

Legg a Bobcat-to-be

Ross senior commits to wrestle at OU

By **MATTHEW HORN**
Staff Writer

Senior wrestler Andrew Legg hasn't been the kid who worried about being the last one picked.

Regardless of members' exclusivity, Legg was never left out in the cold.

An Ohio national-level summer wrestling team has invited him to participate each of the last four years.

And Legg, 18, signed a national letter of intent with Ohio University in the Hall of Fame Room at Fremont Ross on Friday. The Bobcats have won the most Mid-American Conference titles with 12 and 92 wrestlers have captured individual championships.

"Coach (Joel) Greenlee is really enthusiastic," Legg said. "He's a motivational

guy. He works guys mentally and physically. He wants to keep the program the best in the MAC. I feel the program will continue to set the standards as the top team in the MAC."

Legg decided to make OU his wrestling destination last week after taking an official visit in October.

His visit covered two days, and Legg was impressed Greenlee hardly left his side.

"Coach gave me individual attention. He showed he cares for his wrestlers very much and would do a lot for them," Legg said.

Legg will receive a 90 percent scholarship and believes he can rapidly acclimate himself to the college environment.

"I feel I will have exceptional opportunities to take my wrestling to a higher level."

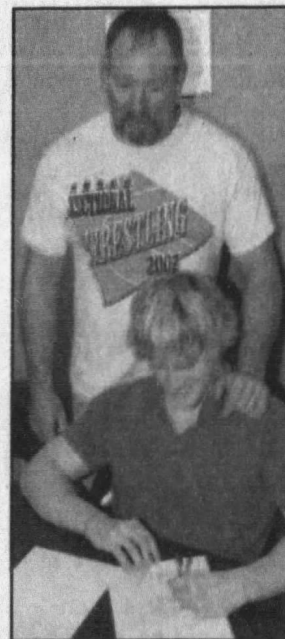
— Ross wrestling standout Andrew Legg

"Going into my first college year, I know half the team pretty well," Legg said. "With athletics and academics, I can adjust to the college atmosphere a lot better."

Future Bobcat teammate Brian Caesar placed one spot ahead of sophomore Legg at state two years ago, and Legg roomed with Caleb Metcalf on his visit.

"I will have great workout partners that will help me develop into a very successful wrestler," Legg said. "I feel I will have exceptional opportunities to take my wrestling to a higher level."

Legg went 36-4 and placed fifth in the 171-pound weight class at state two years ago — the only sophomore to place between 140 and heavyweight in Divi-



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ROSS'S Andrew Legg, with Little Giants coach Grover Dowell, signs a national letter of intent for Ohio University.

sion I. He was a state qualifier last season and will wrestle at 174 or 184 pounds in college.

Legg, who has wrestled since he was 10 years old, is 97-19 in his high school career.

Gutschalk, Legg pace Ross

JAKE GUTSCHALK (145) and **Andrew Legg** (189) both took home championships at the nine-team Ashland Invitational.

Ross placed fourth as a team with 126 points.

Also for the Little Giants, **Kyle Watts** (112) placed third and **Garret Stine** (171) and **Jorge Perez** (275) each placed fourth.

Wrestling

High School

Ashland Invitational

Team Scores

Ashland.....	196
Galion.....	134
Gahanna.....	130.5
Ross.....	126
Marion F.....	126
Massillon.....	116
Medina.....	115.5
N. Western.....	110.5
Worthington.....	97.5

Top Finishers, and Ross Results

103 — 1. Josh Cutter (NW), 2. Anthony Estrada (Mass), 3. Bryan Ashbrook (Ash).

112 — 1. Daniel Early (Gah), 2. Mike Schmidt (Med), 3. Kyle Watts (R).

119 — 1. Chris Bursley (Ash), 2. Corey Smer (Mass), 3. Jeremiah Allen (MF).

125 — 1. Brett Bursley (Ash), 2. Justin Cole (WK), 3. Nik McClure (Gal).

130 — 1. Josh Balogh (NW), 2. John Hansel (MF), 3. Jeff Kneeland (GAh).

135 — 1. Brent Weisenstein (Ash), 2. Ryan Fransisco (Gal), 3. Alex Trenneff (Gah), 5. Brock Davis (R).

140 — 1. Cory Runkle (NW), 2. James Glover (Gal), 3. Aaron Shambaugh (Ash).

145 — 1. Jake Gutschalk (R), 2. Ben Blubaugh (Gal), 3. Jeff Keal (Med).

152 — 1. Cody Mager (Ash), 2. Keith Askel (Gah), 3. Todd Steyer (Med).

160 — 1. Jon Mathias (WK), 2. Antione Love (Gah), 3. Kurt Hess (Ash), 4. Austin Earle (R).

171 — 1. John Hawkins (Med), 2. Heath Hess (Ash), 3. Dylan Lee (MF), 4. Garrett Stine (R).

189 — 1. Andrew Legg (R), 2. Andy Zalaskains (Mass), 3. Ryan Yelle (WK).

215 — 1. Bill Jones (Ash), 2. Ladrekus Billford (Mass), 3. Clay Ream (NW), 4. Myles Porter (R).

275 — 1. Dustin Fox (Gal), 2. Steve Damron (WK), 3. Torrance Nicholson (MF), 4. Jorge Perez (R).

Wrestling

Ross second at 20-team invite

Andrew Legg led five top-three finishers as Ross was runner-up at the 20-team Rogers Holiday Invitational.

Legg won the 189-pound weight class by beating Rossford's Ted George 14-3 in the final.

Austin Earle (152) finished second and Brock Davis (130), Garrett Stine (171) and Myles Porter (215) finished third for Ross.

Rogers Holiday Invitational

St. Edward	264.5
Ross	162
Firestone	126
Collinwood	120.5
Central Catholic	114.5
Fairmont	103
Rossford	93
Swanton	84
Wauseon	83.5
North Ridgeville	81
Rogers	79.5
Bowsher	76
Elida	71
Piqua	65
Bath	59
St. Francis	55.5
Edgerton	50
Woodward	50
Bowling Green	44
Scott	7

Ross results

Champion

189-Andrew Legg

Second-place finisher

152-Austin Earle

Third-place finishers

130-Brock Davis

171-Garrett Stine

215-Myles Porter

Fourth-place finishers

112-Zac Brunner

Sixth-place finishers

160-Josh Howey

275-Jorge Perez

Wrestling

Ross sweeps pair

Ross defeated Lima Senior 70-6 and Napoleon 47-30.

Five Little Giant wrestlers — **MIKE FLORES** (119), **BROCK DAVIS** (125), **JAKE GUTSCHALK** (145), **AUSTIN EARLE** (152) and **ANDREW LEGG** (189 — notched pins against Napoleon.

Against Lima, **JOSH HOWEY** (160) pinned Andrew Watkins and **BROCK DAVIS** (130) and **SAMMY KRUEGER** (135) picked up 18-0 and 15-0 victories, respectively.

Wrestling

High School

Ross 47, Napoleon 30

- 103 — forfeit (N)
- 112 — Zac Brunner (R) def. Brad Heinrichs 15-0
- 119 — Mike Flores (R) p. Shane Roberts 1:43
- 125 — forfeit (N)
- 130 — Brock Davis (R) p. Kyle Althero 1:07
- 135 — Sammy Krueger (R) dec. Corey Scott 7-2
- 140 — Will Gilson (N) p. Chris Bias 3:09
- 145 — Jake Gutschalk (R) p. Chris Knepper :19
- 152 — Austin Earle (R) p. Doug Gamble 3:03
- 160 — forfeit (R)
- 171 — Thomas Verhelst (N) p. Garrett Stine 2:40
- 189 — Andrew LEgg (R) p. Justin Westhoven 2:26
- 215 — Myles Porter (R) dec. Kyle Fruth 5-2
- Hwt — forfeit (N)
- JV: 12-8 Ross

Ross 70, Lima Sr. 6

- 103 — forfeit
- 112 — forfeit Zac Brunner (R)
- 119 — forfeit Mike Flores (R)
- 125 — forfeit (LS)
- 130 — Brock Davis (R) def. David Schluneker 18-0
- 135 — Sammy Krueger (R) def. Jovarious McGraw 15-0
- 140 — forfeit Chris Bias (R)
- 145 — forfeit Jake Gutschalk (R)
- 152 — forfeit Austin Earle (R)
- 160 — Josh Howey (R) p. Andrew Watkins 1:31
- 171 — forfeit Garrett Stein (R)
- 189 — forfeit Andrew Legg (R)
- 215 — forfeit Myles Porter (R)
- Hwt — forfeit Rob Durnwald (R)

Wrestling

Legg lifts Little Giants

ANDREW LEGG picked up two pins as Ross beat Swanton 49-30 and Libbey 54-22.

Legg (189) pinned Swanton's John Slachta in 1:14 and Libbey's Ebony Cash in 49 seconds.

Four other Little Giants — **MIKE FLORES** (119), **CHRIS BIAS** (140), **JAKE GUTSCHALK** (145) and **MYLES PORTER** (215) — had pins against Swanton.

ZAC BRUNNER (112) needed only 24 seconds to get a pin against Libbey. **JORGE PEREZ** (heavyweight) pinned his man in 3:21.

Wrestling

High School

Ross 54, Libbey 22

103 — forfeit
112 — Zac Brunner (R) p. Travel Finley :24
119 — Mike Flores (R) forfeit
125 — Jesse Smith (L) forfeit
130 — Brock Davis (R) forfeit
135 — Sammy Krueger (R) forfeit
140 — Sean Mitchel (L) p. Chris Bias 1:13
145 — Raymond Savage (L) def. Jake Gutschalk 15-4
152 — Austin Earle (R) forfeit
160 — Gordan Hagen (L) p. Josh Howey 3:43
171 — Garrett Stine (R) forfeit
189 — Andrew Leff (R) p. Ebony Cash :49
215 — Myles Porter (R) forfeit
Hwt — Jorge Perez (R) p. James Williams 3:21.

Ross 49, Swanton 30

103 — Jacob Pezzier (S) forfeit
112 — Zac Brunner (R) forfeit
119 — Mike Flores (R) p. Mike McNut 1:15
125 — Jason Wasserman (S) forfeit
130 — Brock Davis (R) forfeit
135 — Cody Madden (S) p. Sammy Krueger 2:40
140 — Chris Bias (R) p. Gordon Stinson :48
145 — Jake Gutschalk (R) p. Zack Hendrix 4:00
152 — Austin Earle (R) maj dec Brian Hildebrand 15-3
160 — Ken Hulme (S) p. Josh Howey 4:00
171 — Garrett Stine (R) dec. Nick Haddad 6-3
189 — Andrew Legg (R) p. John Slachta 1:14
215 — Myles Porter (R) p. Eric Nijakowski 1:20
Hwt — Xavier Taylor (S) p. Jorge Perez 4:18

MAL MACKEY TOURNAMENT

Giants garner lucky No. 13

Ross coach wins his final Mackey title

By SCOTT BLACK
News-Messenger correspondent

If you heard a large roar on Saturday, don't be alarmed.

It was just the Fremont Ross Little Giants flexing their muscles as they tossed aside the competition in winning the 31st annual Mal Mackey Memorial Tournament.

Austin Earle, Andrew Legg, Jorge Perez won championships as host Ross rolled up 168 points to win the team title for the 13th straight year.

There was no mistaking the prevalent purple and white colors of the crowd, and there was no mistaking the purple "Grover's Last Dance" T-shirts that a lot of those people were wearing.

Ross coach Grover Dowell is retiring at the end of this season, so the T-shirts



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Rocket resurgence

OAK HARBOR'S Billy Shearon holds down Maumee's Sam Adams in the 140-pound weight class at the Oak Harbor Invitational on Saturday. The sophomore took fourth in the category. The host Rockets made a strong showing, finishing just two points behind champion Maumee.

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make sense. There is also a bit of an inside joke to them.

"I feel good about winning my last Mackey," Dowell said. "But it's because we have such a good group

of kids. They won this tournament, and the good kids we've had over the years and good assistants all helped win the other 12, too. They've made it a lot easier than it could have

been.

"My assistant coaches came up with these T-shirts for my last year," Dowell continued.

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Host Little Giants win invite for 13th straight season

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"There's a little joke about me getting upset at a tournament up in Toledo last year and kind of doing a little dance and jumping and shouting around."

Sylvania Northview (131.5), Northwood (113.5), Port Clinton (111) and Otsego (96.5) rounded out the top five on Saturday.

Otsego's Andy Cocke picked up the trophy for the most pins in the fastest time, and Bowling Green's David Briggs won the tournament's MVP Trophy.

The Little Giants advanced 10 wrestlers to

the finals.

Earle won the 152-pound title with a 3:49 fall over J.D. Zetzer of Port Clinton; Andrew Legg won the 171-pound title with a 15-0 technical fall over Kyle Masney of Northview and Jorge Perez won the 215-pound title with a 5:38 fall over Corbet Griffith of Northwood.

The Little Giants also got second-place finishes from Zac Brunner (112), Sam Krueger (130), Jake Gutschalk (140), Garrett Stine (160), Myles Porter (189) and Rob Durnwald (275).

A uniformed Army PFC, Chris Kayser, who is stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., presented Earle with his first-place trophy.

Kayser who graduated from Ross last year

is one of only three four-time winners in the history of the tournament.

"I've been wrestling with Austin since I was in the eighth grade," Kayser said. "We're really good friends. It just made me feel proud that he won his senior year, and that I was able to give him his award. I'm home on leave right now, and I was just lucky enough to be back and catch my guys at home."

Dowell said the Giants are now primed and ready to roll.

"Were sitting at 4-0 in dual meets, and we won the Mackey," he continued. "We have a good team. ... We're ready to go and get on with the rest of the season."

Wrestling

High School

Mal Mackey Tournament

Fremont Ross	168
Sylvania Northview	131.5
Northwood	113.5
Port Clinton	111
Otsego	96.5
Bowling Green	67.5
Perrysburg	64.5
Lima Senior	30

Championships

103-Andy Cocke (O) pinned Kyle Richardson (P)

112-David Briggs (BG) def. Zac Brunner (Ross) 12-2

119-Noah Zyduck (P) pinned Billy Peterson (PC) 1:24

125-Jacob Dukeshire (PC) def. Bob Walker (O) 16-3

130-David Schluneker (LS) def. Sam Krueger (Ross) 7-4

135-Jeremy Fowler (S) def. Nick Wadsworth (PC) 8-2

140-Gary Osmond (O) def. Jake Gutschalk (Ross) 12-7

145-Sli Bostelman (O) def. Shawn Milner (S) 6-3

152-Austin Earle (Ross) pinned J.D. Zetzer (PC) 3:49

160-Brandon McGaharan (N) pinned Garrett Stine (Ross) 3:10

171-Andrew Legg (Ross) def. Kyle Masney (S) 15-0

189-Brian Whitner (P) def. Myles Porter (Ross) 10-6

215-Jorge Perez (Ross) pinned Corbet Griffith (N) 5:38

275-James Blankenship (N) pinned Rob Durnwald (Ross) 5:04

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Fliers sweep tri-meet

Grover is grouchy about Giants' effort

By **SCOTT BLACK**
News-Messenger correspondent

SANDUSKY — The Sandusky Bay Conference took on the Greater Buckeye Conference in wrestling action on Wednesday at Sandusky High School, and it was the SBC that came away with a one-two punch.

Clyde, ranked eighth in this week's Division II coaches wrestling poll, beat GBC members Sandusky and Fremont Ross 50-24 and 50-22, respectively, to raise its dual record to 4-0.

The Little Giants then defeated archrival Sandusky 40-35 to improve to 3-1.

Clyde coach Dale Carroll was happy to take the double win, but he still wants to see more improvement.

"I thought that we wrestled pretty good tonight," Carroll said. "This is now the middle of the season, and it's time now to get ready for the league and sectional tournament. We've got little things to take care of, but I'm real happy with the team."

Adam Thurn, Robbie Micheals, J.R. Ysaguirre, Jake Zieber, Jon Taylor, Jared Martin, Eric Schwartz and Matt Guhn each notched a pair of wins for Clyde.

Ross's Jake Gutshalk, Austin Earle, Andrew Legg and Miles Porter also notched two victories.

Ross coach Grover Dowell was not pleased with his team's performance — not with the win and certainly not with the loss.

"I really wasn't happy with anything tonight," Dowell said. "We really should have blown Sandusky out. The kids were quitting halfway through their moves. They didn't hit the moves we work on in practice, and they were pulling crap I've never seen before."

"That wasn't Fremont out there," he continued. "I don't know what got into them. I don't know if we were scared or what, but I was disappointed with the whole team."

One of the most anticipated matches of the night was between state qualifiers Ysaguirre of Clyde and Brock Davis of Ross. The match, however, ended early when Ysaguirre caught Davis in a fall at 2:40 to gain a little revenge.

More preps

■ S.J.C.C. wrestlers dominate Seneca East, Margaretta.
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"I knew that it was going to be a tough match because he beat me pretty bad last year," Ysaguirre said. "So I wanted to come back this year and prove that I could take it to him. Brock comes right at you, so if you're not ready for it you're in trouble. I was able to catch him sitting on his butt, and I just drove him straight back to his back and pinned him."

Carroll was pleased with Ysaguirre performance in the match and on the year so far.

"That's four state qualifiers that J.R. has beaten in a row," Carroll said. "He's wrestling hard, and I think that he's got his mind focused on what he needs to

do."

Ross trailed Sandusky 23-12, but Gutshalk, Josh Howey and Earle reeled off three straight win — the first two by pins — as the Little Giants took a 28-23 lead.

Angelo Jones gave Sandusky the lead back at 29-28 when he recorded a 3:41 pin of Garrett Stine.

Falls by Legg and Porter sealed the win for the Little Giants.

Earle certainly was satisfied with the evening.

"The Clyde match went the way I thought it would, but I really thought we do better against Sandusky," he said. "Their lighter weights hurt us. I thought we'd win that match big-time. We didn't show our potential tonight, but we'll get stronger if we work harder."

Clyde 50, Ross 22

103 — Adam Thurn (C) p. Marcus Measner 1:27
112 — Zac Brunner (R) dec Troy Wetzell 9-4
119 — Robbie Michaels (C) p. Mike Flores 1:48
125 — Willie Fultz (C) dec Sam Krueger 11-6
130 — JR Ysaguirre (C) p. Brock Davis 2:40
135 — Jake Ziber (C) tech fall Chris Bias 16-0
140 — Jake Gutschalk (R) dec Andy Slone 8-7
145 — John Taylor (C) p. Josh Howey 2:41
152 — Austin Earle (R) p. Nick Garcia 1:08
160 — Jared Martin (C) tech fall Garret Stine 11-2
171 — Andrew Legg (R) forfeit
189 — Myles Porter (R) dec Cody Balogh 10-2
215 — Eric Schwartz (C) p. Jorge Perez 2:37
275 — Matt Guhn (C) p. Rob Durnwald 1:48

Ross 40, Sandusky 35

103 — Nick Webb (S) p. Marcus Measner 1:29
112 — Jarred Jenkins (S) dec Zac Brunner
119 — Morgan Scott (S) TF Mike Flores
125 — Jay Dreschel (S) TF Sam Krueger 16-0
130 — Brock Davis (R) p. John Frby 2:27
135 — Zac Knoll (S) dec Chris Bias 9-3
140 — Jake Gutschalk (R) p. Nic Peters 1:42
145 — Josh Howey (R) p. John Spencer 1:40
152 — Austin Earle (R) maj dec Adam Crawford 11-3
160 — Angelo Jones (S) p. Garrett Stine 3:41
171 — Andrew Legg (R) p. Daren Warner :33
189 — Myles Porter (R) p. Eric Lyons 3:30
215 — Anthony Watson (S) p. Jorge Perez 3:30
275 — Rob Durnwald (R) forfeit

Clyde 50, Sandusky 24

103 — Adam Thurn (C) dec Nick Webb
112 — Jarred Jenkins (S) p. Troy Wetzell 1:44
119 — Robbie Michaels (C) p. Morgan Scott 3:40
125 — Jay Dreschel (S) p. Willie Fultz :38
130 — JR Ysaguirre (C) TF John Frby 16-1
135 — Jake Zeiber (C) p. Zac Knoll 3:13
140 — Andy Slone (C) p. Nic Peters 3:37
145 — John Taylor (C) p. John Spearman 3:04
152 — Adam Crawford (S) p. Nick Garcia 3:05
160 — Jared Martin (C) TF Angelo Jones 19-3
171 — Cody Balogh (C) dec Daren Warren 10-5
189 — Eric Schwartz (C) maj dec Eric Lyons 19-5
215 — Anthony Watson (S) forfeit
275 — Matt Guhn (C) forfeit

Wrestling

Ross wins twice

Six Fremont Ross wrestler won both their matches as the team defeated Fostoria 39-35 and Woodmore 63-16.

MIKE FLOREZ (112/119), **SAM KRUEGER** (125), **BROCK DAVIS** (130), **AUSTIN EARLE** (152), **ANDREW LEGG** (171) and **JORGE PEREZ** (215) each earned two victories for the Little Giants (7-1).

Earle and Perez each notched two pins, and Davis had a pin and an impressive 17-5 decision over the Wildcats' **CHASON AULT**.

Wrestling

High School

Ross 63, Woodmore 16

103 — Keith Giesler (W) p. Marcus Measimer 2:59

112 — Zac Brunner (R) forfeit

119 — Mike Florez (R) p. Josh Zollinger :38

125 — Sam Krueger (R) p. A.J. Marquis 1:25

130 — Brock Davis (R) def. Chason Ault 17-5

135 — Jake Engle (W) def. Dave Resendez 17-1

140 — Jake Gutschalk (R) p. Tim Artressia 1:54

145 — Juni Arreola (W) def. Josh Howey 22-3

152 — Austin Earle (R) p. Jake Hepler :39

160 — Kevin Henry (R) p. Jeremiah Holfelder 3:20

171 — Andrew Legg (R) def Brandon Hille 19-4

189 — Myles Porter (R) p. Kevin Winters 2:39

215 — Jorge Perez (R) p. Cody Rickard 1:10

hwt — Rob Durnwald (R) p. Kevin Trollo 5:55

JV: Ross 9, Woodmore 0

Ross 39, Fostoria 35

103 — Bryan Garcia (F) p. Marcus Measimer 1:06

112 — Mike Florez (R) forfeit

119 — Bill Reese (F) def Zac Brunner 9-3

125 — Sam Krueger (R) forfeit

130 — Brock Davis (R) forfeit

135 — Dan Jordan (F) def Dave Resendez 17-0

140 — Alex Shiff (F) def Jake Gutschalk 9-4

145 — Josh Howey (R) def Brad Howard 9-4

152 — Austin Earle (R) p. Shane Parsons 1:55

160 — Gavin Feucht (F) p. Kevin Henry 4:28

171 — Andrew Legg (R) p. Bill VanScyol 1:23

189 — Ryan Hook (F) p. Myles Porter 1:38

215 — Jorge Perez (R) p. Kyle Haughawout 1:10

hwt — Joe Morton (F) p. Rob Durnwald 1:36

Record: Ross 7-1.

JV: Ross 6, Fostoria 6

Ross wrestlers capture Celina Invitational title

Krueger, Davis, Legg win crowns

News-Messenger reports

The Fremont Ross wrestling team captured the team title at the Celina Lions Invitational Saturday at Celina High School.

The Little Giants tallied 200.5 points to edge Greenville by 5.5 points for the team championship.

Host Celina was third with 193 points followed by Versailles with 180, Coldwater 116.5, Elida and Worthington Kilbourne with 77.5 each and Toledo Whitmer with 76.5.

Winning individual titles for the Little Giants were Sam Krueger at 125 pounds, Brock Davis at 130 and An-

drew Legg at 171.

All three wrestlers went 4-0 in the round-robin, pool format tournament. Krueger had two pins, a technical fall and a major decision. Davis won all of his matches by falls, including three in the first period and one in the second. Legg had two pins and two technical falls.

Other placers for the Little Giants were Zac Brunner (fourth at 112), Chris Bias (fourth at 135), Jake Gutschalk (second at 140), Josh Howey (sixth at 145), Austin Earle (second at 152), Garrett Stine (fifth at 160), Myles Porter (second at 189), Jorge Perez (second at 215).

Wrestling.....

Ross takes two

ZAC BRUNNER (112) won two decisions and **CHRIS BIAS** (135) had one decision and one pin as Ross beat Findlay 40-29 and Lima Senior 83-0.

Wrestling

High School Boys

Ross 40, Findlay 29

Ross 83, Lima Sr. 0

Ross vs. Findlay

103: Anthony Alessi (F) p. Marcus Measimer (R) 1:49.

112: Zac Brunner (R) dec. Aaron Garlock (F) 9-5.

119: James Beltz (F) p. Mike Flores (R) 4:14.

125: Sam Krueger (R) dec. Preston Wray (F) 13-6.

130: Brock Davis (R) forfeit.

135: Chris Bias (R) dec. Chris Schiltz (F) 12-2.^N

140: Jake Gutschalk (R) dec. Troy Gwinn (F) 6-5.

145: Drew Rimelspach (F) dec. Josh Howey (R) 16-0.

152: Austin Earle (R) dec. Jason Bazel (F) 5-1.

160: Will Peterson (F) p. Garrett Stine (R) 3:25.

171: Andrew Legg (R) p. John Kapo (F) 3:25.

189: Myle Porter (R) forfeit.

215: Jorge Perez (R) p. Matt Eller (F) 2:23.

HWT: Robbie Brubeck (F) p. Rob Durnwald (R) 1:07.

Ross vs. Lima Sr.

112: Zac Brunner (R) dec. Joe Meeker (F) 3:30.

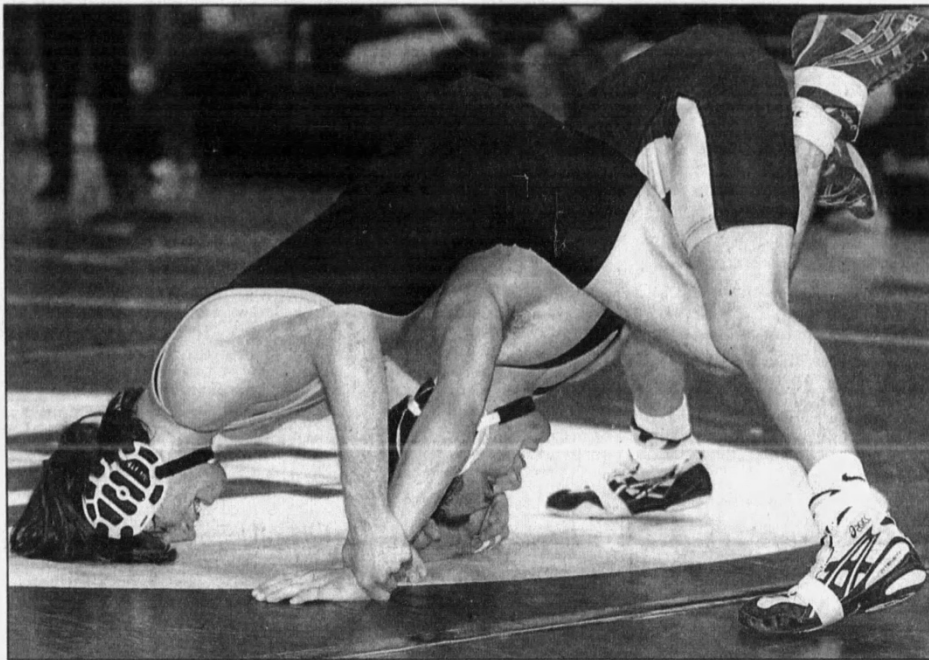
130: Brock Davis (R) dec. David Schluneker (F) 20-5.

135: Chris Bias (R) p. Javarous McGraw (F) 1:52.

HWT: Rob Durnwald (R) p. Aaron Lewis (F) 1:25.

ROSS DEF. NORWALK 36-30, P.C. 67-9

Out on top



News-Messenger photos/David Distelhorst

NORWALK'S Pat Brown, left, tries to restrain Fremont Ross's Brock Davis in the 130-pound weight class on Wednesday. Davis won the match 12-7 and lost 11-8 to Port Clinton's Nick Wadsworth as the Little Giants won 36-30 and 67-9, respectively. Davis qualified for state last year.

Ross wins two in coach's finale

By MATTHEW HORN
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Grover Dowell's last home meet as Fremont Ross wrestling coach came down to the heavyweight class on Wednesday.

Rob Durnwald registered a pin at 5:49 as the Little Giants edged Norwalk 36-30 to complete a tri-meet sweep.

"Other than winning for ourselves, we wanted to win for coach," said Durnwald, who also notched a pin in Ross's 67-9 victory over Port Clinton. "He's so important and has done so much for the program, it only seems right to send him off with a win."

Durnwald was proud to have participated in the consequential match.

"I worked hard to show what he's taught me — to work hard and give it your all," he said. "I knew I had to go in there and play it smooth. I knew I could work him into a pin."

Dowell will retire after his 14th season as head coach.

"I'll remember all the supportive people — the parents, fans and outstanding people I had to work with," Dowell said. "I'll miss the camaraderie with the kids and the assistant coaches. You put so much sweat and blood into it that it becomes family year after year."

Norwalk took a 16-3 lead into Jake Gutschalk's match at 140 pounds. Gutschalk tied his match 8-8 in the closing seconds and defeated Kyle Jameson 10-8 in overtime.

Gutschalk narrowly avoided being pinned before mounting the comeback and pulling the Giants within 16-6.

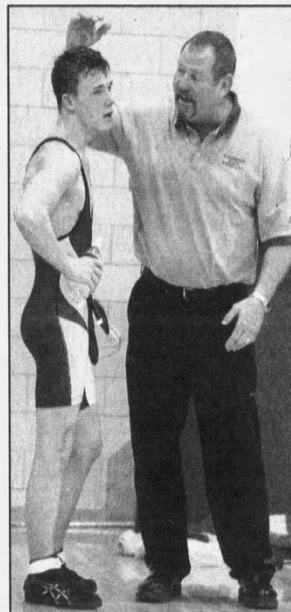
Ross lost its next match before Austin Earle (152) won a decision, and Garrett Stine (160), Andrew Legg (171) and Myles Porter (189) won by fall in successive matches to knot the score at 24-24.

"I was disappointed in our lack of aggression," Dowell said. "I thought Norwalk came out aggressive, and we looked tentative. Gutschalk had a great match."

"We have three weeks to work on setting up take-downs and having more control and drive on the mat."

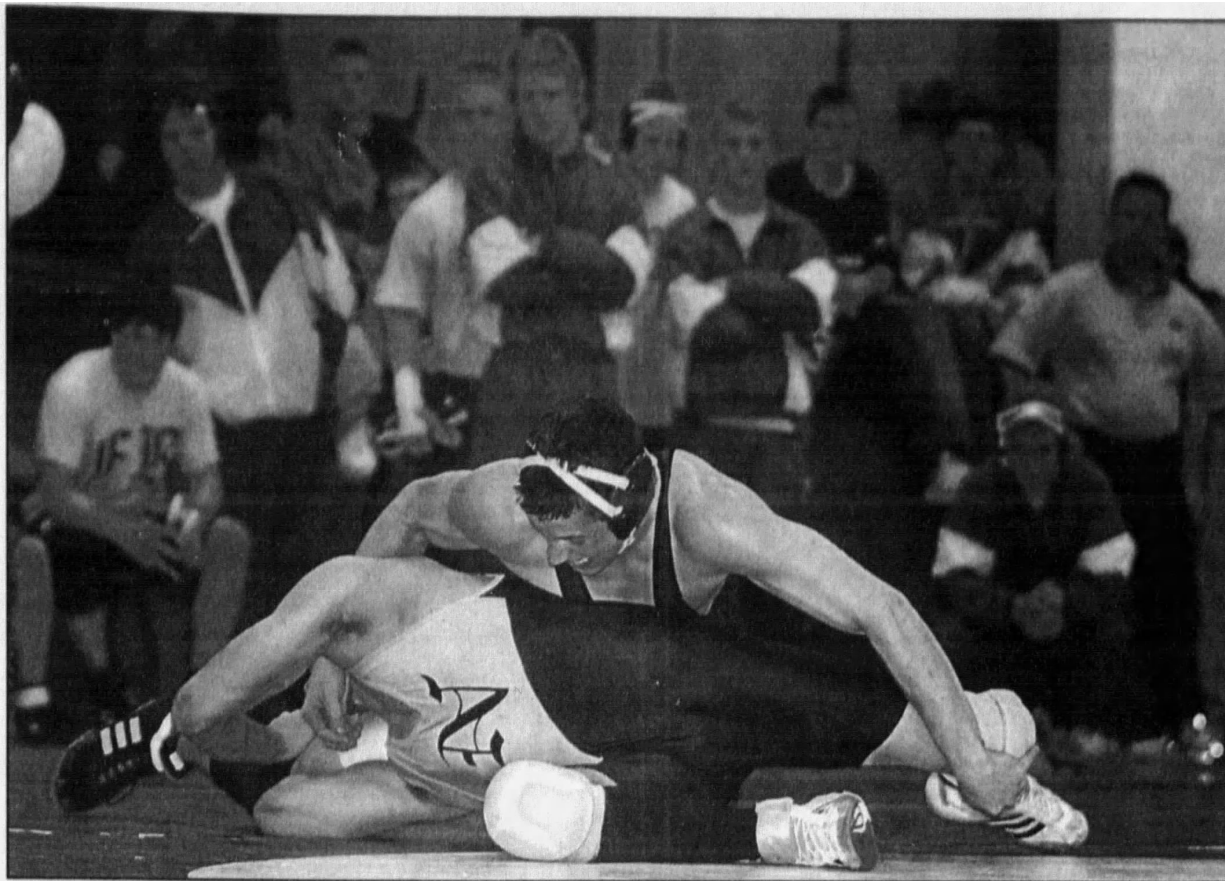
Norwalk coach Ronald Deluca said his team needed a few pins at the lower weights but managed only one.

"Ross's upper weights are outstanding," he said. "We have a young heavyweight. We knew we'd have to win and score points early."



FREMONT ROSS coach Grover Dowell talks with Chris Bias following a 9-0 loss to Norwalk's Chas Lang on Wednesday at Ross. Dowell was coaching in his last home meet after 14 years at the Little Giants' helm. Dowell's time at Ross was marked by his gruff sense of humor, honesty and generosity.

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FREMONT ROSS'S Jake Gutschalk competes against Norwalk's Kyle Jameson in the 140-pound weight class on Wednesday. Gutschalk won 10-8 in overtime. It proved to be a momentum-turning victory as Ross rallied to beat Norwalk 36-30. News-Messenger/David Distelhorst

Giants give coach tri-meet sweep as farewell gift

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Gutschalk won two decisions, and Porter joined Durnwald as the only Giants with two pins.

Deluca was impressed with Legg, who pinned Brenton Parker in 1:10 to run his record to 29-0.

"You can't ever beat aggression," he said. "That will carry him a long way. He wasn't out there long enough for me to see

him really demonstrate his skills."

Deluca's team participated in the Rossford Invitational last weekend, and he said no wrestler there was in Legg's class.

"I wanted to get the guys fired up," Legg said. "They were down about losing at the lower weights.

"I wanted to go intense and minimize mistakes with leagues and sectionals coming up.

"Aside from coach's last meet — we had to be intense as a team. A win is a win sometimes. Overall, we wrestled tough, but there's some refining to do in the wrestling room."

Legg said Durnwald has already done a great deal to improve.

"He's improved 150 percent since the beginning of the year," Legg said. "He's always open-minded and willing to learn."

And Dowell undoubtedly played a major role.

"There's no B.S.," said senior Brock Davis, who split his two matches. "(Dowell) tells you how it is, what you have to change and when. He doesn't beat around the bush, he just tells you the truth.

"He lets you know what you need to do to get better, and with somebody with his experience you ought to listen."

Wrestling

High School

Ross 67, Port Clinton 9

Ross 36, Norwalk 30

Norwalk 53, Port Clinton 12

Ross vs. Port Clinton

103: Marcus Measimer (R) forfeit.
112: Zac Brunner (R) forfeit.
119: Mike Flores (R) forfeit.
125: Sam Krueger (R) d. Jacob Dukeshire (PC) 6-4.
130: Nick Wadsworth (PC) d. Brock Davis (R) 11-8.
135: Chris Bias (R).
140: Jake Gutschalk (R) d. Brandon Drum (PC) 14-5.
145: Steve Dearth (PC) p. Josh Howey (R) 1:53.
152: Austin Earle (R) p. J.D. Zetzer (PC) :52.
160: Kevin Henry (R) forfeit.
171: Andrew Legg (R) forfeit.
189: Myles Porter (R) p. Ty Gardner (PC) 2:21.
215: Brandon Wolf (R) forfeit.
HWT: Rob Durnwald (R) p. John Taylor (PC) :22.

Ross vs. Norwalk

103: Marcus Measimer (R) forfeit.
112: Matt Roth (N) dec. Zac Brunner (R) 8-5.
119: Tin Putnam (N) p. Mike Flores (R) 1:08.
125: Tyler Sabatino (N) d. Sam Krueger (R) 3-2.
130: Brock Davis (R) d. Pat Brown (N) 12-7.
135: Chas Lang (N) d. Chjs Bias (R) 9-0.
140: Jake Gutschalk (R) d. Kyle Jameson (R) 10-8.
145: Dustin Kuhlman (N) d. Josh Howey (R) 18-3.
152: Matt Goostree (N) d. Austin Earle (R) 9-3.
160: Garrett Stine (R) p. Alex Lendrum (N) 1:29.
171: Andrew Legg (R) p. Brenton Parker (N) 1:10.
189: Myle Porter (R) p. Mario Ramon (N) 4:50.
215: Jeromy Strike (N) forfeit.
HWT: Rob Durnwald (R) p. Jake Wasiniak (N) 5:49.

Port Clinton vs. Norwalk

112: Matt Roth (N) forfeit.
119: Tim Putnam (N) forfeit.
125: Jacob Dukeshire (PC) d. Tyler Sabatino (N) 5-4.
130: Pat Brown (N) p. Nick Wadsworth (PC) 3:20.
135: Chas Lang (N) forfeit.
140: Kyle Jameson (N) d. Brandon Drum (PC) 19-7.
145: Steve Dearth (PC) d. Dustin Kuhlman (N) 8-7.
152: Matt Goostree (N) d. J.D. Zetzer (PC) 12-4.
160: Alex Lendrum (N) forfeit.
171: Brenton Parker (N) forfeit.
189: Mario Ramon (N) dec. Ty Gardner (PC) 9-6.
215: Jeremy Striker (N) forfeit.
HWT: Jake Wasiniak (N) p. John Taylor (PC) :31.

Wrestling

GBC Wrestler of the Year: Andrew Legg.

Captain's Award: Austin Earle, Andrew Legg.

Most Valuable: Andrew Legg.

Most Improved: Myles Porter.

Coach's Award: Mike Flores (Frosh), Jorge Perez (Soph), Sam Krueger (Junior), Kevin Henry (Senior).

First Team GBC: Brock Davis, Austin Earle, Andrew Legg.

Second Team GBC: Jake Gutschalk, Myles Porter.

Honorable Mention GBC: Jorge Perez, Rob Durnwald.

School Records: Andrew Legg (Most Career Wins 135, Most Pins 24).

Fourth Year Award: Austin Earle, Jake Gutschalk, Andrew Legg.

Third Year Award: Sam Krueger, Brock Davis, Myles Porter.

Second Year Award: Zac Brunner, Brandon Wolf, Amanda Frederick, Jennifer Norman.

First Year Award: Chris Bias, Mike Flores, Josh Howey, Jorge Perez, Rob Durnwald, Garrett Stine, Kevin Henry.

Certificate Winners: Brad Biehler, Lucas Gates, Chris Hinsch, Andrew Laubacher, Marcus Measimer, David Resendez, Travis Rodriguez, Steve Snyder, Danny Chavez.