor, Cardinal Stritch leads the pack with 106 points, followed by Rossford 81, Port Clinton 58, Oak Harbor 48, Clyde 45, Margaretta 43½, Lakota 43, Eastwood 15, Genoa 9, Lake 9 and Fostoria 4½.

Clyde's semifinalists are Rick

Rosen (98), Rolando Garcia (119), Darrin Allen (138), Grant Larkins (167) and Adam Crockett (185).

Oak Harbor's are Matt Millinger (126), Tim Veler (132), Scott Platzke (145), Alan Avery (167) and John Ishmael (175).

Lakota's are Jeff Yount (105), Jerry Elter (112), Pete Gibson (126) and Randy Fairbanks (132).

Margaretta's are Dave Lafferty (119), Greg Hinds (126), Joe Teeple (155) and Duane Moore (HVY).

Port Clinton's Steve Saunders (98), Pat Heckerd (105), Todd Ohm (132), Scott Holzapfel (145), Bruce Celek (155), Steve Gutkowski (175) and Keith Shook (185).

Genoa's is Joe Lau (112).

Semifinals begin at 12:30 p.m., and finals start at 7 p.m., at all three locations today.

## Ross gets 2 champs in 'AAA' sectional tourney

FINDLAY — Al Voggenthaler made a prediction Friday before the Class AAA Sectional Wrestling Tournament here.

"I told the team," he said, "that we have the talent, now if we have the luck, we will finish in the top three of this thing."

He would have made a soothsayer jealous.

The Little Giants finished third with 126 points. Defiance was first at 187½, and Tiffin Columbian was second with 175½ in the race. Positions three through seven were separated by 24½ points.

Following Ross were Wapakoneta (119), Lima Shawnee (115½), Findlay (112) and Bowling Green (102). Elida and Lima Senior brought up the bottom of the list.

"We got some good performances and we had some good luck, but some bad luck, too," Voggenthaler said.

Ross will advance six wrestlers to the Class AAA District at Rogers High School in Toledo this Friday and Saturday. Two others, one that Voggenthaler expected to make the district show, failed to qualify for the district but finished fifth.

"I feel badly for Schmidt (Mark) and Heidelberg (Rick)," Voggenthaler said, "They did not make it through but that's luck and those things happen."

Schmidt is an alternate in the 119-pound division. The top four advanced to the district. Mike Mezinger, 105, and Mike Wendt, 185, won

championships for Ross. Brett Johnson was a pleasant surprise for Ross with a second at 138. Finishing third was Craig Trick at 155. Mel Clark (112) and Kevin Shaffer (132) had fourth place finishes for the Little Giants. Kit Sultz (167), along with Schmidt had fifth place finishes.

Mezinger, a sophomore, defeated Buckeye Conference champ Elman Cabotage of Findlay 3-2. Mezinger had been seeded third in the tourney while Cabotage was the top seed. In the semifinals, Mezinger stopped second-seeded Matt Behringer of Defiance 5-3.

Wendt was seeded first and had a good tournament according to Voggenthaler. The Ross senior defeated second seeded Brian Hannon of Defiance 5-1 in the finals. He had breezed into the finals with an 11-2 win over fourth-seeded Robert Price of Lima Senior.

## DeWalt averages 202 to win all-events crown

Ed DeWalt won the all-events actual division in the Fremont Men's City Association Bowling Tournament at Plaza Lanes.

DeWalt, a 171 bowler, averaged over 202 in rolling up a scratch total of 1,821. Dale Fought was second with 1,789 while lefthander Carl Schutt was third, nine pins behind Fought. R.B. Myers was third with 1,778.

DeWalt had series of 657, 571 and 593.

Leo Garcia won the all-events handicap with 2,049. A 166-average bowler, Garcia shot actual series of 591, 600 and 629 to go with a 229

handicap. The total was the highest in the past 10 years for the division.

Dick Pence won the singles with handicap title with 727. Myers was second with 721, followed by Mark Conner's 707 and Len Manbeck with 704. Fifth went to Bob Arnold at 699. The top four scores were rolled on the first weekend of competition.

Arnie Flores and Mike Alejandro won the doubles crown with 1,342 posted the first weekend. Moving into second during the second weekend was the team of Tom Waggoner and Larry Jackson Jr.,

with 1,331. Woody Rohrbacher and Dan Runion had 1,320.

Garcia and Val Valero finished fourth with 1,314 and fifth went to Steve Hull and John Nicholas at 1,291.

Low scores still in the money, pending checks of scores and averages, are 1,748 in the all-events actual and 1,867 in the all-events handicap. The singles low in the money is 629 while 1,245 is the low water mark in the doubles.

Scores shot this past weekend are unofficial.

The top scores, when verified,

will be published in The News-Messenger.

The Men's City Association meeting and prize money distribution will be at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, March 13, at the Sandusky Township Fire Station.

Honor games and series rolled in the tourney this past weekend:

Jerry Rinebold 244-628 and 255-624, Woody Rohrbacher 244-623, Runion 634, Garcia 629, Hull 256-649, Arnold 257-644 and 235, Jackson 235, Russ Missig 245, George McAfee 245, Cas Amer 245-628, Rich Root 239, Kirk Kiser 266 and Dean Hartman 268.