

FREMONT ROSS LITTLE GIANTS

Head coach: Grover Dowell, eighth year (45-28-2).

Last season: 5-5, fourth place GLL.

Key losses to graduation: Brandon Willer (first place GLL, first place sectionals), Jason Longabach.

Key returners: Derek Wensinger (first GLL, fourth sectionals), Aaron Root (honorable mention GLL), Jesse Sandoval, Keith Mosser (fourth sectionals), Tyler Lawrence, Ty Stout, Dan Wensinger (honorable mention GLL, fourth sectionals), Mike Willer.

Outlook: Inexperience prevented Ross from making a serious run at GLL champion Whitmer, and Bedford, which has won the league 26 of the last 28 years. Last year, that was an excuse. This year, Dowell hopes to put into action what his team has learned. Derek Wensinger shined at 103 as a freshman last year, winning the GLL. The team will look forward to winning its own Mal Mackey Tournament for the third time Jan. 4.

Clay outwrestles Ross at Purple Pit

By MICHAEL BOSI
Staff writer

Hard to tell what the most defining moment of the Fremont Ross wrestling team's opening loss to Oregon Clay Wednesday night was.

Was it Eric Lindsey punching the bleachers in disgust after his 215-pound loss?

Was it a rubber-legged Ty Stout writhing in pain after having his neck pretzled in the heavyweight bout?

Or was it the perturbed expression emanating from coach Grover Dowell's face as the Eagles took a 48-18 triumph at the Purple Pit.

Save for pins by Ross's Derek Wensinger (119 pounds), Cody

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Oregon Clay	48
Fremont Ross	18

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Ross at Ashland Invitational, Saturday

Franks (130) and Tyler Lawrence (145), Clay outmaneuvered, outsmarted and ultimately outwrestled the Little Giants en route to its first dual-meet win over Ross in five years.

"I was disgusted once we started getting toward the older kids," said Dowell, who, if he had his way, said he would have put his team through a practice right after the match. "The more experienced kids were really disappointing, while the younger kids did a nice job fighting."

Dowell admitted he was outcoached, too.

"I have to accept this defeat," he said, "because I obviously did not have the kids mentally prepared. Physically, they have it."

Coming off a 5-5 season, Ross spotted Clay a 12-0 edge on a forfeit in the 103 class and the Eagles' Zach Martin's pin 1:34 into his 112 match with Greg Willoughby.

Clay's most convincing victory came at 125, where Curtis Freeman needed only 12 seconds to dispose of A.J. Durbin.

Clay senior Steve Delapena took a 5-3 decision over Josh Cherry in 135, while freshman Ryan Donley took down senior Mike Willer at the final buzzer

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for a 19-18 decision in 160.

"Steve Delapena was a little bit over weight today, but he's a GLL finalist and he did a heck of a job for us. I was pleased that he gutted it out and he showed a lot of guts because he was hurting a little bit," said Clay coach Rex Ruby.

Down 36-18, the Little Giants need pins in the last four matches to salvage a tie.

They didn't get it.

At 215, Lindsey was by far the aggressor, but second-year grappler Kevin Heinsall recovered from a takedown to pin Lindsey.

Spotting Stout 63 pounds, Clay heavyweight Bill Dart — despite

a lost contact lens — mauled Stout, mostly by crushing him onto his own neck. 29 seconds into the third period.

Stout regained his feet — but not his bearings — and continued the bout.

"(Stout) got manhandled by a kid that's 50 pounds lighter than him and that's going to happen at any weight class if you don't hit the moves," said Dowell. "I don't know if we're not in shape, but there's a lot more drilling to come."

"I've never had that poor of a team display as far as team goes and I hate to put a whole team down because a lot of kids worked their tails off but that's discouraging, depressing, disappointing."

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Clay 48, Ross 18

103 — Arsi Velasquez (C) wins by forfeit; 112 — Zach Martin (C) pins Greg Willoughby (FR), 1:34; 119 — Derek Wensinger (FR) pins Nathan Muenzer (C), 4:31; 125 — Curtis Freeman (C) pin A.J. Durbin, 0:12; 130 — Cody Franks (FR) pin Kirk Miller (C), 1:52; 135 — Steve Delapena (C) def. Josh Cherry (FR), 5-3; 140 — Jason Muenzer (C) pins Kurt Iliff (FR), 0:38; 145 — Tyler Lawrence (FR) pins Matt Gomoll (C), 1:25; 152 — Ryan Schafer (C) def. Don Wensinger (FR), 10-6; 160 — Ryan Donley (C) def. Mike Willer (FR), 19-18; 171 — Aaron Franke (C) def. Jesse Sandoval (FR), 9-4; 189 — Omar Abou-Arab (C) def. Keith Mosser (FR), 16-10; 215 — Kevin Heinsall (C) pin Eric Lindsey (FR), 0:56; HEAVYWEIGHT — Bill Dart (C) def. Ty Stout (FR), 5-1.

TEAM RECORDS — Ross 0-1; Clay 1-0.

Ashland Tournament

Fremont Ross finished fifth out of 10 teams Saturday at the Ashland Tournament.

Don Wensinger won at 152 pounds for the Little Giants, who finished well back of Medina, Ashland, Massillon and Dover.

Second-place finishes for the Little Giants were Derek Wensinger at 119, Eric Lindsey at 215 and Aaron Root at heavyweight.

Little Giants bounce back

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Confidence will often take a wrestler farther than strength, and Wednesday night, Fremont Ross competed with the confidence they needed to win its first dual meet of the season, 48-30, at Fostoria.

"The kids did a lot better (than their season-opening loss to Oregon Clay)," Little Giants coach Grover Dowell said. "Things are coming along a lot better. They moved better and wrestled with more confidence."

"Still, there's some things we have to drill and work on, but they did a nice job. I was really pleased, all the way through the lineup."

Earning pins for the Little Giants were Josh Cherry at 135 pounds, Don Wensinger (152), Mitch Holland (160), Jesse Sandoval (171) and Keith Mosser (189).

Holland was filling in for Mike Willer, who is out indefinitely with a shoulder injury. Ross was also minus heavyweight Ty Stout, still ailing from a neck injury sustained against Clay.

Derek Wensinger earned a technical fall over Randall Bradner at 119, Cody Franks took a 12-7 decision against Brandon Distel at 130 and Eric Lindsey triumphed as Chris Hall defaulted with a knee injury at 215.

Dowell attributed the victory to a week's worth of "a lot of drilling and a lot of lecturing," sandwiched around last Saturday's fifth-place finish at the Ashland Invitational.

"I was really pleased with the desire of the kids," Dowell said. "They showed they did have some heart and want to win. That's what it's about. Wrestling's 85 percent mental, and they have to be able to go."

The Little Giants are in the two-day Rogers Invitational this weekend.

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Fremont Ross 49, Fostoria 30

At Fostoria

103 — Nate Hesier (F) wins by forfeit; 112 — Aaron Stearns (F) pins Greg Willoughby (FR), 4:48; 119 — Derek Wensinger (FR) tech. fall over Randall Bradner (F), 16-1; 125 — Justin Kiser (F) pins Kyle Ernsberger (FR), 1:16; 130 — Cody Franks (FR) dec. over Brandon Distel (F), 12-7; 135 — Josh Cherry (FR) pins Bill Schrieiver (F), 5:01; 140 — Nick Huber (F) pins Kurt Iliff (FR), 1:12; 145 — Brett Gilts (F) pins Matt Reiter (FR), 1:16; 152 — Donny Wensinger (FR) pins Zeb Wedge (F), 2:41; 160 — Mitch Holland (FR) pins Augie Bernal (F), 1:50; 171 — Jesse Sandoval (FR) pins Todd Barlekamp (F), 3:15; 189 — Keith Mosser (FR) pins Orlando Barrientes (F), 1:59; 215 — Eric Lindsey (FR) wins by default over Chris Hall (F); 275 — Ryan Cooley (FR) wins by forfeit.

Junior Varsity

130 — J.J. Riley (F) dec. over Brian Holland (FR), 11-4; 171 — Brad Bennett (F) pins Jason Hull (FR), 2:30.

■ **Fremont Ross finished sixth at the Rogers Invitational. Keith Mosser (189 pounds) and heavy-weight Aaron Root each lost in the championship round.**

ROGERS INVITATIONAL

TEAM STANDINGS — Defiance 242½, Wauseon 224, Elida 186, Maumee 170, Rogers 151½, Fremont Ross 99, Springfield 88½, Woodward 73½, Anthony Wayne 68, Port Clinton 56, Scott 54, Bowsher 51, St. Johns 38.

Championship Results

103—Jim Poling (R) dec. Brian Moore (Wauseon) 9-4; 112—Mike Diglia (E) tech. fall Kurt Boesling (D) 6:33 OT; 119—Pablo Barboza (M) dec. Jason Adcock (E) 11-9; 125—Bryan Knepper (AW) dec. Mike Rolf (D) 9-8; 130—Bryce Newton (D) dec. Dustin Nye (E) 11-3; 135—Nate Beard (D) tech fall Joe Prothero (M) 16-0; 140—Marcos Estrade (Wauseon) dec. Joel Grant (D) 16-3; 145—Carlos Marroquin (D) tech fall Joe Schneider (W) 5:31; 152—Mohammed Mallah (Woodward) tech fall Shawn Moore (Wauseon) 24-8; 160—Josh Bias (R) dec. Scott Bruglar (D) 8-3; 171—Kurt Akenberger (B) dec. Elgin Rogers (Scott) 14-12; 189—Tom Carney (R) by fall Keith Mosser (FR) 3:22; 215—Adam Wagner (M) dec. Bobby Ortiz (D) 5-4; 275—Ronald Leeper (Scott) dec. Aaron Root (FR) 3-2.

ROSS PLACERS — 119—Derek Wensinger 5th; 171—Jesse Sandoval 6th; 215—Eric Lindsey 5th.

Bedford outduels Little Giants

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Bedford's wrestling team won 10 of the 14 events in a dual meet with Fremont Ross Thursday.

Winning for Ross were Derek Wensinger (119), Tyler Lawrence (145), Don Wensinger (152) and Jesse Sandoval (171).

The Little Giants will wrestle at the Tiffin Invitational on December 27-28.

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Bedford 52, Ross 13

112-Brent Allmen (B) pin Kyle Ernsberger (FR) 0:54; 119-Derek Wensinger (FR) dec. Zack Brown (B) 6-4; 125-Paul Kecke (B) pin Greg Willoughby (FR) 1:30; 130-Steve Dec (B) pin Cody Franks (FR) 3:55; 135-Brian Tibal (B) pin Kurt Iliff (FR) 1:42; 140-Rob Dunnigan (B) pin Eric Smith (FR) 1:53; 145-Tyler Lawrence (FR) dec. Steve Isabell (B) 19-8; 152-Don Wensinger (FR) dec. Justin Stacey (B) 14-9; 160-Ryan Ditty (B) dec. Mitch Holland (FR) 10-2; 171-Jesse Sandoval (FR) dec. Pat Casey (B) 7-4; 189-Steve Lamida (B) dec. Keith Mosser (FR) 8-5; 215-Tom Dec (B) dec. Eric Lindsey (FR) 21-15; HVW-Corey Andrews (B) pin Aaron Root (FR) 1:45.

JV Match

Bedford 28, Fremont Ross 0

Ross's Root makes Wendy's Invite semis

TIFFIN — Clyde is in fourth place and Fremont Ross is 13th out of 18 teams heading into today's semifinals of the 1996 Wendy's Invitational wrestling tournament.^N

Sandusky Perkins leads the field with 93.5 points followed by Amherst Steele (77) and Columbian (71.5).

Clyde still has five wrestlers vying for individual titles.

Rob Jennings, at 119 pounds, **Rondall Blackburn** (130), **Dustin Weinheimer** (135), **Corey Coe** (152) and **Tim Anderson** (275) all advanced to today's semifinals for the Fliers.

Aaron Root (275) is the lone Ross competitor still alive for a title.

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Wendy's Invitational

FINAL TEAM STANDINGS — 1. Sandusky Perkins 181.0; 2. Clyde 156.0; 3. Whitmer 150.0; 4. Amherst Steele 146.0; 5. Tiffin Columbian 129.5; 6. Elyria Catholic 119.5; 7. Maysville 106.5; 8. Kettering Fairmont 104.5; 9. Celina 94.5; 10. St. Francis 86.0; 11. Elida 77.5; 12. Findlay 72.0; 13. Maumee 63.5; 14. Fremont Ross 58.5; 15. Lexington 57.0; 16. Swanton 53.0; 17. Columbus Brook 35.0; 18. Huron 28.5.

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES — 103 — Jacob Percival (Amherst) pin Tony Ramirez (Fairmont), 2:45; 112 — Josh Quick (Perkins) dec. Barry Carder (Maysville), 9-3; 119 — Scott Burnett (Elyria) maj. dec. Drew Smith (Lexington), 10-1; 125 — Scott Schirg (Perkins) dec. Ed Cecil (EC), 9-5; 130 — Jason Hinton (Celina) dec. **Rondall Blackburn (Clyde)**, 9-4; 135 — Ben Gabriel (Maysfield) dec. Mike Bogner (TC), 11-4; 140 — Dustin Woods (EC) dec. Tim Mossing (St. Francis), 4-3; 145 — Derrick Schuler (Whitmer) maj. dec. Paul Adamson (Amherst), 11-1; 152 — Dean Schuler (Whitmer) dec. **Corey Coe (Clyde)**, 11-7; 160 — Alexius Tomaszewski (TC) dec. Brad Laux (Celina), 7-2; 171 — Eric Grover (Whitmer) disqu. Justin Wolbein (St. Francis); 189 — Brian Lenix (Whitmer) dec. Tom Wensink (Perkins), 10-7; 215 — Bill Nickle (Perkins) pin Rene Orozco (Whitmer), 1:45; HEAVYWEIGHT — **Tim Anderson (Clyde)** dec. **Aaron Root (FR)**, 9-7.

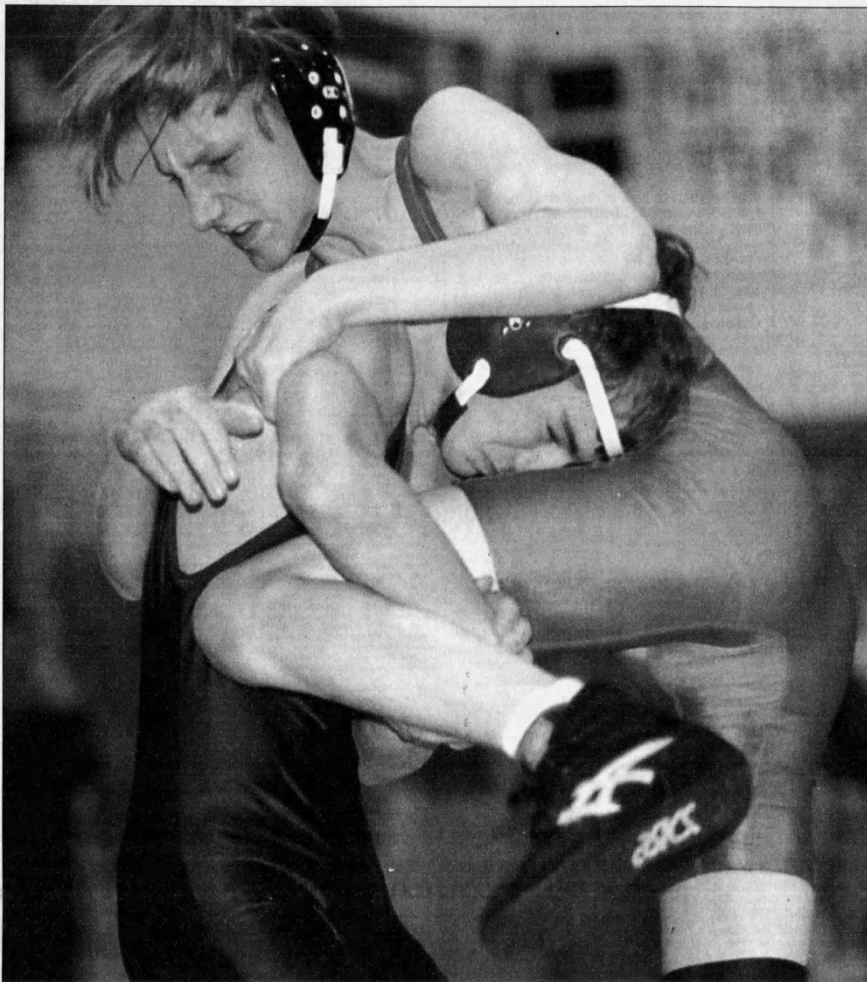
Clyde has the beef at Wendy's Invitational

The Clyde wrestling team, behind Tim Anderson's heavyweight victory, took second place at the two-day Wendy's Invitational in Tiffin. Fremont Ross also participated in the meet, and finished 14th. Aaron Root and Keith Mosser placed for the Little Giants, who host the Mal Mackey Invitational next weekend.

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Mal Mackey champs



News-Messenger/Jeremy Wadsworth

DEREK WENSINGER of Fremont Ross takes down Joe Hinkle of Sylvania Southview during their first-round 112-pound match Saturday at the 24th Annual Mal Mackey Memorial Tournament. Wensinger pinned Hinkle in 1:25 and went on to finish second for the Little Giants.

Ross wrestlers outscore Lima Shawnee for title

By **CHUCK KRUMEL**
News-Messenger correspondent

Above an exit sign near the stage inside the Fremont Ross High School gymnasium is a sign that reads: "Put Them Flat on The Mat!"

The banner proved to be prophetic as the Ross Little Giants captured their fourth straight team title Saturday at the 24th Annual Mal Mackey Memorial Wrestling Tournament.

Ross amassed 146 points, 10 more than runner-up Lima Shawnee. Toledo Central Catholic placed third with 121.5 points, and Spencerville edge Euclid 110 to 108.5 for fourth place in the eight-team tournament.

Ross placed eight wrestlers in the final round, with two being crowned champions and six as runners-up.

Fremont coach Grover Dowell was also named the tournament's outstanding coach. Tyler Lawrence pinned Dan-

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— Ross coach Grover Dowell

ny Painter of Lima Shawnee in 4 minutes, 16 seconds to capture the 140-pound championship, and Don Wensinger recorded a majority decision, 15-5, over Northwood's Dave Wauford to win the 145-pound title match.

"I am really surprised the kids wrestled that well in the semi-finals. They really did an outstanding job," Dowell said. "I thought we could be in the running (for the team title). We had six (wrestlers) seeded and placed eight in the final round."

Placing as runners-up for the Little Giants were Derek Wensinger at 112, Cody Franks

at 125, Jesse Sandoval at 170, Keith Mosser at 189, Aaron Root at 215 and Ty Stout at 275.

"I have to look at (our tournament success) that is a young team," Dowell said. "We made some mental mistakes, but (overall) our underclassmen did an outstanding job."

The Little Giants narrowly missed crowning two other champions as Sandoval dropped a 10-8 overtime decision to Euclid's Mike Dominick, and Root was edged 6-5 by Central Catholic's Josh Lenix in what proved to be one of the evening's most exciting matches.

"I should have had him (Lenix). I just wasn't hitting my moves," Root said after his match. "I was in shape and I almost had him, but I just let him get away."

Port Clinton placed five wrestlers in the championship round, each one finishing fourth in their respective

weight classes.

Placing for the Redskins were Chris Bergman (112), David Schwan (125), Brando Reyna (135), Adam Pendleton (160) and Steve Carrisales (275).

Sophomore Steve Simok of Northwood was named the tournament's most valuable wrestler.

Simok, who is undefeated this season at 16-0, placed second in last year's tournament and also competed in the state tournament as a freshman.

"I was surprised. This is my first award this year," Simok said. "From here I will just take it one tournament at a time and hopefully get back to state."

Spencerville's Ryan Roby, who placed third in the 215-pound weight class, received the award for most pins in the least amount of time. Roby recorded three pins in 8:21.

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TEAM STANDINGS

1, Fremont Ross	146
2, Lima Shawnee	136
3, Central Catholic	121 1/2
4, Euclid	114 1/2
5, Spencerville	110
6, Northwood	96
7, Sylvania Southview	78
8, Port Clinton	38

Individual Results

Championship matches

103 pounds: Dan Hockenberry (N) d. Marcus Henderson (LS) 7-2; 112: Tim Reardon (N) d. Derek Wensinger (FR) 10-4; 119: Steve Simok (NW) d. Mark Kenner (SS) 18-3; 125: Scott Trepal (E) p. Cody Franks (FR) 3:28; 130: Dan Geck (SP) d. Kevin Miller (CC) 4-1; 135: Jeremy Sawmiller (SP) d. Jeremy Vogel-sang (SS) 13-11; 140: Tyler Lawrence (FR) d. Danny Painter (SS) 5-1;

145: Don Wensinger (FR) d. Dave Wauford (NW) 15-5; 152: Jared Watkins (SS) d. Kevin Layman (SP) 13-9; 160: Mike Dominic (E) d. Jesse Sandoval (FR) 10-8; 171: Eric Dale (SS) by default over Steve Dawson (E); 189: Anthony Dell (SP) d. Keith Mosser (FR) 14-12; 215: Josh Lenix (CC) d. Aaron Root (FR) 6-5; 275: Edward Westerfield (E) p. Ty Stout (FR) 1:44.

Consolation matches

(For third place)

103: Elliot Willis (CC) d. Torre Ciampa (SS) 8-6; 112: Nick Rediger (CC) d. Chris Bergman (PC) 11-3; 119: Phil Griffey (SP) d. Matt Huss (CC) 14-5; 125: Neil Nordhaus (CC) d. David Schwan (PC) 10-0; 130: Anthony Neal (SS) d. Dave Fulton (E) 6-3; 135: Mike Doyle (E) d. Brando Reyna (PC) 15-5; 140: Adam Harman (CC) p. Adam Pendleton (PC) 3:57;

145: Zach Uncapher (SP) d. Dan Hernacki (CC) 4-2; 152: Tony Briggs (SS) p. Tim Holzemer (CC) 4:30; 160: Brian Avery (CC) d. Bob Yockey (NW) 4:33; 171: Chris Schneider (SP) d. Paul Chester (CC) 16-8; 189: David Damico (E) p. Shawn Edwards (SS) 1:40; 215: Ryan Robey (SP) p. Mark Leifer (SS) 2:45; 275: Jeff Eichenhauer (SS) p. Steve Carrisales (PC) 1:37.

Wapakoneta Invitational

Wapakoneta earned the team trophy with 243 points, followed by Dublin Coffman with 233½ and Fremont Ross with 143½.

Aaron Root won the 215-pound championship for Ross, while Keith Mosser (189) and Ty Stout (275) both finished second.

Derek Wensinger (112) and Jesse Sandoval (160) both took third for the Little Giants.

Ross has easy time against Napoleon

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The Fremont Ross wrestling team had its Great Lakes League match Saturday won before it even stepped off the bus in Napoleon.

The Wildcats forfeited nine matches, and Ross went on to win three of the five that were contested for a 60-9 victory.

There were two double forfeits.

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After the first five matches were forfeited, Josh Cherry of the Little Giants got things started by pinning Josh Dickenson 1:09 into the second period of their 135-pound bout.

Tyler Lawrence needed just 37 more seconds than Cherry to record a pin at 140. After Ross's Matt Reiter was a pin victim at 145, Mike Willer pinned Eric Lymanstall 56 seconds into the third period of 152.

Ross pleased with Ty

Stout wins final match to force tie with Findlay

By MICHAEL BOSI
Staff writer

There's no situation more invigorating to a heavyweight wrestler than knowing he's about to enter a meet-clinching match.

It's pitcher vs. hitter with the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth. Goalie vs. skater in hockey's sudden-death shootout. Offense vs. defense in the fifth quarter of a football game. Anyone vs. the dollar slot of a Coca-Cola machine.

For the last two years, betting men haven't exactly been wagering on Fremont Ross's Ty Stout in must-win matches.

But all bets were off Thursday night, as Stout beat Findlay's Brian Householder, 4-3, to help Ross rally from a 30-6 deficit to a 36-36 Great Lakes League tie at the Purple Pit.

Like kissing your sister? Maybe.

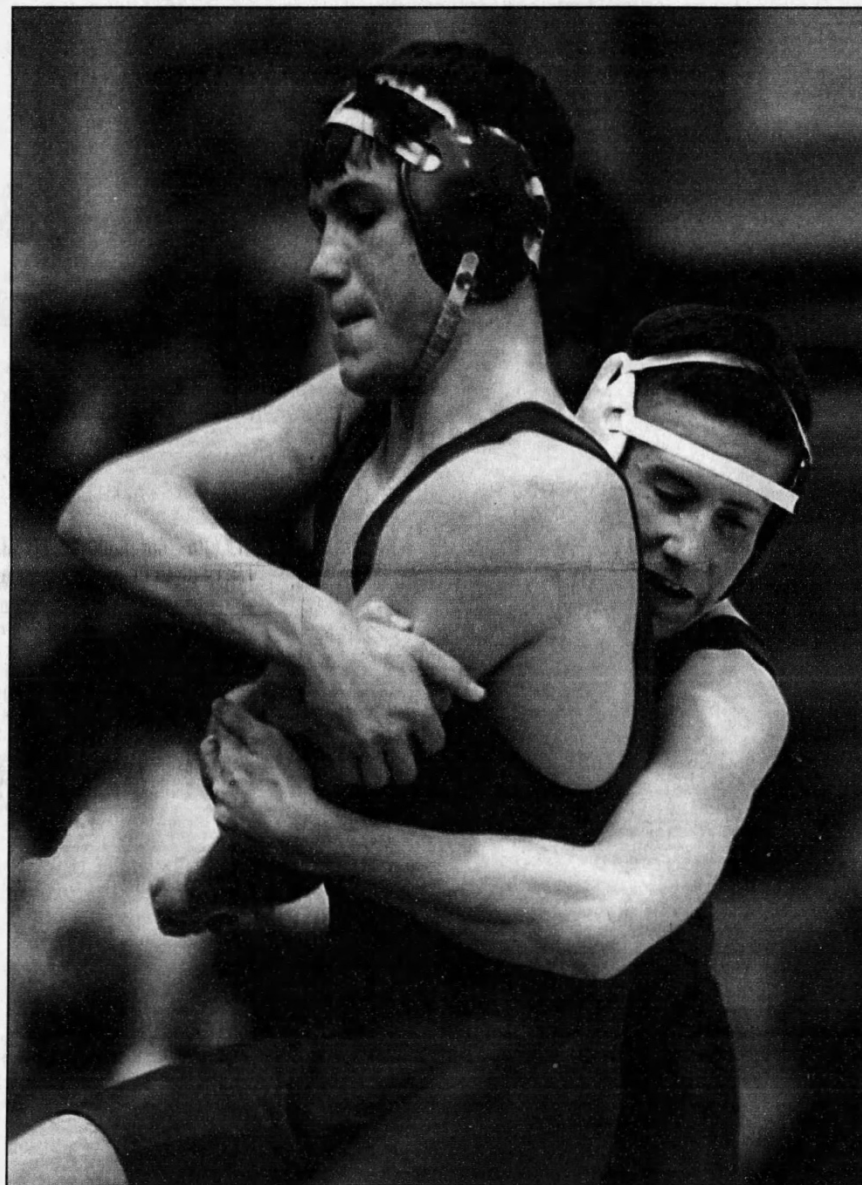
A moral victory? Without doubt.

"It's kind of nice because this is the first match in the clincher I've actually won," said Stout, who has been handicapped by a neck injury suffered in the season's first match. "Sophomore and junior years I've always lost in the clinchers and this year I pulled it out and I wrestled a lot better against him than I have against the other heavyweights of the GLL."

Ross (2-2-1) won seven of the last eight matches — only two by pins — to tie the Trojans (0-3-1) for the second straight season.

With Findlay leading 12-6 after the forfeits in the first three matches, the Trojans received three straight pins as Ross struggled to simply generate any intensity.

The Trojans' Josh Smith downed Brian Holland in 1:07 at 125 pounds, 130-pounder Bo Bennett dumped Cody Franks with 17 seconds left in the second period and Levi Shadle pinned Josh Cherry in 3:09 at



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JOSH CHERRY of Fremont Ross, right, places a hold on Levi Shadle of Findlay in a 135-pound matchup.

135 to make it 30-6.

"I was a little disappointed in my older kids and more experienced kids that I was almost certain would win, but that's the way it goes," said Ross coach Grover Dowell, who has never lost to Findlay.

He added, "When we were down 30-6, I was a little scared. I didn't think we'd pull it through."

But Tyler Lawrence got the

ball rolling for the Little Giants with an 11-5 win over Josh Palmer at 140 before Don Wensinger breathed more life into the home crowd with a 3-minute, 15-second pin of Jeremy Reznik at 145.

The meet's first turning point came when Ross 152-pounder Mike Willer withstood a kick as well as a lost contact lens and defeated Joe Orozco, 13-10, to make it 30-18.

"(Willer) has an awful lot of experience on the mat and he pulled it through (Thursday) night and that really helped us," said Dowell.

Findlay's Matt Gibson scored the last six points against Jesse Sandoval at 160, but Sandoval hung on for a 13-12 win.

Dane Whitted broke Ross's momentum by pinning Jake

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Ross ties Findlay in dual

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Schneider at 171. But Ross's experience at 189 (senior Keith Mosser) and 215 (junior Aaron Root) provided a pair of pins in a combined time of 2 minutes, 11 seconds.

"Fremont has a veteran squad and I figured we'd lose at 189 and 215," said Findlay coach Sam Bello, whose team has lost to Bedford, Whitmer and Clay. "We had a surprise at 171, I wasn't expecting that pin. After that I figured we'd lose the next two for sure, and heavyweight was a question mark."

Stout provided Bello with an answer — but not very quickly.

The heavyweight bout was tackle (Stout) vs. 6-foot-6 tight end (Householder), and it was a stalemate for 2:43 before Householder gained an escape point. Stout earned a takedown on his at the second-period buzzer.

Householder had the only takedown of the third, but Stout had two

escapes, the second with 56 seconds left. In danger of stalling and with Householder poised to make his move, Stout emerged victorious as time elapsed.

"I got fatigued towards the end of the second period because I haven't been running lately because of a knee problem. I ran out of gas," said Stout, now 6-12.

"Give all the credit to Ty Stout," said Bello. "The pressure was on him and he went out and won it. He's improved a lot over the last couple of years. When it was time to do something, Ty Stout did it and our heavyweight didn't."

The celebrating was conservative — after all, it was only a tie — but Stout's elation was evident, and well-warranted.

"Ty stepped it up a little bit in this match," Dowell said. "He just about gave it away at the end, but he didn't. He held on and did a nice job."

Now if only he had the answer to those Coke machines.

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Ross 36, Findlay 36

103 — Mark Freeman (F) wins by forfeit; 112 — Dan Barnes (F) wins by forfeit; 119 — Derek Wensinger (R) wins by forfeit; 125 — Josh Smith (F) pins Brian Holland, 1:07; 130 — Bo Bennett (F) pins Cody Franks, 3:43; 135 — Levi Schadle (F) pins Josh Cherry, 3:09; 140 — Tyler Lawrence (R) def. Josh Palmer, 11-5; 145 — Don Wensinger (R) pins Jeremy Reznik, 1:15; 152 — Mike Willer (R) def. Joe Orozco, 13-10; 160 — Jesse Sandoval (R) def. Matt Gibson, 13-12; 171 — Dane Whitted (F) pins Jake Schneider, 4:58; 189 — Keith Mosser (R) pins Jason Rhoads, 0:45; 215 — Aaron Root (R) pins Steve McCoy, 1:26; HEAVYWEIGHT — Ty Stout (R) def. Brian Householder, 4-3.

JV RESULT — Ross 21, Findlay 15

Sandusky defeats Ross

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The Fremont Ross wrestling team fell to future Great Lakes League rival Sandusky, 50-21, Tuesday night despite winning three of the meet's final matches.

The Blue Streaks recorded four pins, a forfeit and a major decision in the first six matches to jump to an insurmountable 34-0 lead.

Tyler Lawrence finally got Ross on the board with a 15-8

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win over Damaris Walls at 140 pounds.

With his team trailing 44-4, Ross's Jesse Sandoval pinned E.J. Jones 37 seconds into the third period of their 160-pound bout. Keith Mosser (189) needed 2:31 to pin Jimmie Cherry, and 215-pounder Aaron Root disposed of Tom Dickinson in just 21 seconds.

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Sandusky 50, Fremont Ross 21

103 — Shoney Prophet (S) wins by forfeit; 112 — Rocky McKinney (S) pin Greg Willoughby, 1:40; 119 — Shawn Walls (S) pin Brian Holland, 3:20; 125 — Jason Kresser (S) pins Kyle Emsberger, 1:33; 130 — Kort Riedel (S) pins Cody Franks, 3:35; Deonte Davis (S) def. Kurt Iliff, 15-4; 140 — Tyler Lawrence (FR) def. Damaris Walls, 15-8; 145 — William Conway (S) maj. dec. Don Wensinger, 22-9; 152 — Justin Harris (S) pins Mike Willer, 3:27; 160 — Jesse Sandoval (FR) pins E.J. Jones, 4:37; 171 — John Rosekelly (S) def. Jason Hull, 6-2; 189 — Keith Mosser (FR) pins Jimmy Cherry, 2:31; 215 — Aaron Root (FR) pins Tom Dickinson, 0:21; HEAVYWEIGHT — Eric Guison (S) def. Ty Stout, 9-4.

Sandusky JV 9, Ross 6

Endrako Carr (S) pins Matt Reiter, 4:22; Shonsai Aaron (S) maj. dec. Mitch Holland, 14-3. Eric Lindsay (FR) wins by forfeit.

Ross wrestlers fall; Oak Harbor wins

Toledo Whitmer's wrestling team won in eight of the first 11 weight classes Thursday as the team beat Fremont Ross 40-31.

Corey Samuelson (119 pounds), **Paul Goosen** (135) and **Eric Grover** (171) all won by pin for the Panthers. Ross got pins from **Cody Franks** at 130 and **Keith Mosser** at 215. Other Little Giants winners included **Derek Wensinger**, **Tyler Lawrence**, **Aaron Root** and **Eric Lindsay**.

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Whitmer 40, Ross 31

103-Ryan Storber (W) forfeit, 112-Eric Meteger (W) pin Greg Willoughby (R) 2:39, 119-Corey Samuelson (W) pin Brian Holland (R) 5:17, 125-Derek Wensinger (R) def. Erick Zolezak (W) 10-8, 130-Cody Franks (R) pin Shane Baumgardner (W) 1:38, 135-Paul Goosen (W) pin Kurt Iliff (R) 3:07, 140-Tyler Lawrence (R) def. Jeremy Ginter (W) 18-4, 145-Derek Schuller (W) def. Don Wensinger (R) 3-2, 152-Dan Schuller (W) def. Mike Wille (R) 23-4, 160-Lenny Eberson (W) def. Jesse Sandoval (R) 22-8, 171-Eric Grover (W) pin Jason Hull (R) 1:15, 189-Eric Lindsay (R) forfeit, 215-Keith Mosser (R) pin Renne Orozco (W) 2:31, HWY-Aaron Root (R) default John Yates (W).

For the Record

ROSS WRESTLING AWARDS: The following awards were presented at the Ross High School Wrestling Awards: Most Valuable, Aaron Root; Most Improved, Keith Mosser; Most Pins, Aaron Root, Keith Mosser; Most Take Downs, Tyler Lawrence; Coaches Award, Eric Lindsey.