

1964 District – 2nd place



WEIGH-IN TIME — Here are just a few of the 225 high school wrestlers who will appear at Ross gym Friday and Saturday seeking one of 11 championship berths in the Northwestern District Wrestling tournament. Checking the weights at left is Ben Neumeyer, sealer of weights and measures, Sandusky county. Ross wrestlers from left are Gary Stiger, Ed Smith, Mike Frantz and Jim Marinis on scale. St. Joe boys are Bob Koch (partially hidden), and Jim Kiser. Jim Haas of Ross is at far right.

Ross Gym Site Of Much Activity: 21 Wrestling Teams In District Tourney

Fremont Ross gym this week-end will rock with grunts, groans and cheers as 21 high schools bring wrestling teams to participate in the annual Northwestern Ohio District Wrestling tournament. There will be 225 boys vying for 11 berths at the state tourney the following week.

Action starts Friday at 2 p.m. with the first and second round preliminaries being held. Wrestlers pick up again at 7 p.m. Friday when the quarter-finals will be held. By the end of Friday's heavy activity, 180 bouts will have been concluded.

Saturday's semi-finals start at 3:30 with 22 bouts scheduled. Finals are at 7 p.m. when another 22 bouts are run off, leaving only the 11 district winners remaining.

Ross' Larry Kelly (127) and Glen Haas (138) went to the state tournament in 1963. Frank Slessman of Clyde also made the state trip.

Following schools will make up what is described as 'the biggest tournament ever held in Fremont': Ross, St. Joe, Clyde, York, Lakota, Bellevue, Port Clinton, Ashland, Huron, Arcadia, Castalia, Crestline, Fostoria, Milan, Mansfield Madison, Mansfield Malabar, Mansfield Senior, Mohawk, Ontario, Sandusky and Vermilion.

Huron is the defending district champion, winning easily with a total of 93 points. Fremont was runner-up with 59. Mansfield Madison placed third, Clyde fourth, Ashland fifth, Fostoria sixth, Mansfield Senior seventh and St. Joe eighth.

Huron has three champions returning in heavier weight classes. Ashland has one back.

Sandusky county and area boys being seeded in respective weight classes include the following:

- 103—Bruce Norton, Ross, and Dick Ready, St. Joe.
- 112—Gary Meggitt, Ross.
- 120—None.
- 127—Larry Coleman, Lakota
- 133—Mike Frantz, Ross.
- 138—Earl Sleek, Lakota.
- 145—None.
- 154—Ron Gibson, St. Joe.
- 165—Tom Miller, Clyde.
- 175—Frank Perrin, Clyde.
- Heavyweight — Dick Nitschke, Ross.

What promises to be one of the most interesting matches of the tournament could develop in the 112-pound class as Huron's Doug Wentz, who won in the 103 weight last year, could meet Fremont's Gary Meggitt, last year's runner-up in the 103 class.

Four mats will be in use the first day. Team and individual awards will be given to winner and runner-up in team standings and first four places in individual matches.

John Titsworth of Ross is manager of the tournament.

Tribe's Bob Chance Shows Power:

Others Don't Have Chance If Rookie Keeps Stroking

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)—Rookie outfielder Bob Chance is attracting a lot of attention with his batting at the Cleveland Indians spring training camp.

The left-handed hitter, who won the batting championship in the Eastern League last season, powered several balls over the right field fence at Hi Corbett Field in Wednesday's workout. One of them traveled an estimated 500 feet.

Chance, 24, batted .342 for Cleveland's Charleston farm club last year. He is considered a prime candidate for the Indians' right field job.

Although Chance hit the ball hard, he had trouble with rookie right-hander George Culver. In fact, no other Tribesmen had any luck in hitting the 21-year-

been holding out for more money, came to terms Wednesday for an estimated \$21,000, \$3,000 less than his 1963 salary in Houston.

Meanwhile, San Francisco manager Alvin Dark has picked Bob Shaw, Bob Bolin and Bob Garibaldi to pitch the Giants' Cactus League baseball opener against Cleveland here Saturday.

On Sunday, when the clubs dedicate the new Phoenix Municipal Stadium, the San Francisco hurlers will be Jack Sanford, Bob Hendley and Jim Duffalo.

Tribe manager Birdie Tebbets has not announced his pitchers.

Clyde, St. Joe Are Third, Fourth:

Huron Leads Ross By One In Wrestling

Huron, defending district wrestling champion, is holding on to a slim one point lead over last year's runner-up, Fremont Ross, today after a heavy preliminary round Friday at Ross gym.

A total of 180 bouts were cleared in afternoon and evening sessions. There are now 44 wrestlers remaining for the 11 berths to next weekend's state meet.

Huron has 26 points, Ross 25, Clyde 19, St. Joe 17 and down the list Lakota has eight. Huron won in 1963 with 93 points. Fremont trailed with 59. Twenty-one schools, consisting of 225 boys, entered the tournament.

Today's semi-final round begins at 3:30 and the finals are slated for 7:30.

The eight Ross high lads who are still alive include Bruce Norton, 103 - pounds; Gary Meggitt, 112; Chuck Scharte, 120; Mike Frantz, 133; Jim Marinis, 145; George Branco, 154; Ed Smith, 175; and Dick Nitschke, heavy-weight.

St. Joe has two boys remaining in competition. They are Dick Ready, 130, and Ron Gibson, 154.

Clyde has three still fighting: Merrill Smith, 127, Tom Miller, 165, and Frank Perrin, 175.

Lakota has two boys still in. They are Leroy Coleman, 127, and Earl Sleek, 138.

Two years ago, Ross edged Huron for the district championship by one point. Fremont has a good chance of winning the title again as Huron has one less boy in the final two rounds.

Nitschke won all three of his matches by pins.

Three defending champions are still in. They are Ashland's Stew Ferguson, 145, and Huron's Doug Wentz, 112, and Ron Shape, 138.

An estimated crowd of 1,200 watched the activity.



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TRYING for an escape from a hold applied by Clyde's Merrill Smith, St. Joe's Bob Koch tests his luck by using the Fliers' foot as a lever.

Smith won the 127-pound match in the opening round of the district wrestling tournament at Ross gym Friday.

Mike Frantz, Frank Perrin Wrestling Champs:

Huron Tops Fremont In District Meet

Huron high school repeated as district wrestling champions here Saturday night and Fremont Ross once again finished second in the team standings.

Local boys to emerge as district winners and ready to cast their lot in the state tournament this weekend in Columbus are Ross' Mike Frantz, 133 - pound class, Frank Perrin, Clyde's 175-pounder, and Dennis Pursell, 127, of Port Clinton.

Fremont wrestlers took a host of second places and wound up with 72 points. Huron won with 93 points, the same figure it garnered last season in winning.

Following were Clyde 44, Sandusky 33, Mansfield Senior 32, Ashland 31, Port Clinton 26, Mohawk 26, Fremont St. Joe 23, Vermilion 22, Fostoria 20, Mansfield Madison 18, Lakota 14, Arcadia 8, Castalia 8, Ontario 8, Crestline 7, Mansfield Malabar 2, Milan 1, York nothing and Bellevue nothing.

In order to win a state wrestling title a boy must win four matches, two in Friday's preliminaries and two Saturday.

Huron will send two former

state champions back to Columbus, Doug Wentz, 112, and John Sharpe, 145.

Ross' places in the finals were as follows:

Bruce Norton, 103, second; Gary Meggitt, 112, second; Chuck Scharfe, 120, second; Jim Marinis, 145, third; George Branco, 154, fourth; Ed Smith, 175, fourth; and Dick Nitschke, heavyweight, second.

St. Joe's Dick Ready was fourth in the 103-pound weight and Ron Gibson was third in 154.

Clyde's Merrill Smith was second in 127 and Tom Miller second in 165. Lakota's Leroy Coleman was fourth in 127 and Earl Sleek was third in 138.

Summaries

(Championship match listed first)

103 — Duane Ferguson (MS) over Bruce Norton (Fre), 5-0; Rusty Lee (MM) over Dick Ready (SJ), 4-1.

112 — Doug Wentz (H) over Gary Meggitt (Fre), 4-1; Steve Smith (Fos) over Rodney Scott (Arc), 1-0.

120 — Bob Harrison (H) over Chuck Scharfe (Fre), 7-2; Jim

Burch (MM) over Larrie Morris (Ash), 10-2.

127—Dennis Pursell (PC) over Merrill Smith (Cl), 8-3; Dick Wilson (Mo) over Leroy Coleman (Lak), 5-2.

133—Mike Frantz (Fre) over Chuck Carver (H), 7-2; Bill McCarty (V) over Dave Smith (Fos), 9-6.

138 — Dave LeVier (S) over Bob Dudte (Ash), 5-3; Earl Sleek (Lak) over Tim Wilson (MO), 3-2.

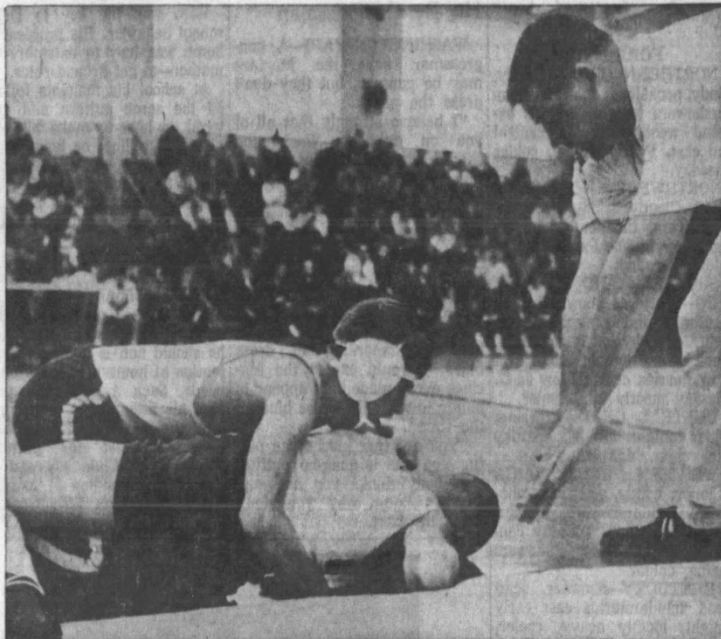
145 — John Sharpe (H) over Stu Ferguson (Ash), 6-2; Jim Marinis (Fre) over Bruce McCarty (MS), 2-1.

154 — John Perrin (H) over Mike Brothers (V), 6-3; Ron Gibson (SJ) over George Branco (Fre), 2-0.

165—Terry Harmon (H) over Tom Miller (Cl), 7-2; Benny Stockmaster (MO) pinned Tony Myers (S) in 1:15 of third round.

175—Frank Perrin (Cl) over Bob Scally (S), 2-0; Charles Krichbaum (Crest) over Ed Smith (Fre), 3-1.

Heavy—Tom Koehler (H) over Dick Nitschke (Fre), 3-2; Ron Parr (MS) over Ray Reinhard (Arc), 5-3.



TRIES FOR PIN — Gary Meggitt, Ross' sturdy 112-pound wrestler, has the advantage over Steve Smith in this semi-final round match Saturday at Ross gym, site of the big district mat tournament. Meggitt won and finished second in his class. Referee is Dick Lowry of Berea.

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