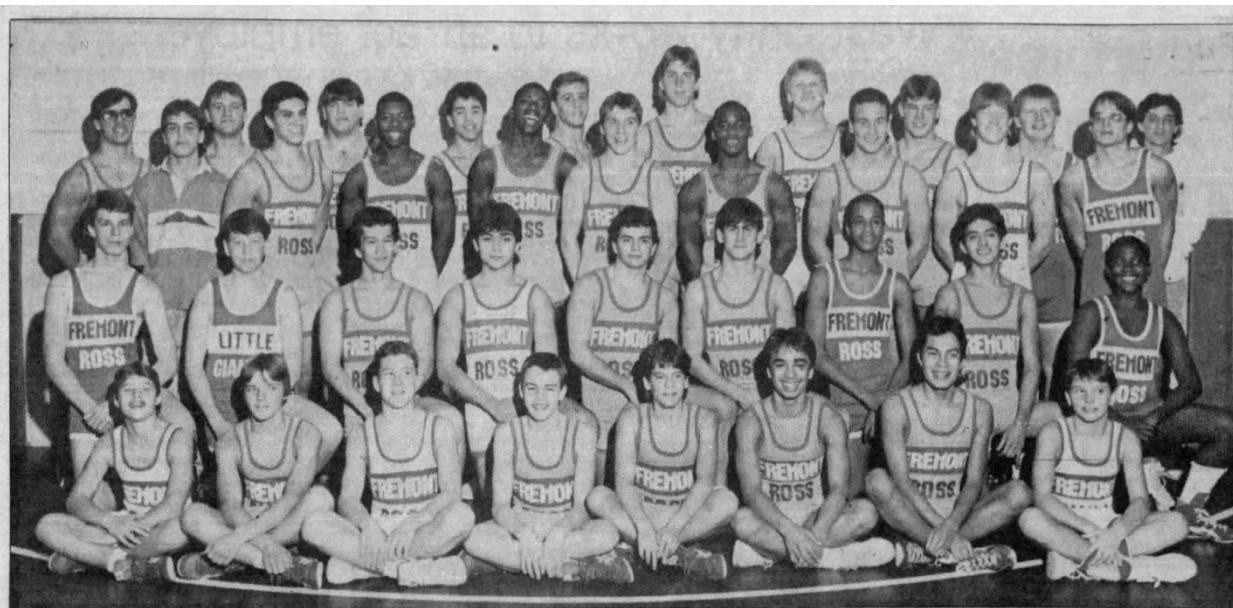


1988 Season review...



MEMBERS OF THE ROSS High School wrestling team are, front row, left to right: Jay Hartley, Jay Baker, Matt Crone, Kevin Busdeker, Jason Koebel, Daniel Costilla, Mike Sanchez, Jon Hanny; second row-Craig Inks, Bob Dorsey, Mike Rocha, Ben Garcia, Matt Marinis, Greg Abdoo, Rodney Pettiford, Ryan Florez, LaMar Shep-

hard; third row-Brian Palomo, Jon Ramirez, Charles Chapman, Troy Williamson, Jamie Ramirez, Terry Carter, Scott Mezinger, Joe Carr, Joe Webb; fourth row-Jeff Tomlinson, Rob Beck, Corby Chudzinski, Brian Moreno, Scott Swanger, Dave Carroll, Chris Rettig, Rob LeMay, Joe Frederick and David Newman.

Nucleus strong on Ross mat team

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

The nucleus is there, but only time will tell how strong the Ross High School wrestling team will be this season.

"I really don't know how strong the team is," Coach Al Voggenthaler said, "because of all the question marks. We have a nucleus for a solid team but we have a lot of freshmen in the lineup and with the type of schedule we have, it will not be easy."

Voggenthaler is in his 16th season at Ross and 25th year as a wrestling coach. The Little Giants open this evening at 6:15 at Oregon Clay High School.

Matt Marinis, a three-year letterman, and Jon Ramirez, two-year lettermen, both seniors, are the Ross co-captains and are part of the nucleus the Ross coach talked about. Others in that group are Jamie Ramirez, a two-year junior letterman, senior Rob Beck and junior Dave Carroll, both lettermen. Also, Jeff Tomlinson, a transfer, lettered at

Clyde High School last year.

Voggenthaler will be without one and possibly two lettermen this season. Brian Palomo is out definitely and Greg Abdoo, who lettered as a freshman and a junior, is doubtful this season. Both had surgery recently. Another two-year letterman — Andy Alejandro — moved out-of-state.

"The loss of those three left a hole in the lower weights, at least for right now," Voggenthaler said. "As the season goes on, we should be able to fill it because of kids moving down in weight."

Voggenthaler's tentative lineup will have sophomore Jay Baker at 103; freshman Dan Costilla at 112; Mike Sanchez, a sophomore, at 119; junior Mike Rocha at 125; Marinis, a state qualifier as a freshman and sophomore, at 130; Jamie Ramirez at 130; Charles Chapman, freshman, at 140; sophomore Terry Carter at 145; Jon Ramirez at 152; Tomlinson at 162; Beck will be at 171; Carroll at 189 and junior Corby Chudzinski is the heavyweight.

Voggenthaler said several wrestlers could move down in weight within the next couple of weeks. Marinis and Jamie Ramirez are expected to move down one weight class. Jon Ramirez and Carter may flip-flop weight divisions.

"We have a very good group of freshmen," the Ross coach said, and hinted that two others may slip into the lineup shortly into the season.

Jason Koebel, 103, and heavyweight Joe Frederick are the other freshmen who have caught Voggenthaler's eye.

"We will probably be a better tournament than a dual meet team," Voggenthaler said, "because we have five proven place finishers."

He will get to see if that opinion carries weight this weekend when his team competes in the Rogers Tournament Friday and Saturday. On Dec. 29-30, the Little Giants will compete in the Medina Tournament.

Five Little Giants seeded

— News-Messenger Reports

Five Fremont Ross wrestlers have been seeded in the 15th Rogers Tournament.

Jamie Ramirez, 130, Matt Marinis, 135, and Jon Ramirez, 152, were seeded first in the tourney that begins today at 4 p.m. at Rogers High School, 5539 Nebraska Avenue, Toledo.

Dave Carroll, 189, is seeded third and Rob Beck, 171, is seeded fifth for the Little Giants.

There are 15 teams in the tournament.

The semifinal round begins at 11 a.m., Saturday, and the finals are at 7 p.m.

Ross 4th at Rogers

News-Messenger Reports

TOLEDO — Fremont Ross was fourth after the first two rounds of the Rogers Wrestling Tournament Friday.

The Little Giants, with 12 of its 13 wrestlers remaining "alive" in the tourney, has 61½ points to trail leading Rogers' 85, Springfield with 65 and Anthony Wayne with 63. Wauseon is fifth with 53½. Port Clinton is ninth with 39.

Jamie Ramirez, 130, Matt Marinis, 135, and Jon Ramirez, 152, all top-seeded for Ross, reached today's 11 o'clock semifinals. Fourth-seeded Rob Beck, 171, and third-seeded Dave Carroll, 189, are also in the semis.

Jamie Ramirez wrestles Mike Pope of Port Clinton in the semis while Marinis takes on Jeff Pittman of Anthony Wayne. Jon Ramirez wrestles Dennis Woods of Maumee, Breck takes on Joe Cullum of Springfield and Carroll faces Alec Bækley of Bowsher in their semifinal matches.

Other Port Clinton wrestlers in the semis are Tim Kessler going against Lonny Rivera of Clay in the 140 division and Joe Martinez, 160, against top-seeded Marvin Gilmore of Rogers.

The finals are at seven o'clock this evening.

Ross second at Rogers

News-Messenger Reports

Matt Marinis won his third title and two teammates won championships to lead Ross to the runner-up spot in the 15-team Rogers Wrestling Tournament Saturday.

Host Rogers High School won the title with 217 points to the Little Giants' 155. Third was Anthony Wayne with 125½ and fourth went to West Jefferson with 126½. Wauseon had 120½ to round out the top five. Port Clinton finished eighth with 95.

Ross was fourth after the two Friday night rounds, building what Coach Al Voggenthaler termed "a good base."

"When we were fourth," Voggenthaler said, "I felt confident we could get to second. It was sort of a drafting (stock car racing term used for helping passing a car) position."

Marinis, 130, seeded first in the division, defeated fourth-seeded Kevin Bucher of Rogers 3-1 in

the finals. A senior, Marinis was fourth at 98 as a freshmen before winning the tourney title at 112 and 119 the next two years.

Junior Jamie Ramirez won his second Rogers title, defeating second-seeded Bob Delrue of Rogers 10-7 in the 130-pound finals. Ramirez won the 98-pound title as a freshman and was second 112 as a sophomore.

The third Ross title went to senior Jon Ramirez, 152. Ramirez defeated Chris Heinze of Wauseon 8-6 in the finals.

Also placing for Ross was Rob Beck, third at 171, and a trio of sixth place finishes: Troy Williamson, 140, Terry Carter, 145 and Dave Carroll, 189.

Carroll, however was a casualty, breaking his ankle in the semifinal match against Alex Beekley of Bowsher.

"He will be out at least six to eight weeks," Voggenthaler said optimistically.

The Little Giants' wrestling team will begin competition at 11 a.m. in the 30-team Medina Invitational Wrestling Tournament. The second round at Medina High School begins at 5:30 p.m. while the semifinals are at 11 a.m. and the finals at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday.

A trio of Little Giants are seeded in the tournament.

Matt Marinis, 135, is the seeded second, Jamie Ramirez is the seventh seeded wrestler at 130 and Jon Ramirez is sixth at 152.

In addition to Ross, Oak Harbor is in the competition as well as traditional Ohio powers Bedford Chanel, Elyria, St. Paris Graham Local and Toledo Rogers. Also, the Michigan big school champion and defending Medina tourney champ, Detroit Catholic Central is in the field.

Marinis makes semis

News-Messenger Reports

Second-seeded Matt Marinis is the only Ross wrestler who will wrestle in the semifinal round today at the Medina Invitational. Marinis will take on Troy Gangle of Medina Highland in the 135-pound weight class.

One other area wrestler, David Laurendau of Oak Harbor at 160 pounds, will wrestle in the semifinal round.

The Little Giants have four wrestlers still alive in the consolation round while six Rocket wrestlers are still alive.

Mike Rocha, 125, Jamie Ramirez, 130, Terry Carter, 145, and Jon Ramirez, 152, will wrestle today for Ross. Craig Tomer, 135, Chad Miller, 140, Chris Losie, 145, Andy Atkinson, 152, Rick Heselbart, 171, and Marcus Gardner, 189, will wrestle in the consolations for Oak Harbor.

In the team standings, Oak Harbor is 19th with 42½ points and Ross is 23rd with 32.

Defending champion Detroit Central Catholic leads the tournament with 91 points followed by Solon with 75.

Marinis 2nd at Medina

News-Messenger reports

Matt Marinis of Ross was second and the Little Giants finished 20th in the 30-team Medina Wrestling Tournament concluded Wednesday.

Marinis, 135, lost to Corey Geog of Triway 3-0 in the championship finals. He had been seeded second in the division during the two-day tournament at Medina High School.

Jamie Ramirez was the only other Ross wrestler to place, taking fifth at 130. The

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Little Giants' junior defeated Andy Anderson of Swanton 2-0 in overtime in his match for fifth place.

Ross had 53 points. Detroit Catholic Central successfully defended its title won last year with 170 points. Solon was second and Uniontown Lake third.

Also at Medina, Dave Laurendeau of Oak Harbor, seeded second, defeated top-seeded Bob Ankron of East Liverpool 7-5 to win the 160-pound championship.

Laurendeau's title helped the Rockets finish 17th with 71½ points.

Also placing for Oak Harbor were Chris Losie, 145, 6th, and Andy Adkinson, fifth at 152. Adkinson defeated Jason Etter of Uniontown Lake 12-6 in his match for fifth.

At the Marion Harding Tournament, Joe Martinez of Port Clinton won the 160-pound title, defeating Jim Kaczor of Edison 8-0 in finals of the 20-team tournament. That finish helped the Redskins to a 12th place finish.

Host Harding won the title with 159 points.

Other Port Clinton finishes included Tim Jones, second at 189, and Tim Kessler, third in the 140-pound division.

Jones lost to Steve Heal of Seneca East in finals, 5-0 in overtime. Kessler won his consolation finals match, also in overtime, 8-0 over John Shroyer of Indian Lake.

Little Giants shoot for fourth Mal Mackey title

News-Messenger reports

The 15th Mal Mackey Memorial Wrestling Tournament is Saturday at Ross High School with the Little Giants vying for their fourth straight title.

Nine teams are in the one-day, double-elimination tourney. Clyde, Genoa, Lorain Senior, Sylvania Northview and Southview, Toledo Scott and Waite and Vermilion along with host Ross comprise the field.

Wrestling begins at 11 a.m.

with the finals beginning at 6 p.m.

The Little Giants have won the tournament three consecutive years.

Ross Coach Al Voggenthaler hedges on predicting a fourth title.

"I have only seen one team, Scott, this season, so I don't know what the others have," he said. "I believe that each team has some good competitors."

Voggenthaler said before the season he felt his team was a

better tournament than dual meet team.

In two tournaments, Ross was second in the 20-team Rogers Tournament and 23rd in the 30-Tournament Medina tourney.

"That's because we have a good blend of veterans," he said, "but in this tournament, I don't know. Hopefully, other teams will knock each other off."

"I know Waite and Lorain traditionally have strong teams."

The tournament has nine

teams this year, an insurance system that will hopefully mean all of the weight division brackets will be filled.

Voggenthaler's tentative lineup will have sophomore Jay Baker at 103, freshman Dan Costilla at 112, Mike Sanchez, a sophomore at 119 and either senior Greg Abdo or Mike Rocha, a junior, at 125.

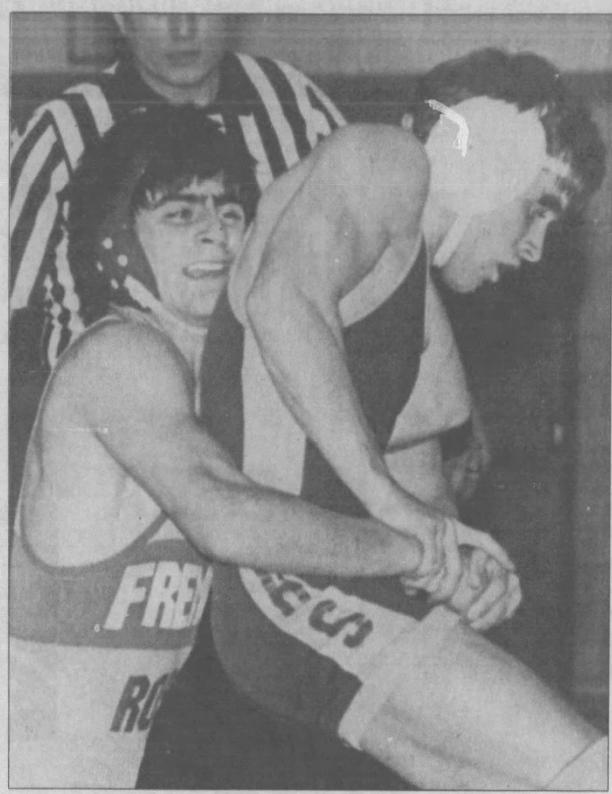
Abdo is returning after recovering from an injury.

Veterans Jamie Ramirez and Matt Marinis will be at 130 and

135, respectively. Marinis was second at the Medina tourney.

Either junior Troy Williamson or freshman Charles Chapman will be at 140 with sophomore Terry Carter at 145. Senior Jon Ramirez is at 152 and senior Jeff Tomlinson will wrestle at 160.

Rob Beck, a senior, is at 171 and freshman Brian Moreno will step in for Dave Carroll at 189. Carroll broke an ankle in the Rogers tourney. The heavyweight is Corby Chudzinski.



GREG ABDOO of Fremont Ross fights to keep control of Marcus Cervetto of Waite in the 125-pound finals Saturday night in the Mal Mackey Memorial Tournament at Ross High School.

St. Joe wrestlers tie, lose 1 in triangular

News-Messenger reports

the first period against Mike

Ross wins fourth straight Mackey title

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

The Mal Mackey Memorial Wrestling Tournament has become a tourney of streaks.

The 15th tourney at Ross High School Saturday was won by the Ross Little Giants for the fourth consecutive year and a trio of Ross matmen added to their individual Mackey titles.

Ross had 173½ points, comfortably ahead of runner-up Waite's 135½. Sylvania Southview was third with 86 and Genoa shaded Vermilion 85½-85 to take fourth place. Lorain, Toledo Scott, Sylvania Northview and Clyde rounded out the field.

Matt Marinis, 135, won his fourth Mackey crown to highlight the tournament. Teammates Jamie Ramirez, a junior, won his third tourney crown and senior Jon Ramirez picked up his second Mackey championship.

"It was a goal I set," Marinis, a two-time state meet qualifier said, after outpointing Monty Long of Southview 8-1 in the finals. "I wanted to be the first to win four titles."

The first four-time champ won previous titles at 98, 112 and 119 pounds.

Jamie Ramirez won the 130-pound championship, defeating Brad Jakeway of Northview 12-3 in the title match. His other Mackey crowns have been at 98 and 112 pounds.

Jon Ramirez added the 152-pound title to the 145-pound

championship he won a year ago. He stopped Eric Stamper of Lorain 7-0 in his title bout.

Keeping in line with the streaks was Nick Cianciola of Genoa. The Class AA 105-pound state champion won the 119-pound crown this time around. The junior dominated Tyrone Jones of Scott in the finals, winning by a technical fall (a win by 15 or more points).

"This was a good tourney, not only for our experienced wrestlers, but for the younger ones," Ross Coach Al Voggenthaler said.

Of the eight Little Giants in the championship matches just three were seniors. The fourth tourney title for Ross went to senior Rob Beck in the 171-pound division.

Runner-up finishes went to senior Greg Abdo, 125, freshman Charles Chapman, 140, sophomore Terry Carter, 145, and junior Corby Chudzinski, heavyweight.

Abdo, after just three days of practice, competed in his first matches of the season. The first part of the season was wiped out by a groin injury that required surgery.

"That was a heck of a job after only three days of practice," Voggenthaler said. "His effort was especially pleasing."

Ross freshman Dan Costilla, 103, was third. Jeff Tomlinson, 160, was fourth, also for Ross.

Clyde's best finishes were third places by Tom Lozier, 135, and Mike McClanahan, 189.

Wrestling

Mackey Memorial

TEAM STANDINGS

Ross	173½	Lorain	69½
Waite	135½	Scott	64½
Southview	86	Northview	58
Genoa	85½	Clyde	38
Vermilion	85		

Championship matches

103-Ben Huerta (W) p. Chris Cartwright (V) 5:18; 112-Mario Ramos (L) d. Brad Cummings (W) 5-1; 119-Nick Cianciola (G) tech. fall over Tyrone Jones (Sc); 125-Marcus Cervetto (W) d. Greg Abdoo (R) 7-3; 130-Jaime Ramirez (R) d. Brad Jakeway (N) 12-3; 135-Matt Marinis (R) d. Monty Long 8-1; 140-Mike Schuppines (N) p. Charles Chapman (R) 2:39;

145-Edward Andrade (W) d. Terry Carter (R) 10-3; 152-Jon Ramirez (R) d. Eric Stamper (L) 7-0; 160-Russ Schramm (V) d. Todd Arnde (S) 10-6; 171-Rob Beck (R) p. Michael Jackson (Sc) 1:37; 189-Allen Holbrook (V) p. Greg Knapinski (S) 2:33; HVY-Joe Shaw (W) won by disqualification over Corby Chudzinski (R) 8-5.

Consolation (third place)

103-Artie Brown (N) d. Tom Okapal (S) 2-1; 112-Dan Costilla (R) p. Steve Slater (G) 2:14; 119-Frank Florez (W) d. Bob Beverly (S) 4-3; 125-Jermain Walton (Sc) d. Bill Cooper (N) 5-2; 130-Joe Pietrowski (G) d. Shane Rhodes (V) 12-6; 135-Tom Lozier (C) d. Cory Coutcher (W) 10-7; 140-Todd Blackman (S) d. Pat Mackin (L) 15-4;

145-Don Applegate (G) d. Mike Raccio (L) 6-0; 152-Bill Kigar (G) d. kLonnel Jones (Sc) 6-3; 160-Eric Hollingsworth (Sc) d. Jeff Tomlinson (C) 16-9; 171-Dan kNeubert (W) d. Mike Suprun (L) 13-2; 189-Mile McClanahan (C) p. Matt Williams (G) 2:35; HVY-ERic Brandstadt (V) d. Mike Haugh (S) 8-4.

Rogers.....42

Ross.....18

Rogers won eight matches including three by falls and three others by technical fall to defeat the Little Giants.

Greg Abdoo, 125, Jamie Ramirez, 130, Matt Marinis, 135, Jon Ramirez, 152, and Rob Beck, 171, won for Ross. Ramirez had the only fall, stopping Bob Delrue in 1:59.

Rogers 42, Ross 18

103-Tim Kelly (Rog) t.f. over Jay Baker 26-11; 112-Paul Mudrow (Rog) p. Daniel Costilla 5:21; 119-Scott Stalter (Rog) d. Mike Sanchez 13-9; 125-Greg Abdoo (R) d. Chris Shiple 6-4; 130-Jamie Ramirez (R) p. Bob Delrue 1:59; 135-Matt Marinis (R) d. Kevin Bucher 2-0;

140-Bill Taylor (Rog) p. Charles Chapman 1:33; 145-Matt Martin (Rog) d. Terry Carter 5-3; 152-Jon Ramirez (R) d. Greg Segura 8-2; 160-Marvin Gillmore (Rog) t.f. over Troy Williamson 21-6; 171-Rob Beck (R) d. Stan McGinnis 8-6; 189-Tony House (Rog) t.f. over Rob LeMay 18-3; HVY-Chris Conner (Rog) p. Corby Chudzinski 1:36.

Ross splits triangular

News-Messenger reports

Ross may have been absent-minded while Fremont St. Joe got a delayed start in high school wrestling Saturday.

"We may have been just thinking of one team," Ross Coach Al Voggenthaler said after his team finished 1-1 in a triangular with Lima Shawnee and Findlay.

Ross defeated Findlay 39-24 but fell to Shawnee 40-25. Findlay turned back Shawnee 34-32.

Greg Abdoo, 125, Jamie Ramirez, 130, and Jeff Tomlinson, 160, were the only double winners for the Little Giants.

Abdoo pinned Findlay's Chad

Duncan in 4:29 and won on default when Shawnee's Phil Gray suffered a separated shoulder. Ramirez pinned Scott McQuisition of Findlay in 1:52 and bowled over Scott Snider of Shawnee 14-0. Tomlinson won a pair of decisions, stopping Mike Abbey of Findlay 6-4 and Mitch Briggs of Shawnee 10-2.

In other Saturday matches, St. Joe was 0-3 in a quadrangular at Port Clinton, Gibsonburg was 1-1 in a triangular with Genoa at Northwood. Lakota swept a triangular from Elmwood and Eastwood, Clyde fell to Perkins 46-17 and Edison defeated Oak Harbor 45-24 in a pair of dual meets.

Ross 39, Findlay 24

103-Sane Duncan (F) p. Jay Baker 0:50; 112-Daniel Costilla (R) d. Scott Taylor 10-7; 119-Scott Sterling (F) p. Mike Rocha 2:56; 125-Greg Abdoo (R) p. Chad Duncan 4:29; 130-Jamie Ramirez (R) p. Scott McQuiston 1:52; 135-Matt Marinis (R) won by forfeit;

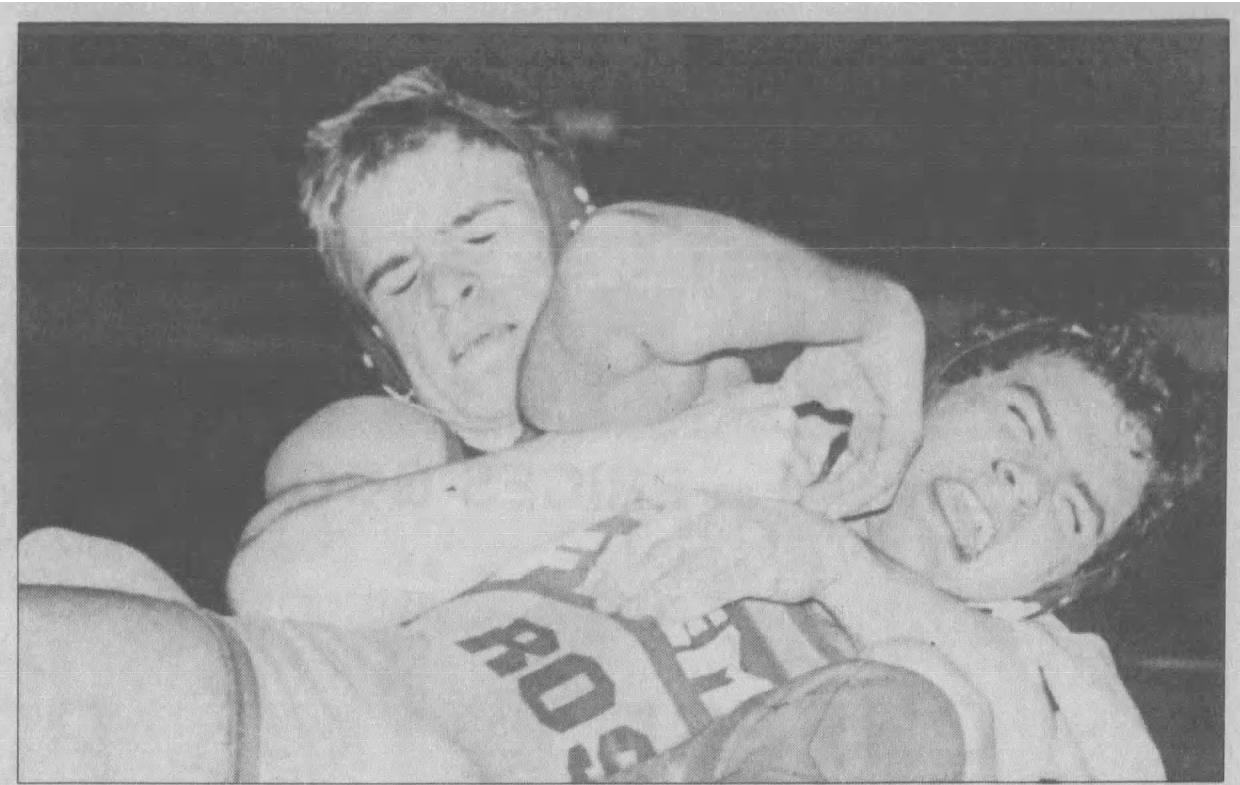
140-Tri Tran (F) p. Charles Champan 4:35; 145-Troy Williamson (R) p. Larry Lindeman 2:58; 152-Mike Bundy (F) d. Jon Ramirez 6-3; 160-Jeff Tomlinson (R) d. Mike Abbey 6-4; 171-Rob Beck (R) won by forfeit; 189-Dave Montgomery (F) d. Rob LeMay 9-8; HVY-Corby Chudzinski (R) d. Tom Manley 8-5.

L. Shawnee 40, Ross 25

103-Dan Srihanabong t.f. over Baker 18-1; 112-Tom Craft (LS) p. Costilla 3:34; 119-Rocha (R) d. Mark Wright 14-10; 125-Abdoo (R) won by default over Phil Gray; 130-Ramirez (R) d. Scott Snider 14-0; 135-Marinis (R) and Eric Beach (LS), draw, 2-2;

140-Keith Kohlhorst (LS) p. Chapman 3:15; 145-Marcus Clark (LS) p. Troy Williamson 5:02; 152-Ramirez (R) d. Matt Clark 9-2; 160-Tomlinson (R) d. Mitch Briggs 10-2; 171-Beck (R) and Gordon Garrison (LS), draw, 3-3; 189-Tom Gibson (LS) p. Rob LeMay 0:26; HVY-Steve Owen (LS) p. Chudzinski 0:49.

Other matches: Findlay 34, Lima Shawnee 32.



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MATT MARINIS, front, of Ross struggles to break the hold of Eric Beach of Lima Shawnee during

the 135-pound match at Ross High School Saturday. The match ended in a 2-2, draw.

Ross buries Bowsher 66-12

News-Messenger reports

Ross won 11 of 13 matches while rolling over Toledo Bowsher 66-12 in a high school dual wrestling meet Thursday at Ross High School.

Ten of the Ross wins were by falls, three in less than a minute.

Matt Marinis had the quickest pin of the match, stopping Steve Wells in 20 seconds in the 135-pound clash.

Greg Abduo of the Little Giants recorded a 23-second fall over Joe Pigett in the 125-pound match and Jamie Ramirez, 135, stopped Marty Donoahue in 34 seconds.

Other first period falls for Ross went to Mike Rocha, 119, Jon Ramirez, 152, and Jeff Tomlinson, 160.

Saturday, Ross travels to Sandusky. Wrestling begins at 1 p.m.

Wrestling

High School

Ross 66, Bowsher 12

103-Jay Baker (R) d. Mike Dumphy 16-0; 112-Daniel Costilla (R) p. Terry Mahoney 2:29; 119-Mike Rocha (R) p. Rob York 1:20; 125-Greg Abdoo (R) p. Joe Pigett 0:23; 130-Jamie Ramirez (R) p. Marty Donahue 0:34; 135-Matt Marinis (R) p. Steve Wells 0:20;

140-Steve Ogren (B) p. Charles Chapman 2:58; 145-Troy Williamson (R) p. Norman White 5:06; 152-Jon Ramirez (R) p. Ward Lemke 1:14; 160-Jeff Tomlinson (R) p. Rodney Juan 1:37; 171-Rob Beck (R) p. Tim Tuohy 3:21; 189-Tony Foust (B) p. Rob LeMayh 1:06; HVY-Joe Frederick (R) p. Matt Hoover 3:56.

Ross JVs 25, Bowsher 6

119-Rodney Pettiford (R) d. Kevin Palicki 9-8; 151-Joe Carr (R) p. Jason Ellis 3:20; 160-Scott Mezinger (R) d. Les Davis 16-8; 171-Jamey Kram (B) p. Kevin Smith 1:19; 189-Bryan Moreno (R) p. Chris Hill 0:56; HVY-Corby Chudzinski (R) p. Bill Mize 0:44.

Sandusky.....40

Ross13

Jamie Ramirez, 130, Matt Marinis, 135, and Rob Beck, 171, were the only winners for the Little Giants.

Ramirez defeated Scott Lazara 9-3, Marinis topped Tony Moore 15-5 and Beck edged Felix Chaney 2-1.

Dave Carroll, out for several weeks with a broken ankle, returned to the Ross lineup and wrestled to a 2-2 draw with Tom Hamilton in a 189-pound match.

Wrestling

High School

Sandusky 40, Ross 13

103-Jason Darden (S) p. Jay Baker 3:40; 112-Todd Dickerson (S) d. Dan Costilla 6-4; 119-Tony Henson (S) d. Mick Rocha 12-5; 125-Phil Capodic (S) d. Greg Abdoo 9-3; 130-Jamie Ramirez (R) d. Scott Lazzara 9-1; 135-Matt Marinis (R) d. Tony Moore 15-5; 140-Jerome Caffey (S) p. Charles Chapman 5:37; 145-Juan Torres (S) p. Troy Williamson 3:14; 152-Chris Corso (S) d. Jon Ramirez 8-2; 160-Kevin Randleman (S) t.f. over Jeff Tomlinson 18-3; 171-Rob Beck (R) d. Felix Chaney 2-1; 189-Dave Carroll (R) and Tom Hamilton (S), draw, 2-2; HVY-Charles Pou (S) d. Corby Chudzinski 11-9.

Little Giants overcome slow mat start

News-Messenger reports

SANDUSKY — Fremont Ross spotted Perkins a 20-0 lead before roaring back for a 37-23 high school wrestling victory Saturday.

The Little Giants won eight of the final nine matches, two on falls, another by technical fall and one by forfeit, to overtake the Pirates.

After dropping the first four

matches, Jamie Ramirez, 130, stopped the Ross slide, beating Mike Eckert 10-7. Matt Marinis followed with a 2-1 win over Tim Hanchin of Perkins in the 135-pound match.

After a loss, Jon Ramirez, down a weight to 145, pinned Bryan Thom of Perkins in 1:10. Troy Williamson followed with a technical fall over Joe Davlin in the 152-pound match and Jeff Tomlinson, 160, pinned Perkins' Larry Eckert in 1:13 to put Ross up 24-23.

Rob Beck, 171, and Dave Carroll, 189, added decision victories and Ross heavyweight Corby Chudzinski got the forfeit to wrap up the win.

Ross will entertain Toledo Whitmer in a dual meet at 1 p.m. Saturday.

NFC 15-6 in sloppy Pro Bowl

The AFC gave away four fumbles and one interception; the NFC was victimized for four interceptions and one lost fumble.

Defensive end Bruce Smith of Buffalo, selected the Pro Bowl Most Valuable Player, had five tackles and two quarterback sacks for the AFC.

Ends Reggie White of the Eagles, with seven tackles and one sack, and Chris Doleman of Min-

nesota led the NFC defense.

The other AFC score came on a safety in the final quarter, when NFC quarterback Joe Montana of the 49ers stepped out of his own end zone while trying to pass.

The only NFC scoring was by Morten Andersen of the New Orleans Saints, who kicked field goals of 25 and 36 yards in the first half.

Ross evens dual record

News-Messenger reports

Ross won seven of the 13 matches while defeating Whitmer 36-29 in a high school wrestling match Wednesday at Ross High School.

The victory leveled the Little Giants dual record at 4-4 for the season.

The Little Giants got two falls and two technical falls in key the victory.

Jason Koebel, 103, recorded the quickest Ross fall, pinning Brian Baker in a minute and two seconds. Rob Beck, 171, had the other, stopping Whitmer's Rusty Delffs in 1:40.

Jamie Ramirez, 130, and Jon Ramirez, 145, picked up the technical falls (a win by 15 or more points). The lightweight Ramirez defeated Jim Quintanilla 18-0 and Jon Ramirez topped Steve Kinker 19-4.

Other Ross victories went to Daniel Costilla, 112, and Matt Marinis, 135.

"This is the first time we have wrestled with five freshmen in the lineup," Ross Coach Al Voggenthaler said.

Koebel, Costilla, Rodney Pettiford, 119, Charles Chapman, 140, and heavyweight Joe Frederick are freshmen.

"It was the best that Costilla has wrestled this season," Voggenthaler said.

Costialla was up 4-2 when Steve Sickmiller defaulted because of an injury with 12 seconds remaining in the match.

"Sickmiller is a good wrestler," the Ross coach said.

Ross 36, Whitmer 29

103-Jason Koebel (R) p. Brian Baker 1:02; 112-Daniel Costilla (R) won by default over Steve Sickmiller; 119-Rob Pawlicki (W) p. Rodney Pettiford 2:46; 125-Dan Bukowski (W) d. Greg Abdoo 6-3; 130-Jamie Ramirez (R) t.f. over Jim Quintanilla 18-0; 135-Matt Marinis (R) d. Brian Lutz 5-2;

140-Chris Lutz (W) p. Charles Chapman 5:38; 145-Jon Ramirez (R) t.f. over Steve Kinker 19-4; 152-Doug Kowalski (W) p. Troy Williamson 5:54; 160-Jeff Tomlinson (C) d. Marty Hoffman 8-6; 171-Rob Beck (R) p. Rusty Delffs 1:40; 189-Chris Budd (W) d. Dave Carroll 14-4; HVY-Jeff Rex (W) d. Joe Frederick 8-0.

Junior varsity matches: 103-Jay Baker (R) p. Don Finly 1:53; 100-Kevin Busdeker (R) d. Melvin Czenniejewski 14-1; 132-Mike Rocha (R) t.f. over Ernie Coffey 17-2; 125-Tory Muin (W) t.f. over Lamar Shepard 16-0k; 135-Paul Dixon (W) p. Craig Inks 2:20;

140-Mack Richardson p. Rob Dorsey 3:16; 145-Joe Webb (R) d. Marc Roemien 5-4; 152-Joe Carr (R) and Kurt Kinker (W), draw, 4-4; 160-Scott Mezinger (R) d. Ron Sicley 13-2; 189-Brian Moreno (R) p. Chris Benner 4:57.

Ross honors winter athletes

News-Messenger reports

Six athletes won "most valuable" awards during the Ross High School Winter Sports Awards program Tuesday.

Amy Schepflin and Nick Hall won the MVP honor for boys and girls basketball, B.J. Blair took the top honor in boys swimming while Todi Heslet and Ann Wells shared the honor for the girls swim team, and Jon Ramirez won the award in wrestling. Blair and Wells are sophomores, Heslet a junior and the others, seniors.

Other special awards presented by girls basketball Coach Sue Wolf went to sophomore Kim Borys, most improved; Shannon Watts, highest free throw percentage (74 percent) and top defensive player; Schepflin, most rebounds and captains trophy, and Shelley Hetrick, captains trophy.

In girls junior varsity awards, Joy Eishen was named MVP and Shanell Moneghan won the most improved honor.

Hall, in addition to his MVP honor, took home the top rebounding, free throw, field goal shooting honors and captains trophy.

Other boys special awards handed out by Coach Pat McGhee went to Brad Hammer for most assists and a free throw trophy. Hammer and Hall tied

for the free throw honors, hitting 68 percent apiece.

Kevin Crawford and Tracy Hufford also received captains trophies for boys basketball.

In addition to Blair capturing the most valuable honor, junior diver Chad Root won the most improved honor for Coach Tom Thomson's boys swim team. Brian Schaaf won the coaches' award and Steve Schaaf and Todd Vogel received captains trophies.

For the girls, Heslet and Wells shared the top honor with the most improved honor going to diver Michelle Velliquette. Leah Baker won the coaches' award and Jamie Brudzinski and Tina Streeter received captains trophies. Brudzinski also received her fourth-year letter award.

Ramirez received three trophies and shared another for Coach Al Voggenthaler's Buckeye Central Conference championship team. In addition to his MVP award, Ramirez got trophies for the most takedowns and for being the captain while tying Matt Marinis and Rob Beck for the most pins.

The most improved wrestler award went to Troy Williamson and the coaches award was won by Greg Abdoo.

Marinis, who was ill and could not attend, won his fourth-year letter award.



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ROSS MOST valuable performers were, left to right, Todi Heslet, Amy Schepflin, Ann Wells; B.J. Blair, Nick Hall and Jon Ramirez.