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District mat tournaments this weekend

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The first step on the Ohio high school state wrestling tournament trail begins this weekend with district competition.

Area teams will be competing at four sites Friday and Saturday for the right to advance to the second step: the regional tournaments. Following the regional events will be the state tournament March 12, 13, and 14 at St. John Arena on The Ohio State University campus in Columbus.

Ross and Port Clinton will be in the Class AAA district at Galion High School. Wrestling begins Friday at 4 p.m. Saturday matches begin at 11 a.m., and the finals are at 7 p.m., for the 19-team tournament.

The Little Giants have seven wrestlers "seeded" in the tournament. Andy Alejandro, 105, and Matt Marinis, 119, drew second seeds. Alejandro is 8-2-1 and Marinis, a junior who will be attempting to qualify for his third state tournament, is 24-1.

Shawn Ramirez, 167, and heavyweight Jim Carroll are seeded third for the Little Giants. Ramirez is 23-4 and Carroll 20-5. Jerrod Potter, 23-4, was seeded fifth in the 138-pound division for Ross while Jamie Ramirez and Jerry Palomo were seeded seventh at 112 and 132, respectively.

Tim Kessler, 16-5, was fourth in the 126-pound class for Port Clinton while 145-pounder Tony Matthews, 15-4, drew the seventh seed.

The Class A sectional at Van Buren High School will have Fremont St. Joe, Gibsonburg and Woodmore in the 14-team lineup. The team title is expected to be a battle between St. Joe and Gibsonburg.

Seeded wrestlers for the Crimson Streaks include top seeded Tom Lupica, 138, Pete Spieldenner, 167, and Pat Reineck, 175. Lupica is 11-0 at 138 and 25-1 for season, which includes matches at 145. Spieldenner is 20-4 and Reineck 15-7.

Jarad Swint, 98, is seeded second with a 16-9 record and St.

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Joe has five wrestlers seeded third: Joe Caballero, 105, Brian Hoffman, 112, Dan Lopez, 119, Brian Cronin, 132, and Mike Militello, heavyweight. Hoffman, bidding to reach the state tourney for the second time, has the best record in that group at 19-3.

Gibsonburg has nine seeded wrestlers including four top seeds. Steve Mitchell, 16-6 at 105, Tony Kerns, 17-3 at 119, Scott Peck, 16-5 at 126, and Mark Younker, 17-1 at 185, are Gibsonburg's top seeds.

Dean Epling, 23-0 at 145, and heavyweight Andy Roe, 22-0, are seeded first for Woodmore.

Wrestling begins at 6 p.m., Friday, with the semifinal rounds at 12:30 p.m., and the finals at 7 p.m., Saturday at Van Buren.

The Class AA district featuring Clyde, Oak Harbor, Genoa and Lakota will be at Oak Harbor High School. Wrestling begins at 6 p.m., Friday with the

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TOP TEAMS (19 total)

Shawnee 98, Galion 97½, Sandusky 83½, Ross 79½, Ashland 61½, Columbian 61, Clay 56½, (tie) Madison and Lexington 50.

Others: Port Clinton 26, Findlay 13.

SEMIFINAL PAIRINGS

98-Matt White (Shelby) vs. Tom Croft (Shawnee); Dave Smith (Lexington) vs. Curtis Thompson (Elida).

105-Bob Simon (Madison) vs. Chad Beemer (Wapak); Andy Alejandro vs. Todd Croft (Shawnee).

112-Scott Kintner (Galion) vs. Aaron Bland (Columbian); Mike Shrock (Shelby) vs. Dan Croft (Shawnee).

119-Mike Hunter (Lima Senior) vs. Chuck Doud (Sandusky); Jamie Powers (Ashland) vs. Matt Marinis (Ross).

126-Phil Garrett (Ashland) vs. Tim Kessler (PC); Brian Bellows (Shawnee) vs. Don Walenczak (Clay).

132-Matt Long (Galion) vs. Chris Ellis (Bowling Green); Greg Cayse (Ashland) vs. Jerry Palomo (Ross).

138-Tom Homewood (Shawnee) vs. Scott Ferguson (Ashland); Jerriid Potter (Ross) vs. Chris Corso (Sandusky).

145-Kevin Randleman (Sandusky) vs. Adam Herrera (Clay); Dan Denero (Galion) vs. Chris MacFarland (Columbian).

155-John Lemmerman (Columbian) vs. Mike Bundy (Findlay); Troy Anderson (Clay) vs. Mark Law (Wapak).

167-Dan Trafzer (Celina) vs. Allen Holbrook (Vermilion); Shawn Ramirez vs. Matt Akers (Columbian).

175-Charlie McGowan (Sandusky) vs. Chris Campbell (Galion); Scott Huffman (Lexington) vs. Doug Sensebaugh (Shawnee).

185-J.R. Eyler (Galion) vs. Cliff Jolley (Sandusky); Jerry Kunz (Elida) vs. Mark Hoffman (Lexington).

HVY-Bill Shade (Madison) vs. Bill Price (Galion); Jim Carroll vs. Mike Henthorn (Ashland).

St. Joe wins district title; Ross 4th in AAA

Eleven Streaks among those advancing to regionals; Oak Harbor captures AA championship

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Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic was first and Gibsonburg second in the Class A district wrestling tournament at Van Buren Saturday.

The district meet is the first step toward the state tournament in Columbus March 12, 13, and 14. The top four finishers in the 13 weight divisions from the districts qualified for the regional meet Friday and Saturday.

At the regionals, the top two finishers in Class A and the top four in AA and AAA qualify for the state meet.

In other districts, Fremont Ross finished fourth in the AAA at Gallon High School and Oak

Harbor won the Class AA at Oak Harbor High School.

It was the third consecutive time that the Streaks have won the district title.

"We placed all 13 and we have 11 going (to the regional)," St. Joe Coach Gary Logsdon said after his team had racked up 236½ points at Van Buren High School.

Gibsonburg finished with 190 and Woodmore was third with 124.

"Everyone contributed ... it's always good to have depth. We had some good wrestling; the kids wrestled at their tops," Logsdon continued. "We knew Gibsonburg was strong but we wrestled very well."

Tom Lupica, 138, and Pete Spieldenner, 167, won individual titles for St. Joe. Danny Lopez, 119, Pat Reineck, 175, Bill Halbisen, 185, and heavyweight Mike Militello had runner-up finishes.

Finishing third for the Streaks were Jarad Swint, 98, Brian Hoffman, 112, Brian Cronin, 132, and Richie Ohms, 145. Joe Caballero, 105, was fourth.

Steve Mitchell, 105, Tony Kern, 119, Scott Peck, 126, and Mark Younker, 185, won division championships for Gibsonburg. Runner-up finishes went to A.J. Reed, 98, Glenn Owens, 112, and Mick Broud, 132.

Chris Mendoza took a third at 138 for Gibsonburg.

Woodmore championships were won by Dean Epling, 145, and heavyweight Andy Roe. Matt Palmer was third in the 155-pound division.

At Gallon, Ross racked up 154½ points to finish behind surprising Sandusky 187, Lima Shawnee 178 and Gallon 176.

Matt Marinis, 119, claimed the only Little Giants title as Ross qualified six to the regional meet.

Finishing third for Ross were Andy Alejandro, 105, Jerry Palomo, 132, Shawn Ramirez, 167, and heavyweight Jim Carroll. Jerrod Potter, 138, finished fourth.

Tim Kessler, 126, of Port Clinton was the Redskins' only

qualifier with a fourth-place finish.

Host Oak Harbor piled up 174½ points to win the AA. Swanton was just a point back in second while Rossford was third with 162½ and Lakota fourth at 143½. Genoa finished seventh with 90½ and Clyde was eighth with 50½.

Scott Hivnor, 126, Scott Zeitzeim, 132, Jim Pierce, 138, and Ferd Miller, 185, won championships for the Rockets.

Miller is bidding for his second state championship at that weight.

Dave Laurendeau was second in the 155-pound wrestling. Thirds for the Rockets went to Mike Shadoan at 119, and Ric Hesselbart at 145. Chris Losie

finished fourth at 167, also for Oak Harbor.

Scott Nagy, undefeated in 24 matches, won Lakota's only individual title in the 175-pound division. Runner-up finishes for the Raiders went to Dan Biddle, 119, and Doug Brown, 167.

Bryan Lippert, 126, Ted Lippert, 138, and Matt Linder, 185, had third place finishes for Lakota.

Nick Cianciola, 105, won that title for Genoa. Mark Miller, 126, was second and Joe Pietrowaki, 119, finished fourth.

Shawn Faulknor won the 112-pound division crown for Clyde. Heavyweight Terry Warwick was second and Jerry Wise was third at 155.

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TEAM STANDINGS

Sandusky	187	Lexington	74
Lima Shawnee	178	Elida	51
Galion	176	Port Clinton	48½
Ross	154½	Vermilion	41
Ashland	120½	Findlay	34
Columbian	103½	Lima Senior	29
Clay	82	Celina	28
Wapakoneta	80½	Mansfield	14
Shelby	80	Bowling Green	8½
Madison	80		

CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

98-Curtis Thompson (Elida) d. Brent White (Shelby) 5-3; 105-Bob Simon (Madison) d. Tim Croft (Lima Shawnee) 19-14; 112-Scott Kintner (Galion) d. Dan Croft (Lima Shawnee) 9-3; 119-Matt Marinis (Ross) d. Chuck Doud (Sandusky) 4-3; 126-Phil Garrett (Ashland) d. Bryan Bellows (Lima Shawnee) 14-7; 132-Matt Long (Galion) d. Greg Cayse (Ashland) 16-6;

138-Tom Homewood (Lima Shawnee) won by default over Chris Corso (Sandusky); 145-Kevin Randleman (Sandusky) d. Dan DeNero (Galion) 2-1, overtime; 155-Mark Law (Wapakoneta) d. Mike Bundy (Findlay) 10-9; 167-Matt Akers (Columbian) d. Allen Holbrook (Vermilion) 14-5; 175-Charlie McGowan (Sandusky) d. Doug Sensibaugh (Lima Shawnee) 3-1; 185-J.R. Eyler (Galion) d. Mark Huffman (Lexington) 11-9; HVY-Bill Shade (Madison) Mike Henthorn (Ashland) 4-3.

CONSOLATION FINALS

98-Tom Croft (Lima Shawnee) d. Dave Smith (Lexington) 10-5; 105-Chad Beemer (Wapakoneta) d. Andy Alejandro (Ross) 4-3; 112-Mike Schrock (Shelby) tech. fall over Aaron Bland (Columbian) 15-0; 119-Mike Hunter (Lima Senior) d. Jamie Powers (Ashland) 14-9; 126-Don Waldenzak (Clay) d. Tim Kessler (Port Clinton) 5-0; 132-Jerry Palomo (Ross) won by default over Matt Fordham (Sandusky);

138-Scott Ferguson (Ashland) p. Jerrid Potter (Ross) 5:17, overtime; 145-Adam Herrera (Clay) d. Chris MacFarland (Columbian) 5-3; 155-Troy Anderson (Clay) d. John Lemmeman (Columbian); 167-Shawn Ramirez (Ross) d. Dan Trafzer (Celina) 5-4; 175-Chris Campbell (Galion) d. Scott Huffman (Lexington) 4-2; 185-Cliff Jolly (Sandusky) d. Ron Troxtell (Vermilion) 7-1; HVY-Jim Carroll (Ross) p. Bill Price (Galion) 3:16.