

1973 Buckeye Conference...

Ross Wrestlers Place Well In BC Event; Elyria Wins

ELYRIA—Fremont Ross High varsity wrestlers, scoring three second-place finishes and three thirds, held on for a chilling three-point margin over Mansfield Senior in the race for the runner-up position in the Buckeye Conference Wrestling Tournament here Saturday.

Elyria's defending Pioneers were a clear-cut championship team with a record 139½ points. Ross finished at 55, Mansfield 52 and fourth-place Lorain King at 51.

Rob Stierwalt (138-pound class), Larry Parks (167) and Dave Mierke (175) all won first and second round matches before falling in the championship round.

Picking up consolation "titles" for Ross were Terry Hoffman (112), Steve Reiter (155) and heavyweight Mark Cooley to earn third-place points. Eric Wolfe, at

119 pounds scored a fourth.

"This was probably our best team effort of the season and we had to do it without services of Paul Branco in the 132-pound class," said Ross Coach Al Voggenthaler. "Paul was undefeated in dual meet competition but was injured during practice and couldn't compete. We felt he had an excellent chance for a championship."

Ross' second-place finish was, like Elyria, a repeat of the 1972 tourney standings.

"I definitely feel that Elyria has to be considered one of the prime contenders for the State title this year," Voggenthaler said. "They have so much depth. They should wind up in the top three."

Cooley scored three pins in his four conference pairings. His only loss came to Meyer of

Findlay by a decision in the second round.

Stierwalt, Parks and Mierke all advanced on an opening pin and second-round decision. Wolfe, Ed Farson and Reiter all won first round matches, Reiter on a pin, and Hoffman was decisioned in the first round before coming back for a consy decision.

Ross' next outing is a dual battle at Mansfield Senior, Feb. 9.

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TEAM SCORING — Elyria, 139½ (new record); Fremont Ross, 55; Mansfield Senior, 52; Lorain King, 51; Findlay, 38½; Lorain Senior, 37½; Marion Harding, 37; Sandusky 30.

(Fremont Matches)

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

138-pound class — Gallagher, Elyria decisioned Rob Stierwalt, 11-4; 167 — Aspey, Elyria pinned Larry Parks, 1:52; 175 — Johnson, Mansfield pinned Dave Mierke, 3:22.

CONSOLATION FINALS

112 — Terry Hoffman dec. Shine, Sandusky, 5-4; 119 — Marsh, Elyria dec. Eric Wolf, 7-0; 155 — Steve Reiter dec. Petrella, Mansfield (referee's decision in overtime); Heavyweight — Mark Cooley pinned Fox, Mansfield, 2:11.

FIRST ROUND

98 — Schmitz, Lorain dec. Eugene Reyes, 8-0; 105 — McKittrick, Elyria dec. Roger Huff, 6-0; 112 — Camera, King dec. Terry Hoffman, 8-2; 119 — Eric Wolfe dec. Tate, Mansfield, 10-5; 126 — Lewis, Elyria dec. Kevin Haynes, 9-2; 138 — Rob Stierwalt pinned Camella, Sandusky, 4:58; 145 — Ed Farson dec. Riffle, Findlay, 8-2; 155 — Steve Reiter pinned Smith, Marion, 5:00; 167 — Larry Parks pinned Taylor, Sandusky, :54 (overtime); 175 — Dave Mierke pinned Niece, Lorain, 3:00; 185 — Thomas, Marion dec. Terry Hinkle, 5-4 (overtime); Heavyweight — Mark Cooley pinned Spillman, Marion, 1:55.

SECOND ROUND

119 — McDaniel, Marion pinned Eric Wolfe, 1:42; 138 — Rob Stierwalt dec. Vornholdt, Marion, 10-1; 145 — Sittinger, Elyria pinned Ed Farson, 1:51; 155 — Branham, Sandusky dec. Steve Reiter, 6-4; 167 — Larry Parks dec. Baehrens, Mansfield, 5-2; 175 — Dave Mierke dec. Martin, Marion, 3-2; Heavyweight — Meyer, Findlay dec. Mark Cooley, 11-0.

FIRST ROUND CONSOLATION

119 — Eric Wolfe dec. Miscak, King, 4-3; 105 — Pena, King dec. Roger Huff, 14-0; 112 — Terry Hoffman dec. Malone, Lorain, 5-2; 126 — Williams, Mansfield dec. Kevin Haynes, 5-1 (overtime); 145 — Jones, Sandusky pinned Ed Farson, 2:28; Heavyweight — Mark Cooley pinned Luman, Lorain, 2:10.

