

# CHARLES CHAPMAN, DESHAE PETTIFORD AND CALEB WOOD CLAIM TRAC WRESTLING TITLES

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OREGON – The Little Giant wrestlers brought home three weight class championships from this weekend's Three Rivers Athletic Conference tournament. At the same time, six other athletes placed in the top four of their respective brackets.



Charles Chapman



DeShea Pettiford

As a whole, Ross finished third, compiling 136 points, finishing just two points behind second-place Whitmer, with Oregon Clay taking the team championship with 215.5 points.

Charles Chapman, Deshae Pettiford, and Caleb Wood went undefeated this weekend in earning their individual championships.

Chapman won the 132-pound title with an 11-3 major decision over Clay's Mike Daly. Pettiford followed at 145 pounds with a 15-6 major decision win over Clay's AJ Szigeti. Wood rounded out the Little Giants' championships with a victory at 190 pounds with a 13-2 major decision over Clay's Ty Cobb.



Caleb Wood

Mike Thomas finished runner-up at 285 pounds, and Jackson Weissinger placed second at 160 pounds.

Carter Smith (126) and Keaton Jordan (152) won their final matches to finish third in their weight class, while David Boda (113) and Brandon Garcia (182) finished fourth in their brackets.

### **TRAC Championships**

**Team results:** 1. Oregon Clay, 215.5; 2. Whitmer, 138; 3. Fremont Ross, 136; 4. Findlay, 105.5; 5. Central Catholic, 52; 6. St. Francis, 48; 7. St. John's, 46; 8. Lima Senior, 35.

**106** – Yuseef Atkins, 1-2 did not place

**113** – David Boda, 2-2, fourth place

**120** – Garrett Hauesser, 1-2, did not place

**126** – Carter Smith, 3-1, third place

**132** – Charles Chapman, 3-0, first place

- 138** – Michael Kirksey, 1-2, did not place
- 145** – Deshea Pettiford, 3-0, first place
- 152** – Keaton Jordan, 3-1, third place
- 160** – Jackson Weissinger, 2-1, second place
- 170** – Evan Oglesbee, 1-2, did not place
- 182** – Brandon Garcia, 2-2, fourth place
- 195** – Caleb Wood, 3-0, first place
- Heavyweight** – Mike Thomas, 2-1, second place

# Three Little Giants take TRAC crowns

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Fremont Ross senior Caleb Wood wrestled at 195 pounds for the first time this season Saturday at the Three Rivers Athletic Conference Championships.

Wood advanced to state at 195 as a junior and won two of his first three matches before he was disqualified against LaSalle's Michael Baker. Baker is a projected state champ at 195 this year.

Charles Chapman (132), Deshea Pettiford (145) and Wood earned individual crowns Saturday as the Little Gi-

ants finished third. Wood, who wrestled at 220 this season, also took a TRAC crown at 195 as a junior.

"The biggest thing, it was my first time this year at 195," Wood said. "I knew it would be a decent match with the freshman (Clay's Ty Cobb). It was pretty much back points I earned."

Wood, who was second as a sophomore at 182 and third as a freshman at 170, took a 13-2 major decision in the final.

Jackson Weissinger (160) and heavyweight Mike Thomas were runners-up for the Little Giants. Carter Smith (126) and Keaton Jordan (152) were third.

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Wood talked with coaches early in the season about wrestling at 195. He weighs about 206.

"That's pretty light to wrestle bigger guys," he said. "At 195 (on Saturday) it allowed me to see what I can actually do."

Midseason, Wood felt they could go either way to finish the season.

"No matter what, it was going to take hard work to get there," Wood said of his goal to reach the podium in Columbus. "It's my senior year. I've got three more weeks being a Little Giants wrestler.

"We feel it's the best shot at placing higher at state and getting out to state. We're going to work as hard as we can in the room to go as far as we can."

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