

# Sandusky 1st, Ross 7th

**MANSFIELD**—Sandusky holds 22½ point lead after the first two rounds of the Class AAA Sectional Wrestling Tournament.

Ross is seventh in the field with 22 points.

Vermilion is second at 42, Ashland 38½, Harding 35½, Columbian 33 and Findlay is sixth with 28½. Mansfield, Lexington and Malabar round out the top 10 after Ross.

The Little Giants have three wrestlers “alive” in the championship round. Mark Walther, 138, and Jim Lipstraw, 145, won two matches apiece while Tom Smith, 185, drew a bye and won his second round match.

Ross has 12 of its 13 wrestlers alive in the tourney. The only Little Giant eliminated was Mitch Curliss, 155.

# Four Little Giants advance

**MANSFIELD** — Four Fremont Ross wrestlers advanced to the district after finishing in the top four of the Class AAA Sectional Tournament at Mansfield Senior High School.

Jim Lipstraw, Mark Walther, Doug Smith and Tom Smith will be in the district at Toledo Rogers High School Friday and Saturday. The top two from the district advance to the state tournament March 12, 13 and 14.

Sandusky won the sectional crown with 204 points. Ashland was second with 136½, Marion Harding took third with 132½, Columbian as fourth with 117½, Vermilion fifth with 113½ and Ross sixth with 106.

Lipstraw, 145, had the best finish for Ross, second. He had to default to Mike Arnold of Findlay in the finals because of an injury he received in the semifinals against

Tony Budka at Vermilion.

Budka was disqualified in the semis when he slammed Lipstraw to the mat. When Lipstraw was unable to continue, Ross Coach Al Voggenthaler said the "rowdiest demonstration that he has witnessed in 18 years of coaching" was triggered.

"Vermilion fans are the most obnoxious I have seen in my 18 years of coaching," the Ross coach said disgustedly. "They were throwing pop and other things on us when 'Lippy' could not go on.

"We have a Mansfield trainer there," Voggenthaler continued, "and we checked Lippy's eyes and he did not respond to light. I broke two ammonia capsules under his nose and he did not smell them.

"The trainer said that he should not continue and I agreed with that but when I took Lippy out, that's

when the Vermilion people got upset.

"It doesn't bother me that they yelled at me, but the things they yelled at Lipstraw were what hurt. That was the worst demonstration of sportsmanship I have seen."

Lipstraw was taken to the emergency room of a Mansfield hospital where he was checked out as okay but was advised to rest for at least two days.

Walther, 138, took third, beating Kurt Smith of Columbian 6-4. Walther had been called for a "defensive pin" during the match but a mat judge overruled the call by the referee.

Tom Smith, 185, was third, beating Doug Mosier of Mansfield 6-3.

Doug Smith, 167, finished fourth, losing to Mike Davis of Findlay 11-4 in the consolations.