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Ross Matmen Go To State Finals

State high school wrestlers will compete for the championships in all weight divisions Friday and Saturday in Lakewood high school and among the entrants will be six wrestlers from the Ross high squad of Coach Mal Mackey.

The half dozen grapplers earned the right to compete last weekend when they won out in Findlay elimination events. They include Dick Karlovetz, who is in the heavyweight class; Bill Sheets, in the 138 pound bracket; John Nitschke, 127 pounds; Larry Reed, in 154; Wayne Michaels, 145 pounder; and Russ Nitschke, listed in the 120 pound bracket.

These wrestlers formed the nucleus around which the current Ross high team was formed. The squad won nine out of their 12 bouts.

Three boys from the Ohio State School for the Blind will compete in the championships.

It will be the first time sightless wrestlers have participated in the state prep meet.

Two of the entries from the Columbus school, Richard Brawner in the 134 pound class, and Charles Warren Jr. in the 139 pound division, won regional titles at Findlay last weekend.

The third, 146-pound Buel Messer was runnerup in his first loss in 21 matches.

100 Yd. Free Style—1. Niermyer, Bexley; 2. Corrodi, Col. Academy; 3. Brown, Col. Academy; 4. Agee, Fremont; 5. Harrison, Upper Arlington; 6. Bigelow, Col. Academy.

Diving—1. Kette, Grandview; 2. Myers, Fremont; 3. Collins, Upper Arlington; 4. Ross, Upper Arlington; 5. Schaff, Col. Academy; 6. Weaver, Fremont.

150 Yd. Ind. Medley Swim—1. R. Jones, Upper Arlington; 2. C. Tracy, Grandview; 3. Campbell, University; 4. Long, Fremont; 5. Saeger, Upper Arlington; 6. Pevey, Col. Academy.

200 Yd. Medley Relay—1. Upper Arlington; 2. Fremont; 3. Col. Academy; 4. Grandview; 5. Bexley; 6. St. Charles.

50 Yd. Free Style—1. Niermyer, Bexley; 2. Von Haam, Upper Arlington; 3. Carlin, Col. Academy; 4. Byall, Upper Arlington; 5. Fleming, Bexley; 6. Shawl, Fremont.

100 Yd. Breast Stroke—1. Wolfe, Upper Arlington; 2. R. Tracy, Grandview; 3. Carl, Fremont; 4. Patchitt, Worthington; 5. Isaac, Col. Academy; 6. Quigley, Upper Arlington.

200 Yd. Free Style—1. Reiber, Upper Arlington; 2. Cooper, Bexley; 3. Hite, Fremont; 4. Lachsen, Col. Academy; 5. Nickel, Fremont; 6. Streeter, Fremont.

100 Yd. Back Stroke—1. Hadley, Upper Arlington; 2. Kroh, Fremont; 3. Gwinup, Fremont; 4. Burns, Bexley; 5. Morris, Upper Arlington; 6. Shephard, Col. Academy.

200 Yd. Free Style—1. Upper Arlington; 2. Col. Academy; 3. Fremont; 4. Bexley; 5. Grandview; 6. University.

Ross Wrestlers In State Finals

The state high school wrestling tournament opens at Lakewood High School this afternoon with 176 boys from 35 schools competing in 11 weight divisions. Bedford, last year's champion, has nine entered, and Maple Heights, 1955 runnerup, has 10.

Coach Mal Mackey and six of the Ross grapplers left at 8:30 this morning for Lakewood where the weighing in was held during the morning, first bouts in the afternoon.

The Ross squad included Dick Karlovetz, heavyweight; Bill Sheets, 138; John Nitschke, 127; Larry Reed, 154; Wayne Michaels, 145; and Russ Nitschke, 120.

The Ross contingent will remain in Lakewood over night, returning Saturday night after the complete finals are finished.

Ross Wrestlers Lose In State Final Bouts

Dick Karlovetz, only Ross high entrant in the state finals at Lakewood over the past weekend, to advance to the quarter-finals of elimination, lost out Saturday afternoon to Don Hall, Kent State high, who decisioned Karlovetz in three rounds of wrestling.

Five other Little Giants who didn't win their first bouts were Bill Sheets, John Nitschke, Russ Nitschke, Larry Reed and Wayne Michaels.

Ross gained seven points. Maple Heights, a suburb of Cleveland was the state team winner.