

Voggenthaler coaches last season at Ross

By TIM HARMON
Staff writer

Al Voggenthaler is entering his last season as wrestling coach at Fremont Ross.

Voggenthaler, a head coach for 28 years including 19 at Ross, will retire as coach and teacher at the end of the school year.

"It's time to go," Voggenthaler said. "I've been involved in wrestling since 1951, my freshman year in high school."

Voggenthaler, a native of New York who came to Ohio as a college student at Bowling Green State University, pondered retirement last year.

The time didn't seem right, however.

"I sort of committed myself to a couple of those kids who were state qualifiers," he said. "I want to kind of shepherd them through."

David Boda, a 103-pounder, and heavyweight Chad Green return for the Little Giants after qualifying for the state tournament a year ago.

Little Giants hope to fill holes

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Fremont Ross will seek to conceal holes in its wrestling lineup — at least until it develops depth at 145, 152, 160 and 171 pounds.

"We'll be doing well in the lower weights, but once we get past 140 or so, we don't have any experience," Ross coach Al Voggenthaler said. "We have good bookends. David Boda at 103 and Chad Green at heavyweight both went to state last year."

Thirty-two wrestlers are out for the squad this year, including seven returning lettermen.

"We're down from last year, but (32) is not an unusual number," Voggenthaler said.

While Boda, a junior, and 112-pound lettermen Dave Alejandro

anchor the Ross lower weights, Green and 189-pound lettermen Brian Moreno will hold up the upper end of the lineup.

"What we're going to have to do is build up a lead in those lower weights then hang on until the two upper weights," Voggenthaler said. "As a tournament team, we shouldn't be too awfully bad."

"Those lettermen should be placers in a tournament, and we have championship potential in some weight classes."

Moreno is trying to drop weight to 189 and will be out at least another two weeks, according to Voggenthaler. Green, meanwhile, will wear a mask after suffering a broken nose in a scrimmage against Swanton.

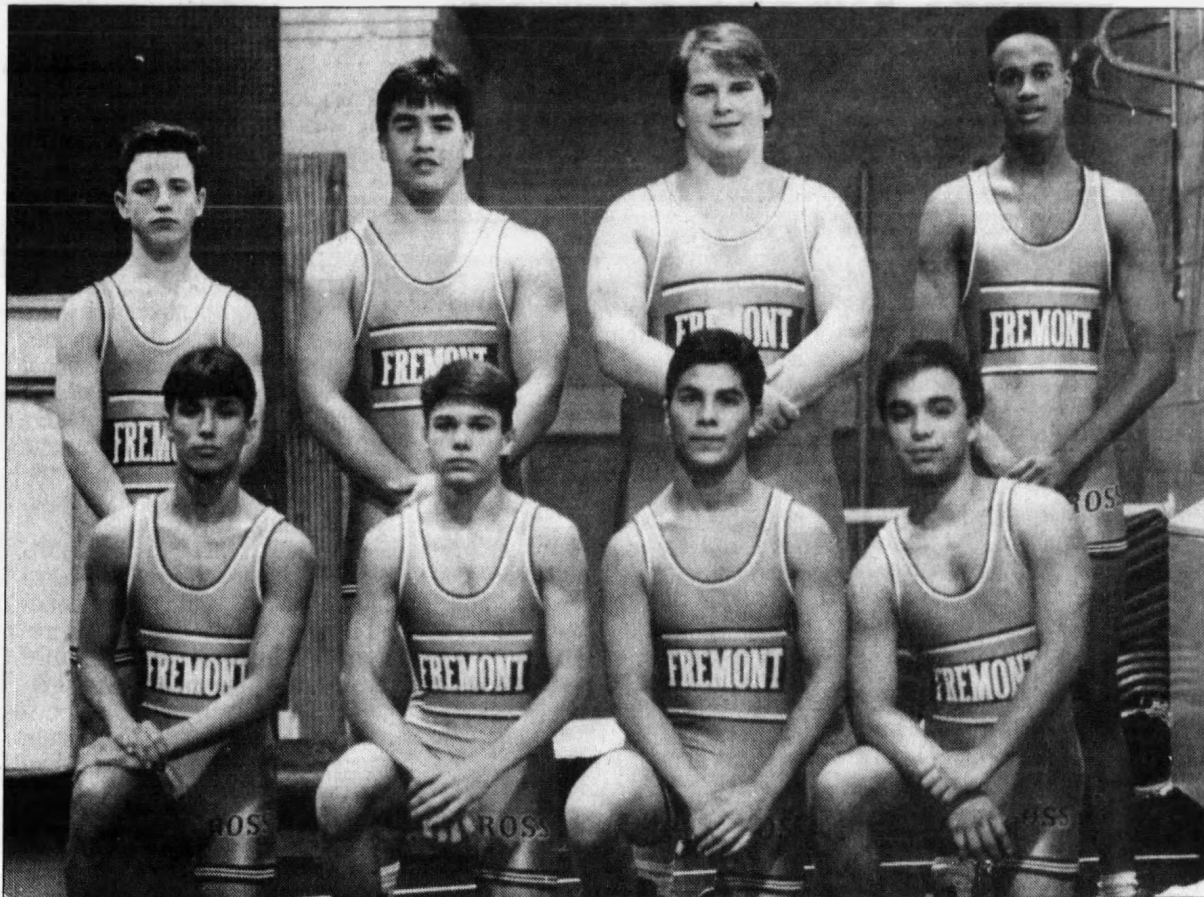
The biggest holes in the lineup are at 140 and 160, which were filled by Dan Lopez and Terry Carter last year. Rodney Pettiford and Fred Schnee are likely candidates to fill those spots.

Ryan Riedmeier is penciled in at 119 pounds, but freshman Shawn Heidelberg could also see action there. Voggenthaler said Riedmeier was the Little Giants' "utility man" a year ago.

Matt Kanan and Jaime Hernandez are at 125. Hernandez lettered as a freshman but didn't wrestle last year.

Lettermen Daniel Costilla, a co-captain with Green, and John Lugar will wrestle at 130 and 135 pounds, respectively.

Ross opens the season Wednesday at home against Maumee.

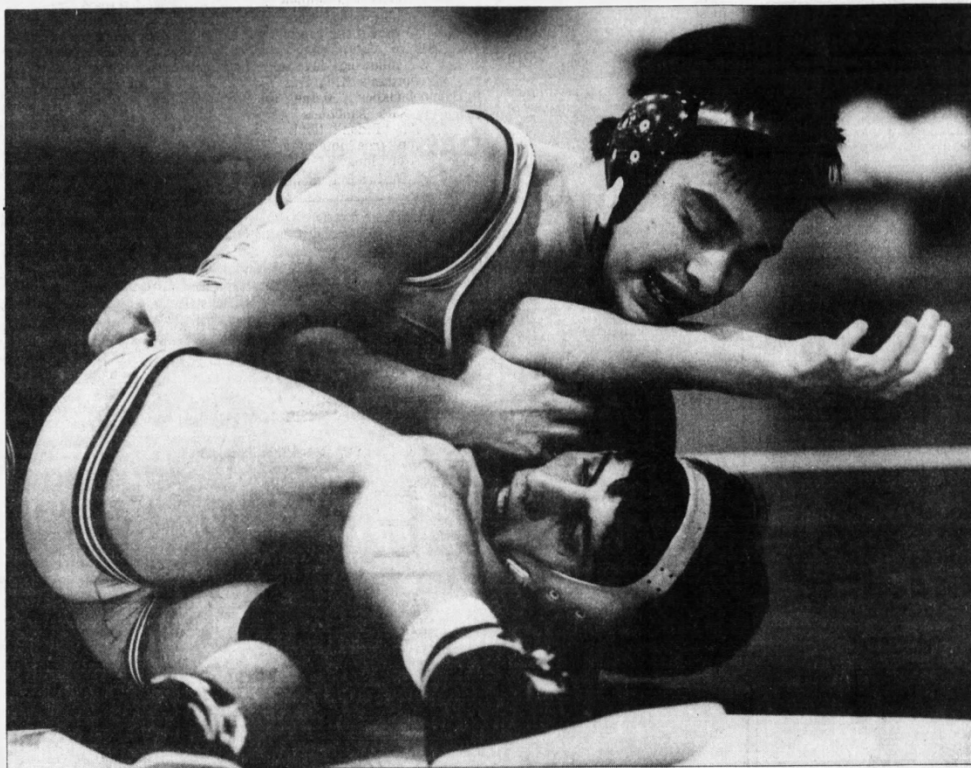


Ross debuts tonight

Fremont Ross will host Maumee at 7:15 p.m. this evening in the season-opening wrestling match for the Little Giants. Ross has nine returning lettermen this season. The lettermen are, front row,

left to right: David Alejandro, Dave Boda, Jaime Hernandez, Daniel Costilla; back row: Ryan Riedmeier, Brian Moreno, Chad Green and Rodney Pettiford. John Lugar was absent.

Green's pin beats Maumee



DANIEL COSTILLA of Fremont Ross controls Maumee's Jerry Piddock en route to a pin in their 135-pound match Wednesday night.

Little Giants escape with 30-29 win

By TIM HARMON
Staff writer

An emphatic pin by heavyweight Chad Green gave Fremont Ross a 30-29 high school wrestling victory over Maumee Wednesday night.

Ross trailed 29-24 entering the final match.

"I knew I had to work hard to pull through for the team," Green said.

Maumee heavyweight Todd Webster, a senior wrestling for the first time since his freshman year, appeared tentative and was penalized one point for stalling in the first period.

Green led 4-0 when he pinned Webster with 26 seconds left in the second period.

"I got frustrated because he wouldn't wrestle," Green said. "Then my mask started slipping and I couldn't see."

"I think (Webster) was wrestling conservative to hold his lead, but I can't be sure because I don't know what kind of wrestler he is."

Green wore a mask to protect a broken nose.

"The nose never bothered me one bit," he said. "It feels fine; it feels good to win."

As pressurized as the heavyweight match was, it was as important that Ross's Marcus Holbert was able to avoid being

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pinned by Maumee's Pat Farley at 189 pounds.

"My 189-pounder should have pinned," Maumee coach Mike McDermott said. "He's a captain, and he didn't even try."

Farley defeated Holbert 18-7 on the strength of seven take-downs and a near fall.

But not a pin.

"We told Marcus when he went out there not to get pinned," Ross coach Al Voggenthaler said. "We figured 'Greeny' could polish off the heavyweight."

"That was a good one."

Holbert weighed in closer to 171 than 189; Farley wrestled heavyweight for the Panthers last year.

"We're pleased that Holbert stayed away from the guy and did what he had to do to stay off his back," Voggenthaler said.

Maumee, which forfeited the 103-pound match because of an injury, held the lead twice.

The Panthers led 13-10 after Jeff Kern pinned Jaime Hernandez at 130 pounds, but Ross got a pin from Daniel Costilla at 135 to regain the lead. Maumee's David Calabrese pinned Fred Schnee at 171, putting the Panthers back on top 25-24.

The Little Giants led 10-0 after David Alejandro beat Mario Foster 13-2 in the 112-pound match.

"(Alejandro) wore the kid down and beat the kid," Voggenthaler said.

Maumee strung three victories together, capped by Kern's pin.

Costilla's first-period pin and John Lugar's 16-1 technical fall

over Sean McDermott at 140 gave Ross a 21-13 lead.

Josh Masiker made it 21-16 with an 8-6 decision over Ross's Rodney Pettiford at 145.

Ross's Lamar Shepard defeated John Heagy 12-9 at 152, keeping the Little Giants in front. Shepard broke a 6-all tie with Heagy and held on.

"We needed to have that," Voggenthaler said.

Bill Pickard dropped a 14-7 decision to Maumee's Fred Saylor but avoided yielding three valuable team points.

Saylor had Pickard on his back as time expired and settled for a minor decision.

In junior varsity action, Emmanuel Heidelberg, Shawn Heidelberg, David Contreras, Josh Winters, Andy Reardon, Michael Parks, Rob Vargo and Matt Hull earned exhibition wins for Ross.

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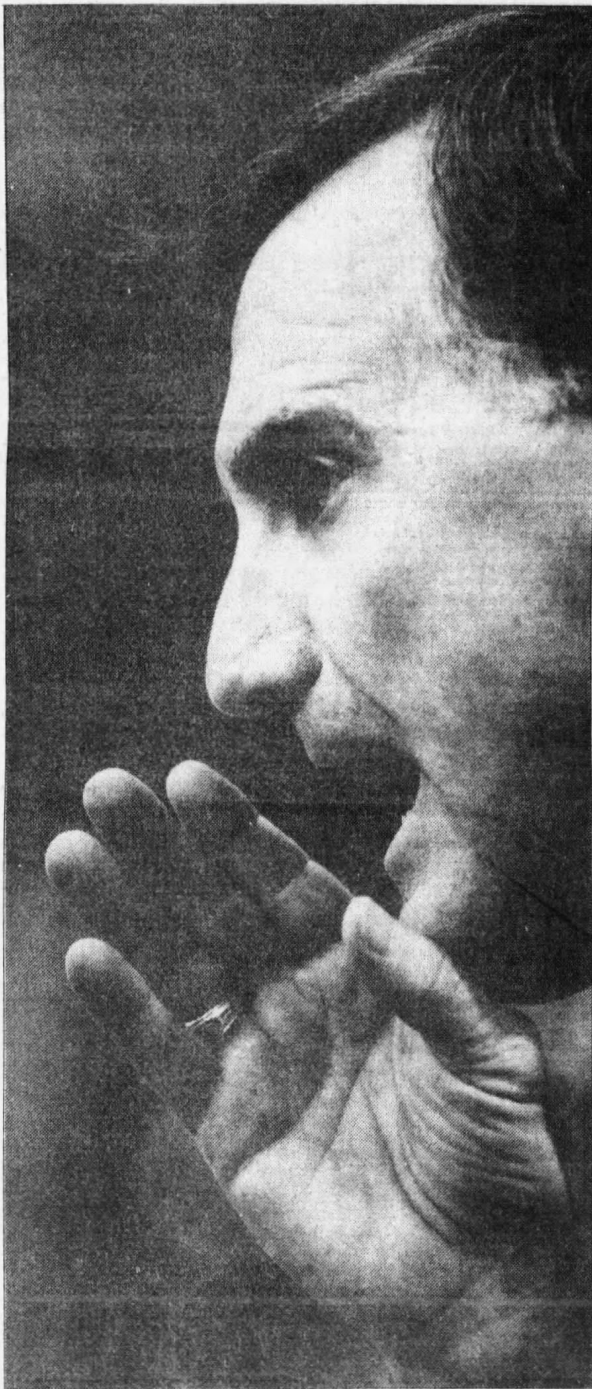
Ross 30, Maumee 29

103: David Boda (R) won by forfeit; 112: David Alejandro (R) d. Mario Foster 13-2; 119: Ken Keller (M) d. Ryan Riedmeier 10-8; 125: Greg Buck (M) d. Matt Kanan 13-5; 130: Jeff Kern (M) p. Jaime Hernandez 3:08; 135: Daniel Costilla (R) p. Jerry Piddock 1:15; 140: John Lugar (R) t.f. Sean McDermott 16-1.

145: Josh Masiker (M) d. Rodney Pettiford 8-6; 152: Lamar Shepard (R) d. John Heagy 12-9; 160: Fred Saylor (M) d. Bill Pickard 14-7; 171: David Calabreses (M) p. Fred Schnee 1:39; 189: Pat Farley (M) d. Marcus Holbert 18-7; HWT: Chad Green (R) p. Todd Webster 3:14.

Records: Maumee 0-1, Ross 1-0.

Man of good cheer



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Fremont Ross head wrestling coach Al Voggenthaler shouts encouragement to a Ross wrestler Wednesday evening during a match against Maumee. Voggenthaler's shouting paid off as the Little Giants defeated the Panthers 30-29. For more details see B-1.

Ross, Clay wrestle to 29-all deadlock

By JOHN CUMMINGS

Staff correspondent

Fremont Ross needed more than Brian Moreno's 5-4 decision over Oregon Clay heavyweight Jason Buckley Wednesday night.

Moreno's victory gave Ross a 29-29 tie with Clay in a high school wrestling match.

Ross coach Al Voggenthaler made reference to the cliché "a tie is like kissing your sister."

"Sometimes that isn't all bad," he said. "It depends on whether or not you have a good looking sister."

The Little Giants swept the first six matches against the Ea-

gles — taking a commanding 26-0 lead. The Eagles fought back to take a 29-26 lead after Ross forfeited at 189 pounds.

Moreno, filling in for co-captain Chad Green at heavyweight, salvaged the tie.

Green, who recorded a pin last week to give Ross a 30-29 victory over Maumee, was out of town visiting a sick relative.

The Little Giants were also without the services of Daniel Castillo at 135.

"I'm pleased with the way we wrestle with all the holes we had in the line-up," Voggenthaler said.

"We were confident there, but we knew Clay's middleweights were awesome."

David Boda started the night out for Ross by recording a 16-1 technical fall over Tony Hernandez as the buzzer sounded to end the first period.

David Alejandro followed Boda at 112 with a pin in 3:23, and Ryan Riedmaier (119) wracked up a 14-0 decision to give the Little Giants a 15-0 lead.

Jaime Hernandez and Matt Kanan both recorded decisions before John Lugar scored a 17-1 technical fall, making the lead 26-0 lead.

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Ross 29, Oregon Clay 29

103: Dave Boda (R) t.f. Tony Hernandez 16-1;
112: Dave Alejandro (R) p. Jim Horvath 3:23;
119: Ryan Riedmaier d. Jeff Fravor 14-0; 125:
Jaime Hernandez (R) d. Roger Taylor 12-5;
130: Matt Kanan (R) d. Russ Rutkowski 10-7;
135: John Lugar (R) t.f. Chris Monto 17-1.

140: Buck Miller (C) t.f. Rodney Pettiford 22-6;
145: Jay Anderson (C) d. Lamar Shepard 17-11;
152: Dennis Taylor (C) p. Bill Pickard 2:20;
160: Mike Drake (C) d. Fred Schnee 3:59; 171:
Matt Payne (C) d. Marcus Holbert 11-9; 189:
Lonny Rivera (C) won by forfeit; HWT: Brian
Moreno (R) d. Jason Buckley 5-4.

Ross JV 40, Clay 28

103: Emmanuel Heidelberg (R) p. Chad Brice :52;
112: Shawn Heidelberg (R) p. Dan Mitten-
dorf :45; 119: Sergio Sanchez (R) p. Rick Cer-
vantes 2:25; 125: Jamie Shiavone (C) p. Chad
Rapp 2:21; 130: Brendon McGuire (R) d. Bob
Hendricks 13-5; 135: Bob Perry (C) p. Josh
Barrett 1:17.

140: Alex Hinojosa (C) p. Chad Hetrick :30;
145: Dave Contreras (R) d. Tony Key 10-9; 152:
Jake Miller (C) d. Jon Winters 12-4; 160: Andy
Reardon (R) p. Shane Jesion 1:09; 171: Jon
Hanny (R) d. Mike Roach 14-9; 189: Rob Vargo
(R) won by DQ over Kelly Toth; HWT: Mark
Duran (C) p. Bob Gross 1:12.

Ross has 3 top seeds at Rogers tourney

News-Messenger reports

TOLEDO — Fremont Ross and Port Clinton are among 16 teams scheduled to compete in the Rogers Tournament beginning today.

Wrestling begins at 4 p.m. and will resume Saturday at 11 a.m. The finals are scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday.

Dave Boda (103), John Lugar (135) and heavyweight Chad Green of Ross earned first seeds at Thursday night's seeding meeting.

Brian Moreno at 189 earned a second seed, while Ryan Riedmaier (119) and Dave Alejandro (112) were seeded third and fourth, respectively.

"(The seeds) are pretty close to what I expected not knowing who was coming in," Ross coach Al Voggenthaler said. "A lot of it is based on what they did last year and not this year."

Ross third

Fremont Ross is third after the first day of the Toledo Rogers Wrestling Tournament.

Swanton leads the 15-team tournament with 82 points.

Springfield Local is second with 79, followed by Ross at 64, Wapakoneta at 51 and Anthony Wayne with 42.

Port Clinton is eighth with 36½.

Ross will have five wrestlers in today's semifinals: Dave Boda at 103, Dave Alejandro at 112, Ryan Reidmaier at 119, Brian Moreno at 189 and heavyweight Chad Green.

Only one Little Giant wrestler has been eliminated from the competition.

Wrestling begins at 11 a.m. today with the championship finals set for 7 p.m.

Ross third at 15-team Ross meet

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Three Fremont Ross wrestlers won individual championships and the Little Giants finished third in the 15-team Rogers Invitational Wrestling Tournament Saturday.

Lightweights Dave Boda (103) and Dave Alejandro (112) along with heavyweight Chad Green were the Little Giant winners.

Springfield Local won the team title with 183 points. Swanton was second with 160½ and Ross had 157. Wapakoneta was fourth with 129 and Wauseon was fifth with 120.

Port Clinton finished ninth with 86½.

In other matches Saturday, Oak Harbor routed host Columbus DeSales 50-17 and Genoa finished fifth out of 16 teams at the Sylvania Southview Invitational.

Rogers Invitational

Brian Moreno, 189, added a second for Ross. Also for the Little Giants, Jaime Hernandez (125) was fourth, Ryan Reidmaier (119) was fifth and Rodney Pettiford (140) was sixth.

Port Clinton's top finishes were thirds by Mike Reynolds (112) and Mike Darr (135), a fourth by Sam Cuevas (152) and fifths by Chris Martinez (125) and Kevin Postma (171).

Boda had three falls among his four wins in the two-day tournament. In the finals, Boda defeated Jeff Puntieri of Rogers 8-6. Boda's quickest pin was in the semifinals, a 21-second effort against Brian Berkebile of Swanton.

Alejandro defeated Shane Kewan of Springfield easily in the finals 7-1, but Green was forced into overtime to upend John Hammerstein of Wapakoneta 4-2 to win his title.

Moreno lost to top-seeded Seth Gresser in the finals 18-4.

Boda and Green had been seeded first, Moreno second and Alejandro fourth.

Robbie Oval of Springfield was voted the outstanding wrestler by the coaches and Bob Juarez of Anthony Wayne won the trophy for the most falls in the least amount of time, three in 2:09. Boda used 3:12 to record his falls.

Ross will host Lima Senior 7 p.m., Wednesday.

Lightweights lead Ross charge against Lima

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

Fremont Ross coach Al Voggenthaler's reluctance to turn up the heat put Lima Senior in the boiling pot.

Ross, 2-0-1, benefitted from six straight wins at the outset and flattened the Spartans 48-18 in a high school wrestling match Wednesday night.

Voggenthaler juggled his lineup, moving his first four lightweights up a notch and inserting freshman Emmanuel Heidelberg in at 103 pounds.

"We just had a match last Wednesday and a two-day tournament (Toledo Rogers Invitational Friday and Saturday)," Voggenthaler said, "and with the flu going around, I did not want to boil them down to make weight."

Instead, the Little Giants boiled the Spartans. By the time the sixth match was over, Ross led 30-0.

Heidelberg, the new kid on the Ross block, was not sweet music for Lima's Albert Medley as the freshman pinned the Spartan in 38 seconds.

David Boda, the first of the four who shifted to a higher weight, followed with a technical fall at 112. David Alejandro scored a major decision and Ryan Riedmaier pinned Justin Halverson of Lima in 1:04 of the 125-pound match, making it 21-0.

Jaime Hernandez continued the Ross run with a decision, and John Luger gave Ross its sixth straight victory, pinning Jorge Becker in 90 seconds at 135.

The only question remaining was what the final score would be.

Fred Schnee, 171, and Brian Moreno, 189, topped off the Ross win with falls and heavyweight Chad Green's ceremonial walk onto the mat for a forfeit ended the Little Giants' rout.

Ross was pushed to the last weight class in its first two matches before earning a win and a tie.

"It was nice to have a little breather," Voggenthaler said.

The Little Giants can breathe easy until hosting Fostoria Dec. 27.

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Ross 48, Lima Senior 18

103-Emmanuel Heidelberg (R) p. Albert Medley 0:38; 112-David Boda (R) t.f. Josh Flick 21-5; 119-David Alejandro (R) d. Jason Akers 16-4; 125-Ryan Riedmaier (R) p. Justin Halverson 1:04; 130-Jaime Hernandez (R) d. Rob Studer 13-8; 135-John Luger (R) p. Jorge Beckers 1:30.

140-Jason Hughes (LS) d. Rodney Pettiford 16-9; 145-Oscar Williams (LS) d. Lamar Shepard 9-8; 152-Mike Chikles (LS) p. Andy Rear-don 4:38; 160-Fred Schnee (R) p. Marty Ennis 1:55; 171-Aaron Branas (LS) p. Marcus Holbert 5:34; 189-Brian Moreno (R) p. Chris Nutt 2:31; HWT: Chad Green (R) won by forfeit.

JV matches: 145-Jon Winters (R) p. Josh Pederson 0:35; 135-Ryan Snyder (LS) p. Josh Barrett 1:59; 171-Mike Orchard (LS) d. Rob Wargo 14-11.

Ross flattens Fostoria 48-16

By TIM HARMON
Staff writer

Fremont Ross cruised to its second straight dual meet victory Thursday night behind the wrestling of its lightweights.

"It's going to be the same all year," Ross coach Al Voggenthaler said after the Little Giants' 48-16 victory over Fostoria. "Win it by 135 and hang on.

"We didn't know that much about (the Redmen), so it was kind of hard to prepare."

A decision by Ross's Emmanuel Heidelberg at 103 pounds was followed by Dave Alejandro's pin at 112 and Ryan Riedmaier's fall at 119.

Ross, 3-0-1, led 22-0 after Shawn Heidelberg's forfeit victory at 125.

Emmanuel Heidelberg filled in for Dave Boda, who failed to make weight. "He ate too many Christmas cookies," Voggenthaler said.

Heidelberg defeated Rob Moore 12-3, while the pins by Alejandro and Riedmaier came in 3:52 and 2:38, respectively.

Shawn Heidelberg filled in for Jaime Hernandez, who missed the match with an injury.

Matt Kanan wrestled at 130 in Hernandez's absence and dropped a 6-5 decision to Brook Piper — the first points for the Redmen.

John Lugar won by forfeit at 135 for Ross, and Rodney Pettiford earned a 22-7 technical fall at 140 before Fostoria won three of the next four matches, making the score 36-16.

Included in Fostoria's short spurt was Andy Miller's victory by default over Fred Schnee, who injured his right elbow in the second period. Ross's 152-pounder, Andy Reardon, wrestled to a 15-8 decision in the same stretch.

Brian Moreno picked up the Little Giants' third victory by forfeit at 189.

"I didn't realize they were going to have three forfeits," Voggenthaler said.

Ross heavyweight Chad Green finished off the Redmen, pinning Joe Anderson in nine seconds.

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Ross 48, Fostoria 16

103: Emmanuel Heidelberg (R) d. Rob Moore 12-3; 112: Dave Alejandro (R) p. Jason Holman 3:52; 119: Ryan Riedmaier (R) p. Brett Wilso 2:38; 125: Shawn Heidelberg (R) won by forfeit; 130: Brook Piper (F) d. Matt Kanan 6-5; 135: John Lugar (R) won by forfeit.

140: Rodney Pettiford (R) t.f. Jake Hardie 22-7; 145: Shawn Feehan (F) d. Lamar Shepard 17-7; 152: Andy Reardon (R) d. Mike Fleming 15-8; 160: Andy Miller (F) won by default over Fred Schnee; 171: Matt Aken (F) d. Marcus Holbert 8-6; 189: Brian Moreno (R) won by forfeit; HWT: Chad Green (R) p. Joe Anderson :09.

Records: Ross 3-0-1.

JV matches—145: John Winters (R) p. Cory Salazar 1:37; 152: Tylon Williamson (R) p. Jamiel Ewellan 3:53.

Mackey mat tournament is Voggenthaler's last at Ross

By BOB MARKER

Staff writer

One thing has been a constant at the Mal Mackey Memorial Invitational Wrestling Tournament: Al Voggenthaler.

Voggenthaler, coach of the Fremont Ross wrestling team, and Dick Sherman, former Ross athletic director started the Ross High School tournament 18 years ago. Saturday, Voggenthaler will coach in his final Mackey tournament.

"Dick Sherman and I started

it," said Voggenthaler, who will retire at the end of this school year. "I got the tournament going and he put the name on it."

Mal Mackey, more widely known as the most successful football coach in Ross history, also began the school's wrestling program. Mackey was the school's first mat coach and Voggenthaler followed him.

The 18th tournament will be no different for the Ross coach.

"I kind of look at it like every

other one," Voggenthaler said. "This (tournament) will be much stronger than it has been in some time.

"Of course, it was stronger last year than I realized."

Voggenthaler's team was favored to win its fifth consecutive Mackey title in 1990 but instead finished a distant third behind champion Lakota and runner-up Clyde.

"I don't think the kids were lis-

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tening to the coaches last year," Voggenthaler said, "and their clocks got cleaned."

This time around, Voggenthaler said it would be nice for his Little Giants to win his last tournament, but, he said, "I'm not holding my breath over it."

"We are more aware of how strong the tournament is," he said, "but we don't have the firepower this year."

Voggenthaler rates Clyde and Lakota as being very close.

Lakota is also following the same path to the Mackey tourney as it did in 1990.

The Raiders, as they did last season, won the the Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic Holiday Tournament in December. The Fliers, as they did last season, were second to Lakota at St. Joe.

Ross has a 3-0-1 dual meet record and finished third in the Rogers Tournament in December.

Along with those three schools, Waite and DeVilbiss of Toledo, Sylvania Southview, Vermilion and Centerville comprise the field.

Wrestling begins at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Ross gym with the finals at 6 p.m.

Voggenthaler still a quipster

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

Al Voggenthaler almost missed being surprised.

The veteran Ross High School wrestling coach was presented with a special plaque by his coaching staff Saturday during the 18th Mal Mackey Memorial Wrestling Tournament.

Voggenthaler admitted he was not expecting the award and nearly missed being present for the presentation from referee Dick Hoover, a long-time friend.

The Ross coach is retiring at the end of this school year.

"The award caught me by surprise," Voggenthaler said. "I did not know what was going on. In fact I almost went out to the concession stand.

"That just shows I can never trust my coaches."

Listed on the plaque were a few of Voggenthaler's honors he accumulated over nearly 30 years of being associated with coaching the sport. Included on the list were acknowledgements that he is a member of the Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame and a past presi-

dent of the state coaches association.

He also helped organize the Mackey tournament when it began as a junior varsity tourney.

"None of this will probaly hit me until it is all over," he said when asked about his feeling about leaving coaching and teaching, "but I will be back next year for the tournament."

Then, Voggenthaler who has been known to be unable to resist a quick quip added, "I'll probably be selling tickets or something."

Lakota edges Clyde again

Raiders win Mackey crown

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

Lakota survived a final round charge by Clyde to win its second consecutive Mal Mackey Memorial Invitational Wrestling Tournament at Fremont Ross High School Saturday.

The Raiders duplicated a feat they pulled off last season: winning two tournaments in Fremont — the Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic Holiday and the Mackey tournaments.

Just as last season, Clyde was runner-up twice.

Lakota compiled 166½ points, while Clyde finished with 159. Centerville was third with 123 followed by Ross with 107½, Waite at 66½, Sylvania Southview with 66, Vermilion at 44½ and DeVilbiss with 30½.

"I hope next week," Clyde

coach Jim Carothers responded to a question about when his Fliers will catch the Raiders. "We have them in our tournament next week."

Lakota coach Bob Young said, "It seems like every tournament we are in (with Clyde), it is nip and tuck."

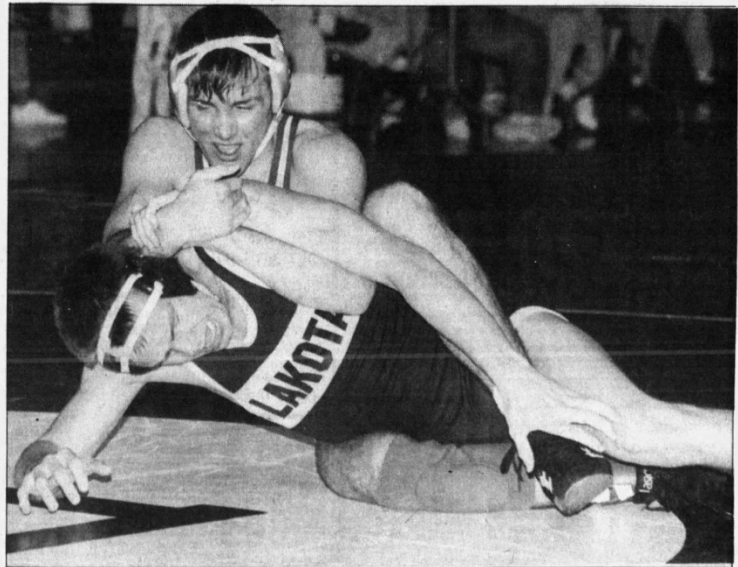
"If there was a key tonight, it was everyone on the team scored points for us; it was a team effort all the way up."

Lakota had three individual champions, five runners-up and a pair of fourth-place finishers.

Cody Roth took the 112-pound crown for the Raiders, defeating Ross's Dave Alejandro 4-2 in a close championship match.

Raiders Eric Lippert and Ryan Tyson won back-to-back crowns at 135 and 140, respectively.

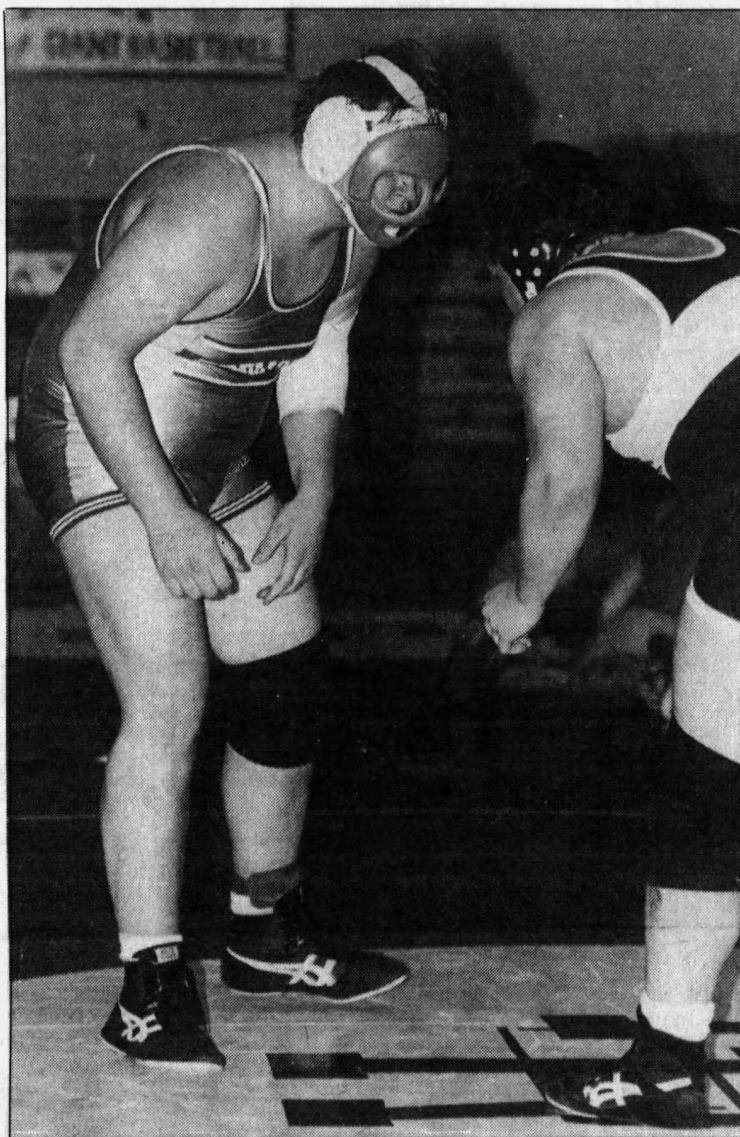
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RAY LONG (back) of Clyde applies pressure to the neck of Lakota's Matt Milligan during the 171-

pound division finals of the Mal Mackey Memorial Invitational Wrestling Tournament Saturday.



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CHAD GREEN (left) of Fremont Ross stalks Matt Paxson of Lakota during their 275-pound title bout Saturday in the Mal Mackey Memorial Invitational Tournament at Fremont Ross High School.

Reineck wins three for Streaks

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MILAN — Scott Reineck won three matches as the Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic wrestling team finished 2-1 in the Edison Quadrangular Saturday.

St. Joe sandwiched victories over Elyria West (48-15) and Huron (42-33) around a 62-11 loss to Edison.

Reineck won twice by pinning his opponent at 119 pounds and also earned a technical fall.

Jason Yerkes won by fall in two of his three matches at 112.

St. Joe's Steve Lehman (140) and Damian Gerwin (171) won by pin in the victory over Elyria West, while Ted Mayle (152) and Dennis Batey (160) each won by decision.

The Crimson Streaks benefitted from four forfeits in each of its victories.

In addition to Reineck and Yerkes, Ryan Metcalf (125) was also victorious against Huron.

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Lippert posted a major decision over Chad Laughlin of Clyde 12-2 in the finals while Tyson also defeated a Clyde opponent, Keith Taylor, 5-2 in his title match.

Clyde won five of its 10 championship or consolation finals matches including individual titles by Bubba Taylor (125), Cliff Andres (145) and Ray Long (171) to go with three runners-up, two thirds and two fourths.

Taylor defeated Leroy Mann of DeVilbiss 14-7 in his title match and Andres flattened Sam Hall of Waite 12-1 to win his title. Long pinned Matt Milligan of Lakota in 5:53 to win his championship.

Ross opened and closed the championship matches with titles.

Dave Boda, 103, avenged a 1990 finals loss to Chuck Beard of Clyde, pinning Beard in 57 seconds.

"That was almost a grudge match," Ross coach Al Voggenthaler said.

Chad Green gave the Little Giants their second title, pinning Matt Paxson of Lakota in 5:01. Green came off his back and a 6-2 deficit in the second period to defeat Paxson.

In addition to Alejandro, Brian Moreno of Ross was second after losing on a fall to tournament co-outstanding wrestler Jon DeKany of Southview in 54 seconds of the 189-pound title match.

Ross got third-place finishes from John Lugar (130) and Rodney Pettiford (140) plus a fourth place from Daniel Costilla (135).

Ross was hurt early in the tournament when second-seeded Ryan Riedmaier suffered a chipped bone when he dislocated his left elbow, according to Voggenthaler.

"That put about a 15-point hole in our lineup," the Ross coach said.

DeKany shared the most outstanding wrestler award with 130-pound champion Sean VanSant of Toledo Waite. DeKany also took home the trophy for the most falls in the least amount of time: three in two minutes, 23 seconds.

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TEAM STANDINGS

Lakota	166½	Waite	66½
Clyde	159	Southview	66
Centerville	123	Vermilion	44½
Ross	107½	DeVilbiss	30½

Championship matches

102: Dave Boda (R) p. Chuck Beard (Cl) 0:57; 112: Cody Roth (L) d. Dave Aleandro (R) 4-2; 119: Mark Lashley (Cen) p. Randy Tyson (L) 1:53; 125: Bubba Taylor (Cl) d. Leroy Mann (D) 14-7; 130: Sean VanSant (W) d. Ki Monroe (Cen) 15-7; 135: Eric Lippert (L) d. Chad Laughlin (Cl) 12-2; 140: Ryan Tyson (L) d. Keith Taylor (Cl) 5-2.

145: Cliff Andres (Cl) d. Sam Hall (W) 12-1; 152: Ken Hiller (Cen) d. Jason Conrad (L) 7-3; 160: Chris Schilling (S) d. Jeremy Coleman (L) 6-2; 171: Ray Long (Cl) p. Matt Milligan (L) 5:53; 189: Jon DeKany (S) p. Brian Moreno (R) 0:54; 275: Chad Green (R) p. Matt Paxson (L) 5:01.

Consolation finals

103: Nate Samblanet (V) d. Dana Burchell (W) 13-3; 112: Jeremy Gonzalez (Cl) d. Steve Zelik (Cen) 5-3 (OT); 119: Mike Carlino (S) p. John Stuck (W) 3:15; 125: Bill Jamison (Cen) d. Jeremy Schmeltz (L) 14-1; 130: John Lugar (R) d. Matt Hector (V) 7-4; 135: Scott Knupp (Cen) d. Daniel Costilla (R) 6-2; 140: Rodney Pettiford (R) d. Aaron Rognon (V) 14-4.

145: Corey Ward (Cen) d. Greg Spoores (L) 3-1; 152: Kevin Murphy (Cl) d. Mike Duffer (W) 10-4; 160: Jason Fickes (Cen) p. Jeremy Colvin (C) 1:31; 171: Troy Reed (S) d. Frank Workman (V) 4-1; 189: Andy Parker (V) p. Andy Smith (Cen) 4:55; 275: Tom McLaren (D) d. Scott Sams (Cl) 8-6.

Ross wrestlers roll;

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross got pins from Dave Boda, Rodney Pettiford and Fred Schnee and rolled to a 47-6 high school wrestling victory over Toledo Rogers Saturday.

In other action Saturday, Oak Harbor won the 12th Annual St. Mary's Panther Classic and Genoa won the first Genoa-Clay Invitational at Clay High School.

At Toledo, Ross's Boda pinned Rogers' Jeff Puntieri in 3:51 at 103 pounds, Pettiford earned his fall in 4:20 over Brian Mysko at 140 and Schnee flattened Tony Mayne in 42 seconds at 160.

Ross won the first five matches, including decisions by Dave Alejandro (112), Matt Kanan (119), Jaime Hernandez (125) and John Lugar (130).

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Lamar Shepard (145), Andy Reardon (152) and Marcus Holbert (171) also won by decision for Ross, while heavyweight Chad Green won by forfeit.

Panther Classic

Junior Brad Kersten was named the most valuable wrestler and Oak Harbor won the team championship after finishing second to Sandusky High School in the previous four tournaments.

The Rockets amassed 181½ points to beat the Blue Streaks by 43½ points. St. Mary's was third with 129 points, followed by Galloway Westland (80), Clear Fork (77½), Port Clinton (61), New London (54½) and Fremont

Wrestling

High School

Ross 47, Rogers 6

103: Dave Boda (R) p. Jeff Puntieri 3:51;
112: Dave Alejandro (R) d. Matt Haney 20-9;
119-Mat Kanan (R) d. Casey Meyer 4-1; 125:
Jaime Hernandez (R) d. Jeff Reed 8-5; 130:
John Lugar (R) d. Israel Briceno 11-2; 135:
Steve Periat (Rog) d. Daniel Costilla 6-5; 140:
Rodney Pettiford (R) p. Brian Mysko 4:20.

145: Lamar Shepard (R) d. Matt Poling 8-7;
152: Andy Reardon (R) d. Randy Routhe 10-6;
160: Fred Schnee (R) p. Tony Mayne 0:56; 171:
Marcus Holbert (R) d. John McGree 11-4; 189-
Don Wing (Rog) d. Brian Moreno 7-3; 275:
Chad Green (R) won by forfeit.

Pirates steal match from Little Giants

By **BOB MARKER**
Staff writer

Al Voggenthaler's lineup shift nearly worked but an unexpected pin and a string of six straight losses did the Ross wrestling team in Thursday night.

Perkins edged the Little Giants 29-28 after trailing 16-3 after the first five matches in the Ross Purple Pit.

Wednesday, Voggenthaler said he was going to change his lineup around in an attempt to upend the Pirates. Thursday,

with Daniel Costillo ill, the Ross coach was forced to make the change. Costilla would have wrestled at 135.

Freshman Emmanuel Heidelberg was inserted at 103 with David Boda, David Alejandro, Mat Kanan, Jaime Hernandez and John Lugar moved up a weight class.

Heidelberg responded, coming from 4-0 down in the third period to defeat Perkins' Josh Wobser, also a freshman, 5-4.

"That kid beat Emmanuel during the summer," Voggenthaler

said, "so he did a nice job coming back."

Perkins coach Steve Finn said, "That could have been a swing for them right from the beginning.

"Another key match was our 119-pounder coming back and picking it up in the third period."

Brad Corso fell behind David Alejandro of Ross 2-0 in the 119-pound match but came back for a 6-2 win.

That was the Pirates first win

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of the night and cut the Ross lead to 8-3.

After Heidelberg's win, Boda won a technical over Shane Wilhelm (15-0) in five minutes and 40 seconds.

Mat Kanan, 125, of Ross nipped Brian Miller 4-3 and Jaime Hernandez posted the Little Giants' second technical fall, stopping Mike Fox in 4:30 (19-4).

That was the final Ross win until the final two matches of the night. Steve Thom of Perkins caught John Lugar in a headlock and pinned the Ross sophomore in 1:57 at 135.

"We did not expect that fall at 135," Voggenthaler said. "That was a turning point for them."

Thom's pin was followed by two major decisions (a win by eight to 14 points) and two minor decisions, putting Perkins ahead 23-16.

Perkins' 171-pounder Matt Cadez put the match out of

reach, pinning Ross junior Marcus Holbert in 5:10.

"That did not surprise me," Finn said, "because our kid has only lost once and I was expecting a win there."

After that, it was a matter of Finn taking advice from a Ross fan to preserve the win.

He got the advice when he questioned a call, stood up and stared at the bleachers when a Ross fan yelled, "Sit down."

"I was looking at the score after 171," Finn said, "and realized we had a 13-point lead. When I walked out on the match during the 189 match, I thought, what am I doing? I'm going to get

myself a penalty point, but then one of the Fremont fans helped me out and yelled sit down — I said, 'OK.'"

That was it. Finn quieted down and his team had the victory.

Brian Moreno of Ross pinned Matt Mulvin in 4:35 and Little Giants heavyweight Chad Green handed the Pirates Chad Johnson his second loss in 12 matches, pinning him in 4:43.

The loss dropped Ross to 4-2-1.

"Perkins has a tough team and we did well to come this close," Voggenthaler said.

Ross travels to Toledo Bowsher next Thursday for a 6 p.m. match.

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Little Giants beat Bowsher

News-Messenger reports

TOLEDO — Four pins helped Fremont Ross to a 42-15 high school wrestling victory over Toledo Bowsher Thursday night.

Dave Boda at 103, Rodney Pettiford (145), John Hanny (160) and Brian Moreno (189) recorded falls for the Little Giants.

Boda, Pettiford and Moreno earned second-period pins, while Hanny pinned his opponent in 5:22.

Other winners for Ross were Dave Alejandro (112), Matt Kanan (119), John Lugar (130), Daniel Costilla (135) and heavyweight Chad Green.

Ross 42, Bowsher 15

103: Dave Boda (R) p. Brad Stechschulte 3:30; 112: Dave Alejandro (R) d. Aaron Monaghan 18-7; 119: Matt Kanan (R) d. Ernie Ruiz 10-8; 125: Dan Thetford (B) d. Jaime Hernandez 6-2; 130: John Lugar (R) d. Jason Ruiz 16-3; 135: Daniel Costilla (R) d. Scott Erdman 10-0.

140: Corey Harris (B) d. David Contreras 12-7; 145: Rodney Petiford (R) p. Scott Kepp 2:17; 152: Oliver Henderson (B) d. Lamar Shepard 7-5; 160: John Hanny (R) p. Aaron Hull 5:22; 171: Jeff Pontius (B) p. Fred Schnee :46; 189: Brian Moreno (R) p. Jason Haupricht 2:49; 275: Chad Green (R) d. Kyle Wojeiechowski 6-0.

JV matches—112: Emmanuel Heidelberg (R) p. Shawn Liebig 2:22; 130: Shawn Heidelberg (R) p. Pleda Phommalee 1:13; 135: Danny Flores (B) p. Chad Hetrick 2:53; 145: Andy Reardon (R) d. Rob Lark 12-5.

Ross wrestlers cruise past Findlay

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

It was nearly over before it started.

Findlay forfeited four weight divisions, spotting Fremont Ross a 24-0 lead before the first handshake of the opening match of a high school dual meet Friday night.

All that remained was for Ross to put the finishing touches on a 61-7 high school wrestling romp in the Purple Pit.

Of the nine matches wrestled, Little Giant wrestlers won seven of them — including three via falls and three more by technical falls.

"You need some like that occasionally," Ross coach Al Voggenthaler said after his team extended its dual meet record to 6-1-1.

"I do wish, that they would

GLL junior high tourney at Ross

News-Messenger reports

The Great Lakes League Junior High School Wrestling Tournament begins at 11 a.m. today at Fremont Ross High School.

The tournament marks the first competition for the Fremont School System in the GLL. Fremont teams officially begin varsity competition next fall.

Fremont Ross dropped out of the Buckeye Central Conference two years ago.

have come with a full team."

The forfeits forced Voggenthaler to juggle his lineup. David Boda, slated to wrestle the first match (103) was moved up a weight as were the next five wrestlers. The moves bumped David Contreras (140) out of the Ross lineup but got Boda a

match instead of a forfeit win.

Boda won the 112-pound skirmish easily, stopping Andy May on a 22-7 technical fall. The match ended in four minutes and six seconds.

"I wanted Boda to get a match in," Voggenthaler said. "He has to work so hard to make weight

(103) and I did not want him to work that hard and get a forfeit."

Other than that, Voggenthaler did not have much to say, settling for the win and looking ahead to his team's next outing Feb. 1-2 at the Alliance Tournament.

Dave Alejandro followed Boda's technical fall with a fall, pinning Tim Long in 2:49 of the 119-pound match.

Following a pair of forfeits, John Lugar (135) and Rodney Pettiford (152) recorded technical falls with Fred Schnee (171) and heavyweight Chad Green sandwiching pins around Brian Moreno's major decision (a win by 8-to-14 points) in the 189-pound clash.

Findlay's only victories went to Thi Tran (140) and James Jolliff (160).

Wrestling

Ross 61, Findlay 7

103: Emmanuel Heidleburg (R) won by forfeit; 112: Dave Boda (R) t.f. Andy May 22-7; 119: Dave Alejandro (R) p. Tim Long 2:49; 125: Mat Kanan (R) won by forfeit; 130: Jaime Hernandez (R) won by forfeit; 135: John Lugar (R) t.f. Bill Vanatta 17-2;

140: Thi Tran (F) d. Daniel Costilla 7-2; 145: Rodney Pettiford (R) t.f. John Hayes 20-5; 152: Lamar Shepard (R) won by forfeit; 160: James Jolliff (F) d. Jon Hanney 18-5; 171: Fred Schnee (R) p. J.C. Keller 4:49; 189: Brian Moreno (R) d. Josh Miller 16-3; 275: Chad Green (R) p. Brian Wauford 2:50.

Record: Ross 6-1-1.

JV matches

130: Tynne Roebuck (F) p. Sergio Sanchez 4:37; 135: Chad Hetrick (R) p. Jeff Weirman 0:46; 152: Andy Reardon (R) t.f. Jason Ciousi 16-1.

Little Giants wrestle in tough tournament

By **BOB MARKER**

Staff writer

Front Ross will wrestle in the two-day, 32-team Alliance Tournament today and Saturday.

Wrestling begins at 4 p.m. today and continues at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday at Alliance High School.

Ross was fourth in last year's tournament behind winner perennial Division I state champ Lakewood St. Edward, Walsh Jesuit and last year's Division I state champ, Cleveland St. Joseph.

Chad Green of Ross will return to defend his heavyweight (275) title but the Little Giant senior has been seeded second behind Luke Fickel of Columbus DeSales. Fickel went undefeated last year, winning the Division II, 189-pound division state title.

Dave Boda, 103, is the only Ross wrestler seeded first. The Little Giants have two others seeded: Dave Alejandro (112) third and Brian Moreno (189), eighth.

"St. Ed's 'Gold' team — their

main team — is back in it," Ross coach Al Voggenthaler said. St. Ed has several teams that compete across the state.

"St. Joe, St. Ignatius and Walsh Jesuit are also in the tournament," Voggenthaler said.

Voggenthaler pointed out one particular tough weight class: 135.

"A two-time state champ is seeded second," he said, "and the defending (tournament) champ is seeded fifth."

Dominic DiSabato of Columbus Ready is the two-time state champ who has been pushed behind Steve St. John of St. Joe, a state champion last year. Roger Chandler of St. Ed is the fifth-seeded defending tournament champ.

Voggenthaler provided these directions to Alliance High School:

Take the Ohio Turnpike east to exit 13; pick up route 14 and go south to Edinburg. Get on Rt. 183 into Alliance and turn right onto Glamorgan St. The school is located on Glamorgan.

Seven alive for Ross

News-Messenger reports

ALLIANCE — Fremont Ross has seven wrestlers still alive in the 32-team Alliance Tournament.

The Little Giants were in ninth place with 37 points when wrestling finished Friday night. Lakewood St. Edward with 79 points is leading the tournament.

Dave Boda (103), Brian Moreno (189) and Chad Green (275) advanced to the quarterfinals of the championship bracket for Ross.

Dave Alejandro (112), Jaime Hernandez (125), Rodney Pettiford (140) and Fred Schnee (171) are still alive in the consolation bracket.

Wrestling begins today at 10 a.m. at Alliance High School. The finals begin at 7 p.m.

Ross places eighth; Clyde wins

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross finished eighth in the 32-team Alliance "Top Gun" Invitational Wrestling Tournament, while Clyde won the eight-team Willard Invitational Tournament Saturday.

In a dual meet, Cardinal Stritch slipped past Port Clinton 27-25.

Ross had a pair of runners-up and a sixth place finish while scoring 89 points. Lakewood St. Edward ran away with the title with 289, well ahead of Walsh Jesuit's 162½. Uniontown Lake was third with 131, followed by Cleveland St. Joe, last year's Division I state champ, at 119½.

Akron North was fifth with 104, Austintown Fitch sixth with 101½, Parma Padua seventh at 89½ and then Ross. Dublin with 84½ and Columbus Bishop Ready with 80 rounded out the top 10.

Ross heavyweight Chad Green and 103-pounder Dave Boda were second. Rodney Pettiford was sixth in the 140-pound division.

Green, the defending champ, had been seeded second behind Luke Fickel of Columbus DeSales in the original draw but when Fickel was unable to wrestle, the Ross senior was moved up to the top-seeded slot. Fickel won the Division II state title at 189 pounds last year.

Green recorded two pins before a 5-4 decision over fourth-seeded Bruce Kirk of Geneva in the semifinals to advance to the finals against second-seeded Bill Atha of Mogadore Field. Atha nipped Green 3-2 to win the title.

Boda, also seeded first, lost to sixth-seeded Jim Johnson of Walsh Jesuit 8-0 in the finals. Boda had recorded a pair of

technical falls and a decision to reach the semifinals where he stopped Brian Foley of Toledo Central Catholic 13-7.

The unseeded Pettiford reached the quarterfinals of the championship round before being edged 13-12 by eventual third-place finisher Lovelle Saxton of Akron North. After winning the consolation quarterfinals, Pettiford was pinned by Saxton, dropping him down to the match for fifth where he lost on a fall to Eric Sabo of Walsh Jesuit.

Willard Invitational

Clyde rolled up 176½ points to finish comfortably ahead of Wadsworth's 147½. Willard was third with 113 and Swanton took fourth with 106. Norwalk St. Paul, Sparta Highland, New London and Elida comprised the second division standings.

Little Giants rout Whitmer

News-Messenger reports

TOLEDO — Fremont Ross won the first six matches and rolled to a 45-17 victory over Toledo Whitmer in a wrestling dual meet Thursday night.

Emmanuel Heidelberg, Dave Boda, Dave Alejandro, Jaime Hernandez and John Lugar each picked up a victory, including first-period pins by Hernandez and Lugar, and Daniel Costilla won by forfeit as Ross took a 30-0 lead over the Panthers.

A pin by Rodney Pettiford in 32 seconds of his 145-pound match, a decision by Fred Schnee at 171 and heavy-weight Chad Green's win by forfeit finished things for the Little Giants.

Wrestling

High School

Ross 45, Whitmer 17

103: Emmanuel Heidelberg (R) d. Keith Recknagle 11-6; 112: Dave Boda (R) t.f. Eric Fair 18-0; 119: Dave Alejandro (R) d. Jason Pitzen 12-4; 125: Jaime Hernandez (R) p. Ryan Dubendorfer :47; 130: John Lugar (R) p. Bryan Wiskochial :57; 135: Daniel Costilla (R) won by forfeit.

140: Bob Hefner (W) d. Dave Contreras 13-7; 145: Rodney Pettiford (R) p. Mike Buzene :32; 152: Brad Jankowski (W) d. Lamar Shepard 10-3; 160: Ron Stacey (W) t.f. Jon Hanny 17-2; 171: Fred Schnee (R) d. Rob Firdson 14-10; 189: Jason Habel (W) won by forfeit; 275: Chad Green (R) won by forfeit.

JV matches—112: Charlie Turner (W) d. Nate Colson 14-9; 119: Shawn Heidelberg (R) p. Matt Dugan 1:44; 152: Matt Orns (W) d. Andy Reardon 14-8; 275: Paul Cruz (R) p. Spencer Warren 3:35.

Alejandro is bright spot

Sandusky edges Ross on Voggenthaler Night

By JOHN CUMMINGS
Staff correspondent

Al Voggenthaler has learned to find a bright spot in anything.

Such was the case for the veteran Fremont Ross wrestling coach Wednesday night after Sandusky edged Ross 30-28.

Voggenthaler kicked around the idea of not wrestling 112-pounder David Alejandro at the Purple Pit on "Al Voggenthaler Night."

Alejandro, who had been sick all week, wrestled — and wrestled well. The sophomore defeated returning state qualifier Dan Jeter 15-4.

"David wrestled the match of his career," Voggenthaler said. "We kicked the idea around of moving him to 119 so he'd have an easier match, but we ended up leaving him at 112."

Before wrestling got under way, assistant coaches and Ross administrators took time to honor Voggenthaler before his last home match. Voggenthaler is retiring after this season — his 19th at Ross.

The assistant coaches presented him with a purple and white rocking chair with "Vog" across the top in purple.

"He's an institution over there," Sandusky coach Ken Colatruglio said. "We've had some

great competitive matches, and have come to respect each other.

"I know Vogey is a part of that (respect), and it's nice to go against someone competitively with no animosity or hatred between coaches or participants. He's a great guy, and wrestling is going to miss him for sure."

Wednesday night was another one of those competitive matches.

After David Boda received a forfeit at 103, Mat Kanan decided Brian Schlottag 6-5 at 119 and Jaime Hernandez defeated Kurt Doller 14-6 for a 17-0 Little Giants' lead.

The Blue Streaks cut it to 19-5 when Chad Hunter defeated John Lugar 11-4 and Jamie Lazzara tied Ross's Daniel Castilla 2-2. *

Rodney Pettiford defeated Jason Dreschel 10-5 to give Ross a 22-5 lead.

Ross, 7-2-1, didn't win another match until heavyweight Chad Green pinned Tony Delpercio.

"We knew their light weights were pretty tough," Colatruglio said. "It was looking bleak there for a while, and it's always tough in Fremont, but the beginning of the upper weights did it for us, they really came through."

Sandusky, 6-3, recorded three

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pins, a major decision, and a decision from 145 to 189.

Shon Grant defeated Brian Moreno 15-4 in their 189-pound bout and Sandusky led 30-22.

"Shon did a nice job for us," Colatruglio said. "He came through for us, not to say he did it by himself. Someone had to win along the way to set that up, and the team did that for him tonight."

Green built a 12-5 lead on Delpercio before pinning him at the 2:45 mark.

"It's been this way all year," Voggenthaler said. "I was just hoping we wouldn't get pinned as much, but some kids got buried and that was the difference."

But there was a bright spot.

Wrestling

High School

Sandusky 30, Ross 28

103: Dave Boda (R) won by forfeit; 112: Dave Alejandro (R) d. Dan Jetter 14-3; 119: Mat Kanan (R) d. Brian Schlottag 6-5; 125: Jaime Hernandez (R) d. Kurt Doller 14-6; 130: Chad Hunter (S) d. John Lugar 11-4; 135: Daniel Costilla (R) drew with Jamie Lazzara 2-2.

140: Rodney Pettiford (R) d. Jason Dreschel 10-5; 145: Ozeal Hunter (S) p. Lamar Shepard 3:16; 152: Juan Torres (S) p. John Hanny 1:09; 160: Dathan Williams (S) p. Andy Reardon 4:48; 171: Kevin Matthews (S) d. Fred Schnee 8-7; 189: Shon Grant (S) d. Brian Moreno 15-4; 275: Chad Green (R) p. Tonly Delpercio 2:45.

JV matches — 130: Phillip Mines (S) p. Chad Hetrick; 275: Adam Boyd (S) p. Paul Cruz.

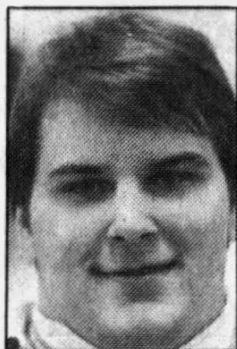
Green, Boda named most valuable at Ross

Voggenthaler honored by Ohio House

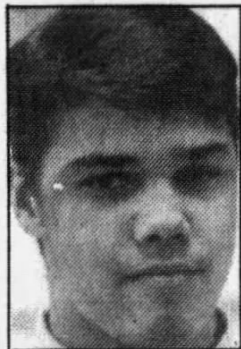
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Chad Green and David Boda were named co-most valuable wrestlers of the Ross High School wrestling team Tuesday night.

The most valuable wrestler awards along with several other



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awards were announced during an awards program in the high school cafeteria.

Along with awards to wrestlers, Ross head coach Al Voggenthaler, who is retiring at the end of the school year, was presented with two special awards.

Green, a senior, and Boda, a junior, were state tournament qualifiers this past season.

In addition to the most valuable award, Green also was presented with a captain trophy and won the most pins award. Daniel Costilla served as co-captain with Green.

Sophomore David Alejandro

won the trophy for the most takedowns while the most improved wrestler honor went to senior Rodney Pettiford.

Senior Bob Gross was presented with the coaches award by Voggenthaler. The award goes to the person who may not be a starter on the team but, as Voggenthaler put it, "does the best he can with the talent he has."

Fourth-year letter awards went to Daniel Costilla and Brian Moreno.

Voggenthaler received a Certificate of Commendation from the Ohio House of Representatives for his years of service to the sport of wrestling. The certificate was presented by 1986 Ross wrestling team captain John Lozano, a graduate of Ohio State and a parttime worker in the state house.

The Ross Athletic Boosters also presented Voggenthaler with a plaque commemorating his 19 years as the Ross coach.

The Booster Club also presented medals to Buckeye Central Conference champions Boday, Alejandro, Mat Kanan, Andy Reardon and Green.

Also, Voggenthaler announced that the team has voted Boda and Alejandro as co-captains of next year's team.

