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Ross 'duals' for BCC title

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Al Voggenthaler has said goodbye to the home folks; now he and his Fremont Ross wrestling team will bid adieu to the Buckeye Central Conference.

Voggenthaler, his rocking chair of retirement in place, will guide the Little Giants in the BCC meet at Findlay High School Saturday. Wrestling begins at 11 a.m.

Ross has won the meet — it is actually a quadrangular with Findlay, Lancaster and Newark — two of its three years. Zanesville does not have a wrestling team.

Wednesday, Voggenthaler was presented with a purple and white rocker, roughly hewn out of what appeared to be left-over lumber. It signalled his retirement from teaching and coaching. He has led the Little Giants since 1972, taking over from Mal Mackey, who began the wrestling program.

The biggest challenge facing Ross in his final conference tournament, Voggenthaler expects, is Newark.

"They have a 16-3 dual record," Voggenthaler said. "He (coach Bill Biggers) apparently has a lot of kids back, but a lot of the names are unfamiliar."

Ross, 7-1-1, will wrestle Findlay and Lancaster takes on Newark in the first of the duals. The next set will have Ross going against Lancaster and Findlay challenging Newark. Ross will face Newark in the third round as Lancaster takes on Findlay.

"The teams with the best re-

cords (prior to the tournament) wrestle last," Voggenthaler said. "Lancaster had a winning record — but I don't know what it is — and Findlay, I don't think has won a match."

One of the Findlay losses was a 61-7 thumping from Ross on a night when the Trojans forfeited four weight divisions.

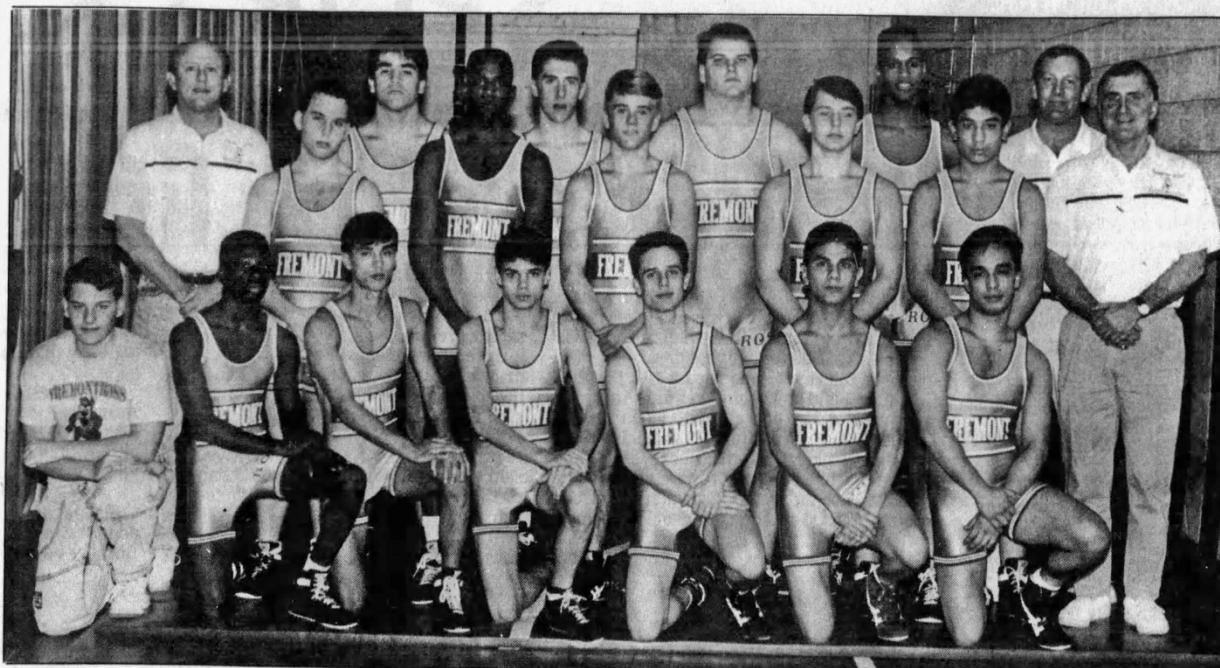
"That normally does not happen to them," Voggenthaler said.

The team with the best overall record in the dual meets is declared the BCC champ. The same goes for determining the individual weight division winners. There are several ways to break a tie for both team and individuals such as head-to-head competition; total points; or most falls and/or technical falls. After that, it is a tie.

"We have been preparing all year for the state tournaments," Voggenthaler said, "and the BCC is a stepping stone toward them, but one of our goals is to win it."

Ross has three individual champions returning: Dave Boda (103), Brian Moreno (189) and Chad Green (275). All are expected to wrestle at those weights. Dave Alejandro was runner-up in the 112-pound division a year ago and will be at the same weight again.

The tentative Little Giants' lineup will have Boda at 103; Alejandro at 112; Mat Kanan at 119; Jaime Hernandez at 125; John Lugar at 130; Daniel Costilla at 135; Rodney Pettiford at 140; Lamar Shepard at 145; Jon Haney at 152; Andy Reardon at 160; Fred Schnee at 171; Moreno at 189 and Green at 275.

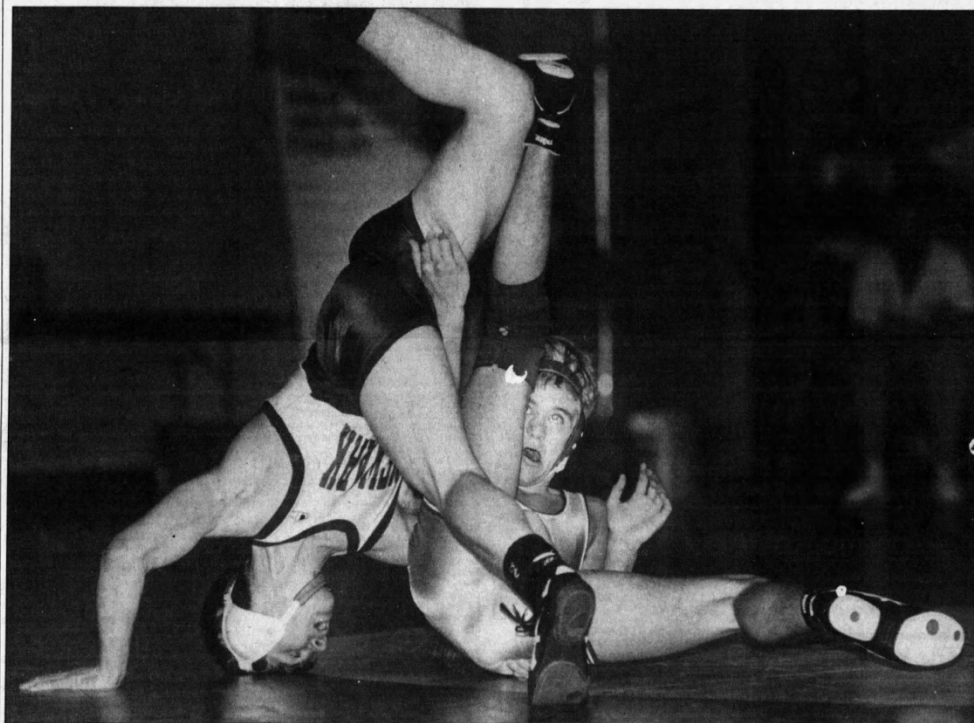


Ross wrestlers enter BCC duals

The Fremont Ross wrestling team is left to right, front row: manager Brent Parker, Emmanuel Heidelberg, Dave Alejandro, Dave Boda, Matt Kanan, Jaime Hernandez, Daniel Costilla; second row: assistant coach Rick Boggs, Andy Reardon, Lamar Shepard, John

Lugar, Jon Hanney, David Contreras, head coach Al Voggenthaler; back row: Brian Moreno, Fred Schnee, Chad Green, Rodney Pettiford and assistant coach Grover Dowell. The Little Giants will compete for a Buckeye Central Conference title Saturday.

Unheralded wrestlers spark Ross



JOHN LUGAR (right) of Fremont Ross reaches for leverage against Newark's Chris Thomas during their 130-pound match Saturday.

Little Giants keep BCC title

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FINDLAY — A pair of wins and a draw offset an upset as Fremont Ross defeated Newark 30-28 to clinch the Buckeye Central Conference Wrestling Tournament championship Saturday.

The victory over the Wildcats gave Ross a 3-0 record in the four-team dual-meet tournament at Findlay High School.

Ross, bowing out of the BCC at the end of this school year, claimed the title for the third time in the four-year existence of the conference.

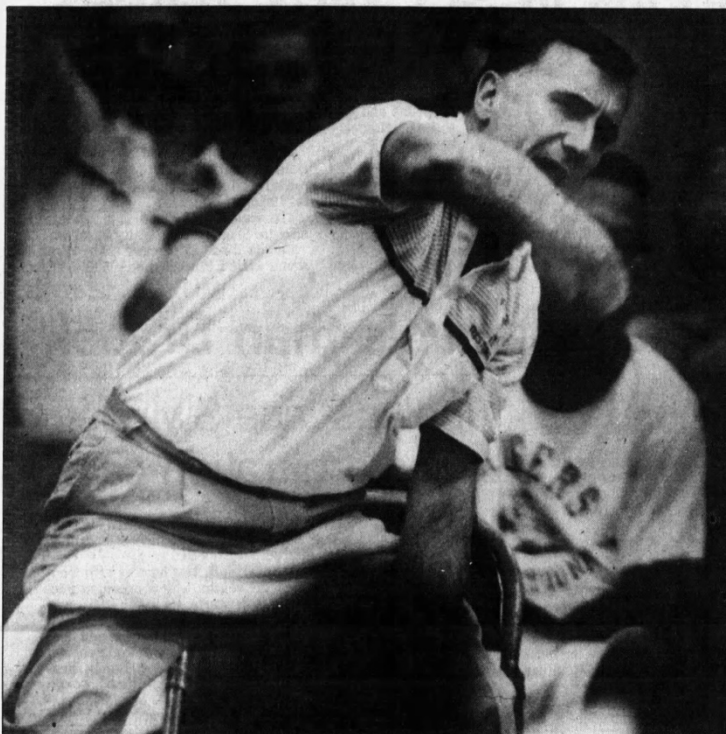
Second in the standings went to Newark with a 2-1 mark with Lancaster next at 1-2. Findlay finished 0-3. The individual champs and runners-up were also determined by their records.

Ross had five champions and a trio of runners-up. David Boda (103), David Alejandro (112), Mat Kanan (119), Andy Reardon (160) and Chad Green (275) were the Ross champions with Boda and Green winning their second BCC titles. Jaime Hernandez (125), Lamar Shepard (145) and Brian Moreno (189) were second.

Ross coach Al Voggenthaler, in his final year of teaching and coaching at Ross, and Bill Biggers of Newark shared coach of the year honors. Findlay's Thi Tran, 140, was named the tour-

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FREMONT ROSS wrestling coach Al Voggenthaler shouts demonstrative instructions to

Lamar Shepard during Saturday's Buckeye Central Conference dual-meet tournament at Findlay.

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newly standing wrestler in a "new" coaches. "In the final match, Ross defeated Findlay 48-12 and Lancaster 42-18.

First, Shepard and then Reardon came to the Little Giants rescue against Newark.

"Those two kids and Mat Kanan really came through," Voggenthaler said. "These are kids who had struggled all year."

After Ross rolled to a 16-2 lead in the first four matches, Newark closed to 16-15 in the next three matches.

Newark had picked up its two points when Kanan came from behind to draw 10-10 with Joey Joyner. The Ross sophomore's aggressive attack had been rewarded when Joyner was penalized two points for stalling when he backed away from Kanan with three seconds remaining in the match.

With Newark closing in, Shepard stopped the run, dominating Gary Bruwell in the 145-pound match before winning a 15-0 technical fall at the end of the second period. That put Ross up 21-15.

"Lamar wrestled the best match of his entire career," Voggenthaler said. "That was exactly when we needed it."

Newark cut the Ross lead to 21-19 as Rick DeVoll outpointed John Hanny 17-9 in the 152-pound match.

Up stepped Reardon. The Little Giant quickly fell behind

Josh Milton in the 160-pound match but early in the second period, Reardon reversed Milton, and pinned him in 2:46, putting Ross up 27-19. The win was unexpected in the Ross camp.

"Everything Reardon does, is unexpected," Voggenthaler said with a laugh, "but he drilled that kid."

Newark bounced back as Justin Schofield scored on a reversal late in the 171-pound match to nip Fred Schnee of Ross 8-7, cutting the Ross lead to 27-22 with two matches remaining.

"We knew we had to win one of those last two matches," Voggenthaler said about the 189 and 275 matches.

"I couldn't relax because it was close down there with Greenie."

Both matches were on the mats at the same time and for awhile, it appeared that heavyweight Chad Green would have the most trouble when the match with Brett Slaughter was scoreless after two periods.

Moreno, the defending champion, had fallen behind on the initial takedown, but had carved out a 13-6 lead. The Ross senior had Tim Anderson on his back for an apparent fall when disaster struck.

"He had the kid decked, just flat-decked," Voggenthaler described. "The referee raised his hand once but then he (Moreno) relaxed and the kid was tough enough to just take him over."

Anderson got the pin in 5:22 but it became academic when Green escaped from Slaughter at the outset of the final period and picked up two penalty points for stalling to post a 3-0 win.

BCC Tournament

Results of Ross matches in Buckeye Central Conference dual meet tournament:

Ross 48, Findlay 12

103-Dave Boda (R) won by forfeit; 112-Dave Alejandro (R) t.f. Andy May; 119: Mat Kanan (R) won by forfeit; 125-Jaime Hernandez (R) won by forfeit; 130: John Lugar (R) d. Jared Craig 9-2; 135: Daniel Costilla (R) d. Bill Van Atta 9-7.

140: Thi Tran (F) d. Rodney Pettiford 8-7; 145: Lamar Shepard t.f. Johnb Hayes; 152: J.C. Keller (F) t.f. Jon Hanny 16-4; 160: James Jolliff t.f. Andy Reardon; 171: Fred Schnee (R) won by forfeit; 189: Brian Moreno (R) d. Josh Miller 8-0; 275: Chad Green (R) d. Brian Wauford 11-3.

Ross 42, Lancaster 18

103: Boda (R) won by forfeit; 112: Alejandro (R) p. Jay Hicks 1:45; 119: Kanan (R) d. Aaron Conrad 8-2; 125: Chad Bowers (L) d. Hernandez 12-8; 130: Brent Baker (L) p. Lugar 4:00; 135: Greg Mock (L) d. Costilla 11-7;

140: Pettiford (R) d. Williams Taylor 5:03; 145: Jimmy Stebleton (L) d. Shepard 8-1; 152: Hanny (R) p. Josh Stebleton 5:15; 160: Reardon (R) won by forfeit; 171: Mike Rosser (L) d. Schnee 16-10; 189: Moreno (R) d. Rob Rosser 8-6; 275: Green (R) p. Greg Chase 1:21.

Ross 30, Newark 28

103: Boda (R) t.f. Cory Durant 16-0; 112: Alejandro (R) d. Chris Back 7-6; 119: Kanan (R) and Joey Joyner (N) drew 10-10; 125: Hernandez (R) won by forfeit; 130: Chris Thomas (N) d. Lugar 12-4; 135: Jamie Kinder (N) d. Costilla 6-5.

140: Jason Carson (N) p. Pettiford 3:37; 145: Shepard (R) t.f. Gary Burwell 15-0; 152: Rick DeVoll (N) d. Hanny 17-9; 160: Reardon (R) p. Josh Milton 2:46; 171: Justin Schofield (N) d. Schnee 8-7; 189: Tim Anderson (N) p. Moreno 5:22; 275: Green d. Brett Slaughter 3-0.

Other dual scores: Newark 45, Findlay 89; Newark 34, Lancaster 26; Lancaster 30, Findlay 17.

Outstanding wrestler award: Thi Tran, Findlay.

Co-coaches of the year: Al Voggenthaler (Ross) and Bill Biggers (Newark).