

2003 State ...

Legg out for first title;

Division I

Area wrestlers: Brock Davis (125 pounds), Ross; Andrew Legg (189), Ross.

Outlook: Legg (33-1) is the only returning state placer in his weight class and faces Solon senior Robert Siano (28-13) in the first round. Siano took fourth at the Massillon Perry District. Jeremy Rose (39-3) of Uniontown Lake is the other district champion (Perry) with Legg in the upper bracket. Mentor's Nate Houghasnee, who has the most wins (41-5) of anyone in the bracket, is also in the upper half. Beavercreek's Jeremy Clinger (34-1) and Garfield Heights' Justin Dobies (33-2), both district champs, anchor the bottom half of the bracket. Legg is capable of reaching the championship bout if he wrestles smart, but he must be careful. His only loss came to a Toledo Waite kid who didn't even make it to Columbus.

Davis (29-4) opens with Albert Madsen (7-2) of Lakewood St. Edward in the first round. He took first at the Mentor District. Madsen took sixth last year at 112 and is one of four returning state placers in the bracket. Pickerington sophomore Josh Horne (45-2), a state runner-up at 112 last year, won the Hilliard Darby District and is in the bottom half of the bracket with Davis. All eyes will be on Jason Johnstone (36-2) of Massillon Perry, the projected state champ. He is in the top half of the bracket, along with Alantino Keefer of Springfield South. The senior won the Wilmington District and owns the best record in the bracket at 44-0. Davis, who injured his chest at the district, will need all his strength to advance in the bracket.

Division II

Area wrestlers: J.R. Ysaguirre (119), Clyde; T.C. Hoffman (130), Clyde; Jonathan Taylor (140), Clyde; Justin Sauterbeck (140), Oak Harbor; J.D. Bergman (189), Oak Harbor; Joe Smith (130), Bellevue; Luke Spurlock (135), Bellevue; Kevin Riggleman (152), Bellevue.

Outlook: There are no easy weight classes in Division II. Ysaguirre (41-7) opens with Miami Trace's David Bowers (33-2). There are four returning state placers in the weight class, two of which are two-time state placers. Kenston's Ricky Deubel (29-4), Tyler Reichman (32-2) of Urichsville Claymont, Bellbrook's Nate Browning (36-0) and Chris Hamed (32-6) of Peninsula Woodridge were all district champions. Browning defeated projected state champion Cameron Doggett of St. Paris Graham in the finals of the Goshen District.

Hoffman (41-4) is one of three returning state placers at 130. He opens with Cody Midlam (45-3) of Dayton Chaminade-Julienne, who was second at the Goshen District. Walsh Jesuit's Josh Zupancic (41-6) was a state champion at 119 last year and also is a two-time state runner-up. He is projected to take the crown this year. Smith faces Wapakoneta's Greg Murphy (28-8) in the opening round.

At 135, Spurlock (32-5) opens with Carrollton's Drew Miller (41-2). This weight class is brutal with Lake Catholic's Anthony Constantino (40-1) and Streetsboro's Steve Blunk (35-1). Both are two-time state runners-up.

Taylor (44-3) faces Shawn Carnahan (32-6) of Paulding in the first round. Also in the

bottom half of the Paris Graham. They won the Goshen District title last year. Bergman (12) in the first round, opening bout with Spurlock. He is only a sophomore. Firestone District. The spotlight will be on C.P. Schiatter (39-4) in the fourth consecutive year.

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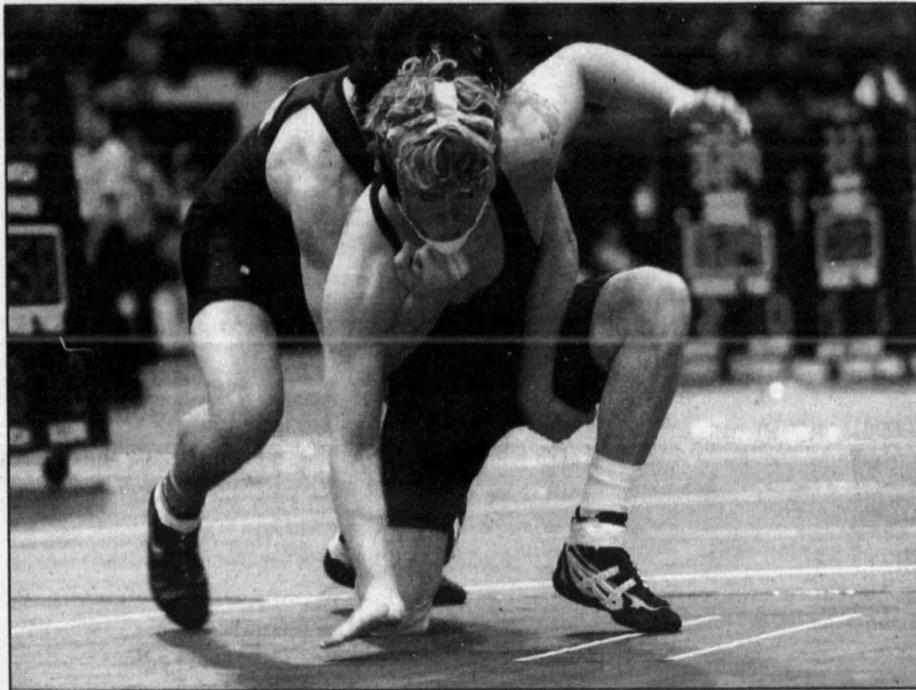
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Area wrestlers: Joe; A.J. Coleman (130), St. Joe; Brad Bedford (160), Woodmore; Brandon

Outlook: LeJeune (38-0) has won four consecutive victories and is the state crown. He will face London Madison (38-0) in the first round. Monroeville's Drew Miller (38-0) has won four consecutive victories and is the state crown. Casstown Miami (38-0) has won four consecutive victories and is the state crown. Miami (38-0) has won four consecutive victories and is the state crown. The spotlight will be on C.P. Schiatter (39-4) in the fourth consecutive year.

State Wrestling: Opening Day

Six on title track



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ANDREW LEGG, on knee, of Fremont Ross escapes from Robert Siano of Solon during Division I state wrestling action Thursday at the Schottenstein Center in Columbus.

Legg, Bergman among first-round victors

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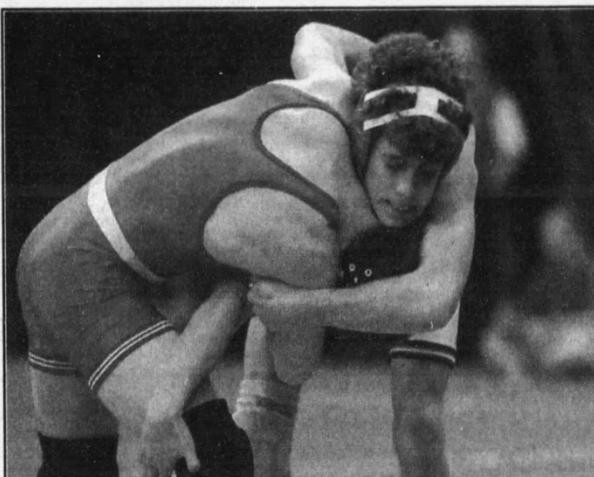
COLUMBUS — Projected state titlists Andrew Legg and J.D. Bergman got off to promising starts Thursday at the Ohio High School Wrestling Championships.

Fremont Ross's Legg and Oak Harbor's Bergman, both 189-pounders, became two of six Fremont-area wrestlers to win their opening matches and stay in contention for a state championship during the opening day of competition at the Schottenstein Center.

Legg, who placed fifth last season, claimed a 7-0 decision over Solon's Robert Siano and advanced to today's Division I quarterfinals.

"The first match I wrestle down here is always a big match," Legg said. "It can determine how you wrestle the whole rest of the tournament. That first match is also the most nerve-racking of all of them.

"Down here they only allow you to celebrate for a little bit, and then it's back to the drawing board. That's why winning is the best."



A.J. COLEMAN, right, of St. Joe wraps up Jon Kunisch of Norwalk St. Paul on Thursday at the Schottenstein Center in Columbus.

II state champion, wasted no time in his opener, pinning Dan Howard of St. Clairsville in 43 seconds.

"It sure does feel good to win the first one since now I just got to get

to go tomorrow. You just have to respect everybody you wrestle here and not take anybody for granted," Bergman said.

**DIVISION I
CHAMPIONSHIP PRELIMINARIES**

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Alantino Keefer, Spring. S. maj. dec. Phil Campbell, Uniontown Lake 12-0; Mark Bugara, Garfield Hts. dec. Kevin Rieman, Delaware Hayes 13-6; Paul Felton, Elyria pin John Gruneisen, Dublin Scioto 3:35; Jason Johnstone, Massillon Perry pin Kent Pierson, Liberty Twp. Lakota E. 3:02; Josh Horne, Pickerington dec. Frankie Santiago, Lorain Southview 3-1; Cale Canoles, Can. GlenOak dec. Dustin Center, Mason 10-8; Greg Roberts, Brunswick dec. Shea McAfee, Centerville 6-1 OT; Albert Madsen, Lakewood St. Edward tech. fall **BROCK DAVIS, FREMONT ROSS** 18-3.

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Curtis McGhee, Cols. Brookhaven pin Jeremy Rose, Uniontown Lake 1:48; Nate Hough-Snee, Mentor dec. Brian Schweer, Cin. Xavier 4-3; Ryan Lukens, Cin. Moeller maj. dec. Bruce Moore, Cle. John F. Kennedy 12-2; **ANDREW LEGG, FREMONT ROSS** dec. Robert Siano, Solon 7-0; Jeremy Clingner, Beavercreek dec. Ryan Adkins, Lakewood St. Edward 10-9 OT; Donnie Reinhart, Dublin Coffman dec. Sengbe Kemokai, Wadsworth 8-6; Lucas Grimes, Marysville maj. dec. Mike Uhl, Olmsted Falls 14-1; Justin Dobies, Garfield Hts. maj. dec. Mike Ervin, Vandalia Butler 13-4.

CONSOLATION ROUND ONE

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Kevin Rieman, Delaware Hayes dec. Phil Campbell, Uniontown Lake 8-4; John Gruneisen, Dublin Scioto dec. Kent Pierson, Liberty Twp. Lakota E. 5-4; Frankie Santiago, Lorain Southview maj. dec. Dustin Center, Mason 13-0; **BROCK DAVIS, FREMONT ROSS** dec. Shea McAfee, Centerville 13-12.

Wrestling

High School

State Tournament

Division I

Team Scores

1, Lakewood St. Edward 151.5; 2, Massillon Perry 82; 3, Mayfield Village Mayfield 56.5; 4, Wadsworth 45; 5, Pickerington 44; 6, Garfield Hts. 41; 7, W. Chester Lakota W. 35; 8, Cin. Moeller 32; 8 (tie), Cin. Xavier 32; 10, Galloway Westland 31; 61, Ashland 3; 61 (tie), Cin. Elder 3; 61 (tie), Euclid 3; 61 (tie), **Fremont Ross 3; 61 (tie)**, Greensburg Green 3; 61 (tie), Hilliard Darby 3; 61 (tie), Holland Spring. 3; 61 (tie), Kent Roosevelt 3; 61 (tie), Lyndhurst Brush 3; 61 (tie), Parma 3.

Championship Quarterfinals

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Curtis McGhee, Cols. Brookhaven pin
Nate Hough-Snee, Mentor 1:45; Ryan Lukens, Cin. Moeller dec. **Andrew Legg, Fremont Ross 3-1**; Jeremy Clingner, Beavercreek dec. Donnie Reinhart, Dublin Coffman 7-0; Justin Dobies, Garfield Hts. dec. Lucas Grimes, Marysville 5-3.

Consolation Round Two

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Albert Madsen, Lakewood St. Edward dec. Kevin Rieman, Delaware Hayes 1-0; Cale Canoles, Can. GlenOak dec. John Gruneisen, Dublin Scioto 5-2; Paul Felton, Elyria dec. Frankie Santiago, Lorraine Southview 14-7; Alantino Keefer, Spring. S. maj. dec. **Brock Davis, Fremont Ross 12-2**.

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Lucas Grimes, Marysville dec. Brian Schweer, Cin. Xavier 6-1; Bruce Moore, Cle. JFK maj. dec. Donnie Reinhart, Dublin Coffman 10-2; Ryan Adkins, Lakewood St. Edward dec. **Andrew Legg, Fremont Ross 6-4 OT**; Nate Hough-Snee, Mentor dec. Mike Ervin, Vandalia Butler 5-3 OT.

Both Ross wrestlers, juniors Andrew Legg (189) and Brock Davis (125), were eliminated Friday.

Legg fell to Ryan Lukens of Cincinnati Moeller, 3-1, in the championship quarterfinals and dropped a 6-4 overtime decision to Ryan Adkins of Lakewood St. Edward in the consolation round.

"This weekend just wasn't my weekend," Legg said. "I tried my hardest and just didn't come out on top. I have to try harder next year."

Davis fell 12-2 to Alantino Keefer of Springfield South in his consolation match after going 1-1 Thursday.