

WRESTLING PREVIEW

FREMONT ROSS

Coach: Grover Dowell

TOP WRESTLERS: Matt Merrill, Jason Hatfield, Ken Kreilick, Russ Mylander, Brandon Willer, Brian Reinbolt, Jamie Ross, Pete Devore and Jeremy Roosen.

OUTLOOK: The Little Giants have plenty of experience but lack depth. Ross should match last year's 5-1 Great Lakes League dual record.

Ross starts fast against Clay

■ Ross takedown:

The Little Giants won seven matches by pin in 57-19 win over Eagles.

By TIM HARMON
Staff writer

Fremont Ross wrestlers made the first move in their first match of the season Thursday night.

The Little Giants scored the initial takedown in 10 of the 13 matches contested and beat Oregon Clay 57-19 at the Purple Pit.

"If we're going to be bumping heads in the league again, it was going to have to start right here," Ross coach Grover Dowell said.

"It started with the JV matches. A couple of kids really got things rolling."

Ross won five of the six reserve matches, including four by pin.

The Little Giants won nine of the 10 varsity matches they led at the outset.

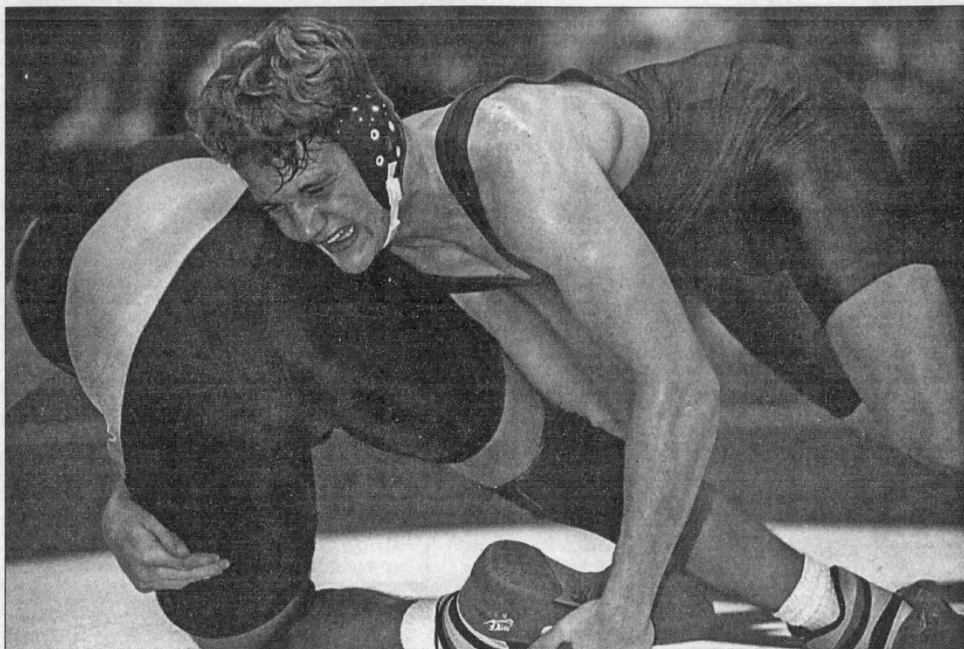
"We're an offensive team," Dowell said. "We don't like to wait for things to happen. A couple of kids did that and got in trouble with it."

"We want to be the ones taking the shots."

Josh Cherry at 103, Ryan Patterson at 112, Dan Hickam at 125, Mike Willer at 140, Matt Merrill at 145, Ken Kreilick at 160 and 215-pounder Brandon Willer finished off their matches with pins.

"They want to continue that throughout the season," Dowell said.

None of the falls took longer



News-Messenger/Jeremy Wadsworth

BRIAN REINBOLT of Fremont Ross goes for a takedown against Oregon Clay's Aaron Branke during his 10-6 victory at 171 pounds Thursday night at

the Purple Pit. Reinbolt and the Little Giants routed the Eagles 57-19 in the Great Lakes League match.

than 2:50, that by Kreilick over Steve Liebnar. Mike Willer scored the quickest pin, putting Steve Delpeña's shoulders to the mat in 43 seconds.

Ross finished with 22 take-

downs to 18 for Clay, but 15 of the Eagles' takedowns came in three matches — decisions by Jason Muenzor at 119, Will Grall at 135 and Heath Schwierking at 189.

The Little Giants also got wins

from Jamie Ross by default at 152 and Brian Reinbolt at 171.

Ross led 5-0 when Mike Cannan had to quit because of an injured shoulder. Reinbolt scored five takedowns in a 10-6 victory.

Toledo Whitmer is the returning Great Lakes League wrestling champion.

Fremont Ross won five of six dual matches a year ago, but slipped to third when Bedford (Mich.) wrestled a strong league tournament.

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Ross 57, Clay 19

103: Josh Cherry (R) p. Arsi Valesquez 1:28; 112: Ryan Patterson (R) p. Curtis Freeman 1:02; 119: Jason Muenzor (C) t.f. Jeremy Roosen 25-9; 125: Dan Hickam (R) p. C.J. Rybak 2:44; 130: Neil Krishna (C) p. Tyler Lawrence 1:28; 135: Will Grall (C) d. Jason Hatfield 10-7; 140: Mike Willer (R) p. Steve Delpena :43.

145: Matt Merrill (R) p. Nate Avery 1:06; 152: Jamie Ross (R) won by default over Mike Cannan; 160: Ken Krelick (R) p. Steve Liebner 2:50; 171: Brian Reinbolt (R) d. Aaron Branke 10-6; 189: Heath Schwierking (C) t.f. Aaron Root 18-3; 215: Brandon Willer (R) p. Omar Abu-Arab 1:02; 275: Brad Drake (R) won by forfeit.

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

JV matches—112, Dan Alejandro (R) p. Paul Miani 1:24; 135, Don Wensinger (R) d. Ryan Schaffer 20-7; 140, Jason Longanbach (R) p. Chris Kadlick 4:30; 145, E.J. Harmon (R) p. Mike Aasey :43; 152, Jesse Sandoval (R) p. Andy Shanks 1:44; 160, Mike Katchke (C) d. Eric Lindsay 15-7.

Ross third at Ashland Invite

Clyde captures Edison championship

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Fremont Ross had five individual champions while finishing third in the Ashland Invitational Tournament Saturday.

Ryan Patterson (112), Jason Hatfield (135), Matt Merrill (140), Jamie Ross (145) and Ken Kreilick (152) were the Little Giants' champions. Aaron Root (189) was runner-up.

Ross coach Grover Dowell was happy with his team's showing.

"Anytime you have five champions, you have to be happy," he said.

Brandon Willer (215) was third and three other Little Giants were fifth.

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Tony Reiter (189) was fourth, Pete LeJeune (140) was fifth, Brian Harman (103) and Mike Belden (215) were sixth.

Edison Invitational

Clyde won the title easily, rolling up 183 points while winning four individual titles. Norwalk was second with 159 and Firelands third with 150¹/₂. Margaretta finished sixth with 69.

Jason Lamson (125), Tim Arden (130), Chad Long (152) and Justin Chagnon (189) were Clyde's champions. Steve Yates (145), Jay Collins (171) and Brian Musser (275) finished second.

Busdeker at 275.

Shannon Suter (140), Andy Wend (145) and Brian Summer (152) all took fourth.

"I was impressed. We did a lot better than what I thought we do," Woodmore coach John Bedford said. "Everybody won a match; everybody had a pin on one kid, which I thought was out of this world."

Phillip Kaufman (130) was the lone Gibsonburg champion, pinning David Stacklin of Seneca East in 4:38 of the finals.

Ben Spanfellner (103) was third, Mario Picciuto (112) and Dan Conrad (125) finished fourth for the Golden Bears.

Ashland Invitational

Following are the Fremont Ross finishes Saturday in the Ashland Invitational:

TEAM STANDINGS

Ashland.....	136
Ross.....	122
Dover	119
Medina	109
Massillon Washington.....	69
Canton McKinley.....	59
Clearfork	56
Upper Sandusky	43

Ross Championship Finals

112: Ryan Patterson (R) d. Jared Platt (Me) 17-15; 135: Jason Hatfield (R) d. John Wynn (C) 14-4; 140: Matt Merrill (R) d. Matt Taylor (D) 6-1; 145: Jamie Ross (R) d. Mike Taylor (D) 7-6; 152: Ken Krelick (R) p. Randy Stackhouse (A) 3:26; 189: Clell Cox (A) t. f. Aaron Root (R) 22-5.

Ross Third Place Matches

215: Brandon Willer (R) p. Adam Hanson (CM) 1:26.

Ross Fifth Place Matches

103: Josh Cherry (R) p. Seth Rindekhect (US) 1:23; 160: Keith Mosser (R) p. Pat McGown (M) 5:26; 171: Russ Mylander (R) p. Sam Studer (MW) 1:47; 275: Adrian Jones (CM) d. Brad Drake (R) 13-0.

Ross fourth

Fremont Ross is fourth entering the third round of the 16-team Toledo Rogers Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

The Little Giants had 67½ points after wrestling Friday, while leader Holland Springfield had 93½. Wauseon was second with 86 points and Galloway Westland third with 79.

Seven Little Giants advanced to today's 11 a.m. semifinals and five others are alive in the consolation rounds.

Ryan Patterson (112), Don Wensinger (130), Jason Hatfield (135), Matt Merrill (140), Jamie Ross (145), Ken Kreilick (152) and Brandon Willer (189) are in the semifinals for Ross.

Standings and pairings for Ross wrestlers, B2.

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Rogers Invitational

TOLEDO — Team standings and pairings for Fremont Ross wrestlers at the Rogers Invitational Tournament. The championship semifinals begin at 11 a.m.

TEAM STANDINGS

1, Holland Springfield.....	93½
2, Galloway Wauseon.....	86
3, Westland.....	79
4, Fremont Ross	67½
5, Swanton.....	56
6, Maumee	55½
7, Woodward.....	48½
8, Marysville.....	43
9, Westerville	28½
10, Rogers	28½
11, Port Clinton.....	28
12, Scott.....	23
13, Anthony Wayne	18
14, Meadowdale	14
15, Bowsher.....	13
16, Waite.....	8

Championship Semifinals

112-Ryan Patterson (Ross) vs. Brad Mitchell (Springfield); 130-Don Wensinger (Ross) vs. Jason Still (Westerville); 135-Jason Hatfield (Ross) vs. Mohammed Mahala (Woodward); 140-Matt Merrill (Ross) vs. Jay Burkholder (Wauseon); 145-Jamie Ross (Ross) vs. Rick Steele (Springfield); 152: Ken Kreilick (Ross) vs. Andy Horrigan (Maumee); 189-Brandon Willer (Ross) vs. Steven Cunningham (Scott).

Consolation Matches

119-Jeremy Roosen (Ross) d. Charlike Inman (Marysville); 125-E.J. Harmon (Ross) vs. Brick Black (Bowsher); 160-Brian Reinbolt (Ross) d. Nate Andrews (Marysville); 171-Russ Mylander (Ross) d. Eric Craig (Westerville South); 275-Brad Drake (Ross) vs. Joe Brown (Swanton).

Hatfield wins 135-pound title for Ross at Rogers

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Fremont Ross held its place at the Toledo Rogers Tournament Saturday, finishing fourth with 164½ points in the 16-team event.

"I thought that we could move up," Ross coach Grover Dowell said. "We had a bad third round (semifinals). I even thought at that point we would move up one or two."

The Little Giants, fourth after the first two rounds Friday, stayed behind champion Holland Springfield (217), Wauseon (205½) and Galloway Westland (175).

Ten out of 13 Ross wrestlers placed, including champ Jason Hatfield at 135.

Hatfield defeated top-seeded Matt Rings of Marysville 4-2 in the finals.

"He wrestled him straight up front, up close and in tight," Dowell said. "He won without showing his key move."

Matt Merrill lost a 7-6 decision to Jeff Bucher in the finals at 140.

Ryan Patterson at 112 also placed second for Ross, losing by fall to Eric Her-

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nandez of Wauseon in the finals.

Ross heavyweight Brad Drake placed third, pinning Ronald Leefer of Toledo Scott in the consolation finals.

Also placing for the Little Giants were Ken Kreilick (fourth at 152), Brandon Willer (fourth at 189), Jamie Ross (fifth at 145), Brian Reinbolt (fifth at 160), Russ Mylander (fifth at 171) and Don Wensinger (sixth at 130).

Southview Tournament

Gibsonburg finished 14th out of 17 teams with 40½ points at Sylvania.

Sophomore Phillip Kauffman placed fourth at 130 pounds for the Golden Bears. After advancing to the semifinals, Kauffman dropped a 12-6 decision to top-seeded Corey Stephen of Toledo Start.

Gibsonburg senior Aaron Hetrick placed sixth at 140 pounds.

Paulding won the team championship.

Hopewell-Loudon Tournament

Woodmore had four individual championships and placed fifth out of 16 teams with 125 points.

Wildcats senior Mario Lopez was named most valuable wrestler of the tournament after defeating Margaretta's Andy Cullen for the 112-pound championship.

Lopez recorded two pins and a technical fall before beating Cullen, a 1993 state qualifier, 10-8 in overtime.

"Mario controlled that whole match," Woodmore coach John Bedford said. "He made one mistake, and Cullen caught him to put it into overtime."

Lopez led 8-3 before a five-point move by Cullen forced the overtime.

Other Woodmore champs were sophomore Eric Fairbanks at 103, freshman David Marlowe at 125 and top-seeded sophomore Nick Dangler at 135.

"I felt after the seed meeting Wednesday that we could have two champs," Bedford said.

In addition to Fairbanks, Bedford 160-pounder Jared Overmyer had a shot to win a title.

Overmyer pinned Jason Sundermeier Lake in his first match but suffered a leg injury.

"It's not serious, but it's something that's going to take a while to heal," Bedford said.

Bedford said Overmyer will be out at least two weeks.

Fairbanks beat Jason Perez of Struthers 13-2 in the finals, Marlowe edged Capetillo of Fostoria 5-4 to win his title. Dangler prevailed 10-9 in the finals, Richy Escobar of Fostoria St. Wendel.

Heavyweight Brett Busdeker also placed for Woodmore, taking runner-up honors.

Northwestern won the team title with 193 points, while Margaretta finished sixth with 111.

■ **SJCC holiday tourney, B?**

ST. JOE GIRLS HOST OLD FORT TONIGHT...STORY TUESDAY

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Fremont Ross won just one of the final four matches against Fostoria Thursday night, but the Little Giants beat the Redmen 46-29 in a dual meet.

Josh Cherry, Ryan Patterson, Jason Hatfield and Brandon Willer won by pin for Ross. Don Wensinger and Jamie Ross won by technical fall.

Ross also benefitted from two victories by forfeit.

Wrestling

High School

Ross 46, Fostoria 29

103: Josh Cherry (R) p. Aaron Stearns 1:17; Jed Thorp (F) p. Dan Alejandro 2:27; 119: Ryan Patterson (R) p. Ehmi Changapongh 3:05; 125: Eric Capatillo (F) d. Tyler Lawrence 8-6; 130: Don Wensinger (R) t.f. Paul Diaz 20-4; 135: Jason Hatfield (R) p. Jake Brough 2:42; 140: Steve Hardy (F) d. Mike Willer 16-3; 145: Matt Merrill (R) won by forfeit; 152: Jamie Ross (R) t.f. Jeremy Guerra 19-3; 160: Ken Kreilick (R) won by forfeit; 171: Gabe Wedge (F) d. Ryss Mylander 19-10; 189: Ira Turner (F) p. Aaron Root 3:27; 215: Brandon Willer (R) p. Rodan Reiter :51; 275: Jason Watson (F) p. Brad Drake 3:44.

Clyde 3rd, Ross fifth at Tiffin

TIFFIN — Clyde is third and Fremont Ross 5th after the first two rounds of the Wendy's Invitational wrestling tournament at Tiffin Columbian High School.

Lincoln leads with 77 points, followed by Maumee with 70 and Clyde with 68 1/2. Whitmer is fourth with 60 and Ross has 59 1/2. There are 13 teams in the tournament.

Ross has six wrestlers in today's championship semifinals and Clyde sends eight.

Ross and Clyde wrestlers will square off in one of the semifinal matches. Justin Chagnon of the Fliers and Brandon Willer of Ross will wrestle at 189.

Other Ross wrestlers in the semifinals are Josh Cherry (103), Ryan Patterson (112), Jason Hatfield (135), Matt Merrill (140) and Russ Mylander (171).

Clyde wrestlers in the semifinals besides Chagnon are Jason Lamson (125), Tim Arden (130), Steve Yates (145), Chad Long (152), Lucas Borer (160), Jay Collins (171) and Brian Musser (275).

Wrestling resumed today at 10 a.m.

Wrestling

Wendy's Invitational

TIFFIN — Results of the two-day Wendy's Invitational Wrestling Tournament at Columbian High School:

TEAM STANDINGS

1, Clyde.....	192 1/2
2, Gahanna Lincoln.....	188 1/2
3, Whitmer.....	144
4, Maumee.....	142
5, Fremont Ross.....	123
6, Tiffin Columbian.....	113
7, Perkins.....	110
8, Elida.....	86
9, Elyria Catholic.....	86
10, St. Francis.....	76 1/2
11, Lexington.....	60
12, Huron.....	35
13, Findlay.....	34

Championship matches

103-Scott Burnett (EC) d. Zane Stickle (GL) 5-2; 112-Drew Smith (Lex) d. Bryan Whitmyer (GL) 9-0; 119-Derek Duffy (TC) d. Eric Dubendorfer (Whit) 14-6; 125-Jason Lamson (Cly) d. John Blaze (Whit) 6-2; 130-Kevin Contos (Mau) d. Tim Arden (Cly) 6-5; 135-Jason Hatfield (FR) d. Andy Obee (Mau) 9-5; 140-Matt McGregor (GL) d. Matt Merrill (FR) 10-8;

145-Jayme Zaborowski (Mau) d. Steve Yates (Cly) 12-4; 152-Chad Long (Cly) d. Nate Boggs (Perk) 15-11; 160-Brad Swanbeck (Hur) d. Andy HJorrigan (Mau) 8-6; 171-Sean McCartney (Whit) d. Jay Collins (Cly) 11-3; 189-Justin Chagnon (Cly) d. Chris McKown (Whit); 215-Dan Purdy (Elid) d. Mark Schumaker (Whit) 6-4; 275-Mike Matalaka (GL) p. Ryan Norris (Find) 1:19.

Consolation finals

(For third)

103-Ryan Griss (Mau) d. Nick Frame (SF) 8-1; 112-Nick Kennedy (SF) p. Ed Cecil (EC); 119-Scott Hector (EC) d. Chris Staats (Cly) 7-5; 125-Tony Brunton (GL) d. Andy Bates (Mau) 7-0; 130-Ryan Seitz (TC) d. Josh Kendrick (SF) 3-1; 135-Eric Wobser (Perk) p. Jamie Lynch (TC) 0:43; 140-Jason Miller (Lex) d. Jason Bott (Elid) 11-9;

145-Mike Mastrionianni (GL) d. Steve Brush (EC) 10-4; 152-Sam Gibson (Find) d. Ben Smith (GL) 4-3; 160-Jason Thom (Perk) d. Lucas Borer (Cly) 5-3; 171-Matt Zimmerman (TC) d. Brian Swickkrath (Elid) 8-0; 189-Brandon Willer (FR) won by disqualification over Lavell Jones (Mau); 215-Chris Boyle (GL) d. Darren McNair (Lex) 11-2; 275-Denny Purdy (Elid) d. Brian Musser (Cly) 7-5.

Outstanding wrestler: Chad Long, Clyde.

Clyde wins Wendy's title; Ross places fifth

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TIFFIN — Clyde won the Wendy's Invitational Wrestling Tournament and Fremont Ross was fifth after the 13-team, two-day tournament concluded Thursday.

The Fliers had 192½ points, four better than runner-up Gahanna Lincoln. Whitmer was third with 144 and Maumee fourth at 142. Ross had 123.

Chad Long, Clyde's sophomore 152-

pounder, was named the tournament's outstanding wrestler after defeating Nate Boggs of Perkins 15-11 in the division finals.

Also winning individual titles for Clyde were Jason Lamson (125) and Justin Chagnon (189). Runners-up for the Fliers were Tim Arden (130), Steve Yates (145) and Jay Collins (171).

Lamson defeated John Blaze of Whitmer 6-2 in the title match and Chagnon stopped

Chris McKown of Whitmer 5-3 in the finals.

Jason Hatfield (135) won a championship for Ross, defeating Andy Obee of Maumee 9-5 in the match for the top spot. Matt Merrill (140) was runner-up for the Little Giants, losing 10-8 to Matt McGregor of Gahanna Lincoln in the finals.

■ **Finals matches, B2**

Ross loses

TEMPERANCE, Mich. — Bedford routed Fremont Ross 50-11 in a Great Lakes League wrestling dual meet Thursday night.

The Mules led 27-0 before the Little Giants scored any points.

Ross then got three straight victories. Jason Hatfield defeated Joe Loqaib 8-6 at 134 pounds, Matt Merrill beat Matt Fuller 17-6 at 142 and Ken Kreilick defeated Charlie Woodbury 13-3 at 151.

Bedford recorded five pins.

The match was wrestled according to weights mandated for the 1995-96 season by the Wrestling Rules Committee of the National Federation of State High School Associations.

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High School

Bedford 50, Ross 11

100: Brent Allman (B) won by forfeit; 106: Brian Tibay (B) p. Josh Cherry 5:14; 112: Adam Tuttle (B) d. Ryan Patterson 5-3; 119: Andy Fielder (B) p. Jeremy Roosen 3:13; 126: Rich Barnes (B) p. Tyler Lawrence 4:00; 134: Jason Hatfield (R) d. Joe Loqaib 8-6; 142: Matt Merrill (R) d. Matt Fuller 17-6.

151: Ken Kreilick (R) d. Charlie Woodbury 13-3; 160: Tony Brescoll (B) d. Brian Reinbolt 8-5; 172: Jeremy Lestock (B) d. Russ Mylander 6-0; 185: Greg Messenger (B) t.f. Aaron Root 21-5; 215: Jeremy Andrews (B) p. Brad Drake 2:36; 275: Scott LaPointe (B) p. Ty Stout 5:28.

JV winners: Don Wensinger, Jesse Sandoval, Don Alejandro.

NOTE: Weight classes are those mandated for the 1995-96 season by the Wrestling Rules Committee of the National Federation of State High School Associations.

Little Giants claim Mal Mackey title

By BOB MARKER
Sports Editor

Fremont Ross dominated the 22nd Mal Mackey Varsity Wrestling Tournament Saturday, winning its second successive championship by nearly 50 points.

Adding spice to the title win, Ross wrestlers won the top two individual awards as five Little Giants won division titles.

Ross had 216 points and runner-up Sylvania Southview 169½. Lakota, which had entered the final round tied with Southview, was third with 166½. Port Clinton took fourth with 104.

Lima Shawnee, Elida, Bowling Green and Spencerville comprised the second division.

The Ross championship followed on the heels of a lopsided dual meet lost to Bedford on Thursday.

"We placed 12 kids and you cannot have much better than that," Ross coach Grover Dowell said about Saturday's effort. "We were more aggressive on take-downs and the kids were following through on their moves.

Thursday, they were not following through.

"I was worried about how they would bounce back."

Ross wrestlers competed in 12 of the 14 weight divisions in the finals, with eight of them wrestling for individual titles and the other four vying for third place.

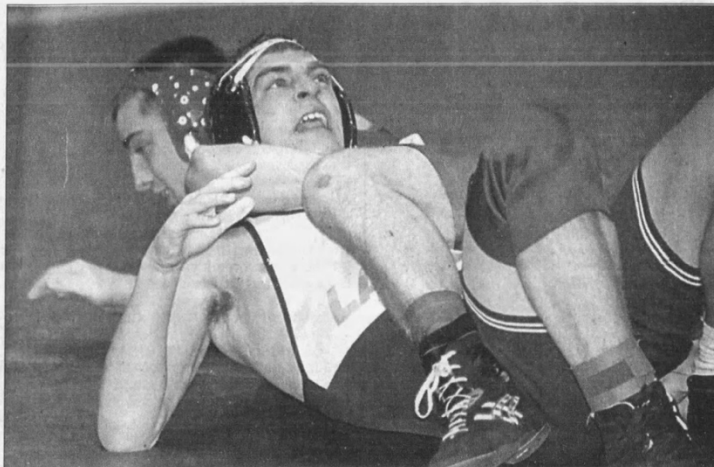
Jamie Ross of the Little Giants won the 145-pound title and was voted the tournament's outstanding wrestler by the eight head coaches.

"That was a tough weight class," Dowell said, "and in the finals, Jamie beat a really nice kid out of Lakota."

Ross, seeded second in his weight division, blanked top-seeded Aaron Bomer of Lakota 8-0 in the finals.

Brandon Willer of Ross, winner of the 189-pound division crown, won the plaque for the most pins in the least amount of time, three in two minutes, 51 seconds.

Willer pinned Bill Walker of Southview in 53 seconds in the final. The top-seeded Little Giant



News-Messenger/Paul Evans

JAMIE ROSS (rear) of Fremont Ross has Lakota's Aaron Bomer in trouble during their 145-pound match Saturday at the Mal Mackey Invitational. Ross went on to earn most outstanding wrestler honors.

pinned Brian Long of Elida in 1:08 in the first round and stopped Ben Hover of Spencerville in 50 seconds in the semifinals.

While Willer had the most pins, Dustin Bowman of Lakota had the quickest, seven seconds, in

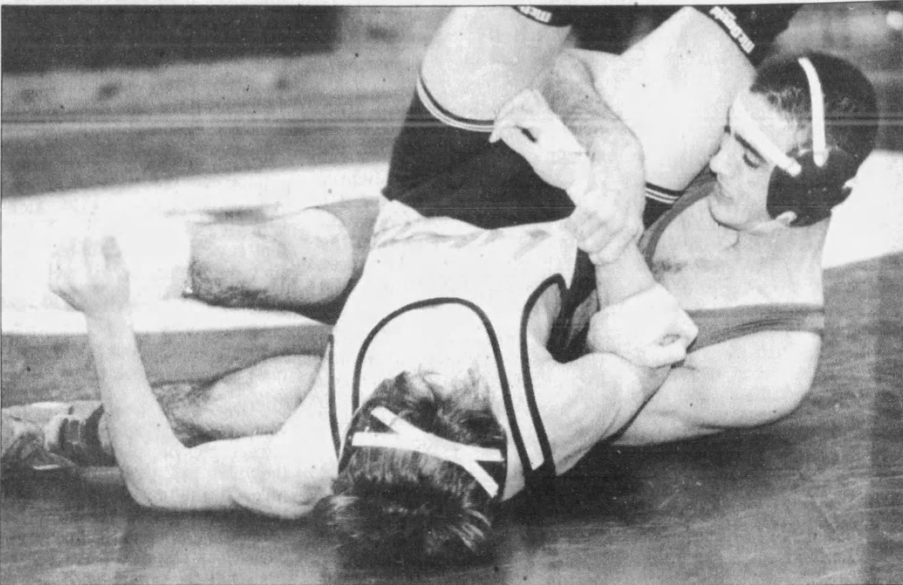
his 275-pound division semifinal match against Eric Jorrey of Bowling Green.

"That's a school record," Lakota coach Bob Young said. "He has been trying to break the record of eight seconds for the

past two weeks. It was just a lateral drop...and he just got it."

Other Ross individual titles went to Ryan Patterson (112), Jason Hatfield (135) and Matt Merrill (140). Patterson held off

See ROSS, B4



News-Messenger/Paul Evans

ROSS WRESTLER Jason Hatfield turns Lakota's Brock Quaintance during their 135-pound match Saturday at

the Mal Mackey tournament. Hatfield pinned Quaintance and Ross easily won the tournament.

Ross wins Mackey tourney

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Jim Comstock of Sylvania in a 6-4 decision and Hatfield pinned Brock Quaintance of Lakota in 3:14 to win his title. Merrill dominated Joe Shultz of Lakota, winning by technical fall (21-4) in the finals.

Runner-up finishes for Ross went to Josh Cherry (103), Don Wensinger (130), and Ken Kreilick (152).

Lakota's individual champions included Rob Timmons (119), Al Sachs (125), Andy Yonikus (130), Adam Milligan (152) and Bowman. Radiers runners-up were Quaintance, Shultz and Bomer.

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Mal Mackey Tournament

Results of the 22nd Mal Mackey Varsity Tournament at Fremont Ross High School Saturday:

TEAM STANDINGS

1, Fremont Ross	216
2, Sylvania Southview	169½
3, Lakota	166½
4, Port Clinton	104
5, Lima Shawnee	79
6, Elida	55
Bowling Green	55
8, Spencerville	37

CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

103-Phil Griffey (SS) p. Josh Cherry (FR) 3:53; 112-Ryan Patterson (FR) d. Jim Constock (SS) 6-4; 119-Rob Timmons (L) d. Dan Posner (SS) 6-4; 125-Al Sachs (L) d. Ryan Dickson (PC) 8-4; 130-Andy Yonikus (L) d. Don Wensinger (FR) 15-1; 135-Jason Hatfield (FR) p. Brock Quaintance (L) 3:14; 140-Matt Merrill (FR) t.f. Joe Shultz (L) 21-4;

145-Jamie Ross (FR) d. Aaron Bomer (L) 8-0; 152-Adam Milligan (L) d. Ken Krelich (FR) 5-3; 160-Josh Ward (LS) d. Travis Frank (BG) 7-2; 171-Brian Swickrath (E) d. Mike Cuevas (PC) 20-8; 189-Brandon Willer (FR) p. Bill Walker (SS) 0:58; 215-Jim Dotson (LS) p. Josh Shepherd (BG) 2:56; 275-Dustin Bowman (L) d. Adam Saggese (SS) 3-1 (OT).

CONSOLATION FINALS

(For third place)

103-Mike Tilson (PC) d. Mike Diglia (E) 10-9; 112-Dan Berman (PC) d. Mike Dussel (L) 9-5; 119-Dominic Livas (PC) t.f. Jeremy Roosen (FR) 22-7; 125-Jeremy Sawmiller (S) d. Anthony Neal (LS) 6-5; 130-Ryan Reed (SS) d. Scott Roth (LS) 17-4; 135-Corey Clive (SS) d. Dominic Freeman (E); 140-Scott Ingelsby (SS) 4:59;

145-Eric Trautman (SS) d. Jeremy Bott (S) 13-2; 152-Travis Dale (LS) d. Nick Adams (SS) 13-5; 160-Brian Reinbolt (FR) d. Andy Wilgus (S) 8-6 (OT); 171-Russ Mylander (FR) p. Dave Vargas (SS) 2:55; 189-Jason Mullens (PC) won by disqualification over Jason Smoyer (BG); 215-John Hawk (E) p. Jim Kim (SS) 2:49; 275-Mike McGlothlin (PC) p. Ty Stott (FR) 1:42.

Outstanding wrestler: Jamie Ross (145), Fremont Ross.

Most pins in least amount of time: Brandon Willer (189), Fremont Ross, three in 2:51.

Ross looks ahead after 52-21 win

By BOB MARKER
Sports Editor

Grover Dowell would not call it a tune-up match. But after a 52-21 romp over Sylvania Northview Thursday night in a Great Lakes League dual match, Dowell's Little Giants are aimed at a key match against defending GLL champion Whitmer.

The Panthers visit Fremont Ross Wednesday, with the match scheduled to begin at 6:15 p.m.

"That's probably going to be our second toughest league match," the Ross coach said.

First, the Little Giants wrestle at Findlay Saturday at 9 a.m.

Thursday afternoon, Dowell said he was toying with the idea of sending several junior varsity wrestlers up against the Trojans.

Thursday night in the Purple Pit, it was the set lineup. The performance against the Wildcats may have solidified its chances of matching up against Whitmer.

Five falls, a technical fall and pair of major decisions made it no contest against Northview.

Ross, 3-1 and 2-1, took a 16-0 lead on Josh Cherry's major decision at 103 and pins by Ryan Patterson in three minutes, 53 seconds over Mike Evans at 112 and Jeremy Roosen's 1:58 match-stopper against Sean Steele.

Northview, 2-2 and 2-2, closed to 16-9 before Jason Hatfield's decision at 135 started Ross on a seven-match winning streak.

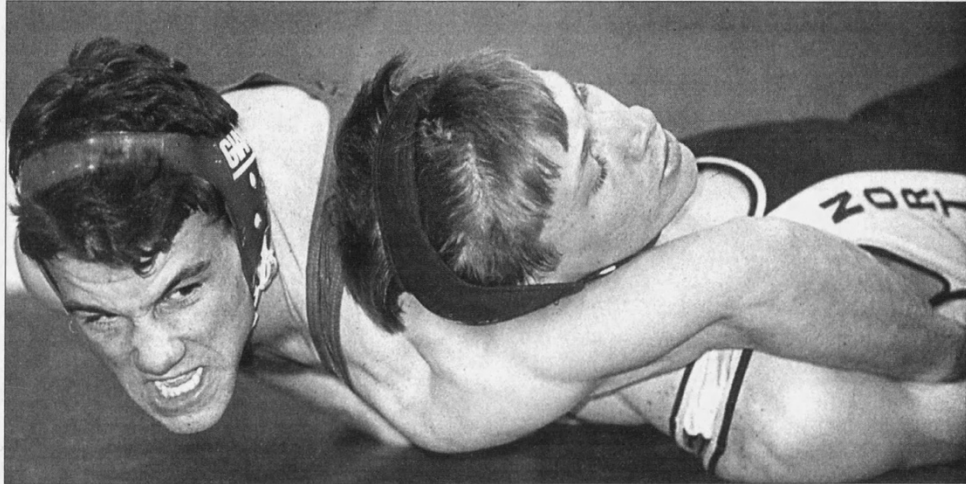
Matt Merrill (140) won on a technical fall, Jamie Ross (145) and Ken Kreilick (152) followed with falls, Brian Reinbolt (160) won a major decision and Russ Mylander won by forfeit at 171.

Brandon Willer (189) closed out the Ross scoring, running the lead to 52-9 with a pin on Kalip Mansor.

Kreilick had the quickest of the falls, 1:19 against Brian Fuller.

Willer's was the most dramatic. The Little Giants junior took Mansor down and to his back with a headlock in the opening half-minute of the match but Mansor held on until the final second of the period when referee Jim Vreeland called the fall.

"The kids were moving well and had better hand control," Dowell said after the match. "We worked a lot on hand control this week, and they responded well."



News-Messenger/Andrew Morrison

MATT MERRILL of Fremont Ross squeezes down on Mike Boes of Sylvania Northview during their 140-pound match Thursday night at the Ross High

School Purple Pit. Merrill earned a 24-8 technical fall over Boes in 5 minutes and 3 seconds, and the Little Giants beat the Wildcats 52-21.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Margaretta handles Clyde pressure

By TIM HARMON
Staff writer

CLYDE — Margaretta coach Tim Tucker wouldn't say he challenged center Sarah Hamilton at halftime Thursday night.

One got the idea that he prompted her some, however, after Hamilton led the Polar Bears to a 76-62 Sandusky Bay Conference victory over Clyde at The Hangar.

"She knows when she's not playing well," Tucker said.

Hamilton scored 13 points and grabbed eight rebounds in the third quarter as the Polar Bears broke open a close game.

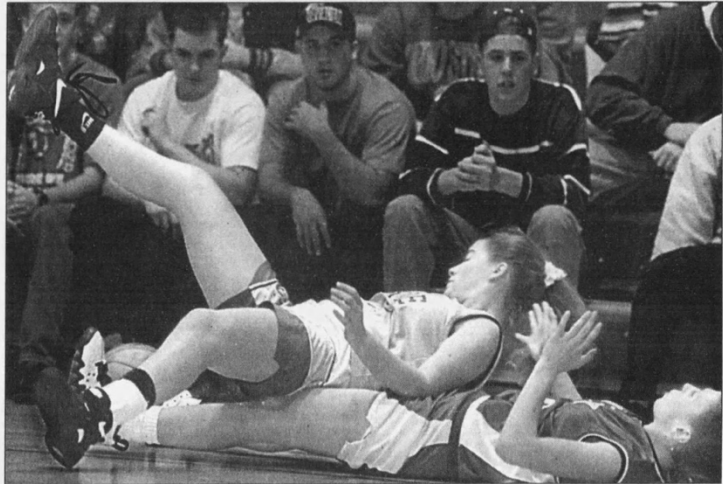
"It boiled down to one thing," Clyde coach Ralph Hohenstein said. "We could not stop their big people inside."

"We told our girls they couldn't let them have the ball on the block down low. We didn't do a good job of fronting them."

Hamilton finished with 21 points and 16 rebounds, and Gaby Highlander added 16 points and 11 rebounds as Margaretta improved to 11-1 and remained undefeated in seven SBC games.

The Polar Bears led 14-4 in the early going, but Clyde trailed 29-28 late in the first half.

Margaretta led 38-33 at the half and moved its lead to 57-49 mid-



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CHASITY NIESET of Clyde falls on top of Margaretta's Jennifer Lidke after the two chased a loose ball during a

Sandusky Bay Conference game at The Hangar on Thursday night.

court pressure on us, we're going to get a lot of easy baskets because we do see the floor."

Clyde, 7-4 and 5-2, got back

the second.

"We're used to playing our press, but as the game went on, we got weaker at it," Hohenstein

bounded 48-28, pulled to within eight points late in the third quarter. The period ended with the Polar Bears on top 61-51.

Wrestling

High School

Ross 52, Northview 21

103-Josh Cherry (R) d. Luke McKinley 15-5; 112-Ryan Patterson (R) p. Mike Evans 3:53; 119-Jeremy Roosen (R) p. Sean Steele 1:58; 125-Jordan Swartz (N) p. Jason Hummel 1:03; 130-Larry Ray (N) d. Don Wensinger 12-7; 135-Jason Hatfield (R) d. Gabe Rodriguez 9-4; 140-Matt Merrill (R) t.f. Mike Boes 24-8.

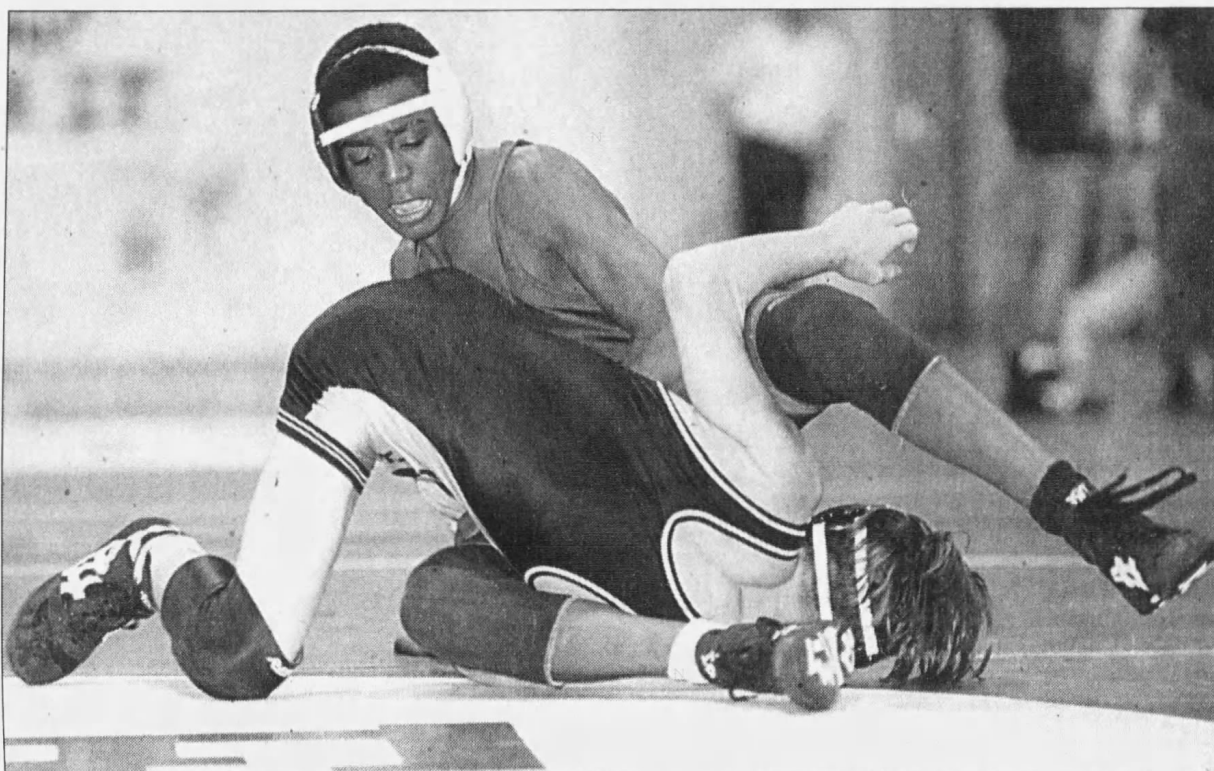
145-Jamie Ross (R) p. Jeremy Bockert 3:12; 152-Ken Kreilick (R) p. Brian Fuller 1:19; 160-Brian Reinbolt (R) d. Bryan Sharpe 16-4; 171-Russ Mylander (R) won by forfeit; 189-Brandon Willer (R) p. Kalip Mansor 1:59; 215-Dan Clark (N) p. Brad Drake 1:04; 275-Matt Patterson (N) p. Ty Stout 1:03.

Records: Northview 2-2 (2-2), Ross 3-1 (2-1).

Ross JV 39, Northview 11

119-Travis Binion (N) p. Dan Alejandro; 119-J.D. Smith (R) p. Frank Ramirez; 125-Jim Plotner (N) d. Eric Butzier; 130-Chad Koebel (R) d. Kadeem Manson 7-2; 135-Mike Willer (R) p. Sean Brown 0:30; 140-Jessee Sandoval (R) p. David Glowski 0:35; 140-Jason Loganbach (R) p. Paul Brady 1:29; 140-Dave McKay (N) d. Eric Lindsey 17-12; 152-Marco Nevarez (R) p. Steve French 1:07; 189-Aaron Root (R) p. Brian Keram 1:01.

NOTE: Northview had a point deducted for unsportsmanlike conduct.



Come back here!

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Ross wrestler Ryan Patterson tries to come over the top of Northview's Mike Evans during their 112-pound match

at the Fremont Ross Purple Pit Thursday night. Patterson pinned Evans, and Ross won 52-21.

Whitmer outwrestles Ross

By **TIM HARMON**
Staff writer

It's easy to understand wrestling is a team sport — although it depends solely on the acts of individuals — after Toledo Whitmer's dual meet victory over Fremont Ross Wednesday night.

How so? Whitmer's wrestlers proved that even a loss can help the cause of the team.

The Panthers wrestled to the buzzer or whistle in every match at the Purple Pit and came away with a 33-31 Great Lakes League victory.

"We did not wrestle to win," Ross coach Grover Dowell said. "(The Little Giants) didn't finish moves; they didn't attack; they weren't hungry enough."

"You have to have a team effort to beat Whitmer."

A team effort is what Whitmer got, and heavy-weight Mike Beale capped the Panthers' comeback from a 31-16 deficit by pinning Ty Stout in 3 minutes, 3 seconds.

"That's a first-year wrestler for us," Whitmer coach Denny Brighton said. "He didn't come out until late."

"This was big for him because now he knows what it's about."

Beale was giving away 35 pounds to Stout, a sophomore wrestling just his second varsity match.

Chris McKown beat Aaron Root 21-6 at 189, and Mark Schumaker pinned Brandon Willer with a second left at 215 to set up Beale's pin.

Whitmer's comeback actually began as Ross upped its lead to 31-16 on senior Russ Mylander's 17-10 victory at 171.

Kevin Zurawski reversed Mylander late in the third period — avoiding a major decision and giving Ross three team points instead of four.

The same scenario unfolded at 103 pounds, where Whit-

Ross GLL chances dashed

A year ago, Fremont Ross, Toledo Whitmer and Bedford (Mich.) tied for first place following the Great Lakes League dual meet season.

Whitmer went on to win the GLL tournament and league championship.

Bedford was league runner-up, with the Little Giants taking third.

Following Whitmer's 33-31 victory over Ross Wednesday night, the Panthers are undefeated in four league matches.

The Little Giants, meanwhile, are now 4-2 in duals including a 2-2 mark in the GLL.

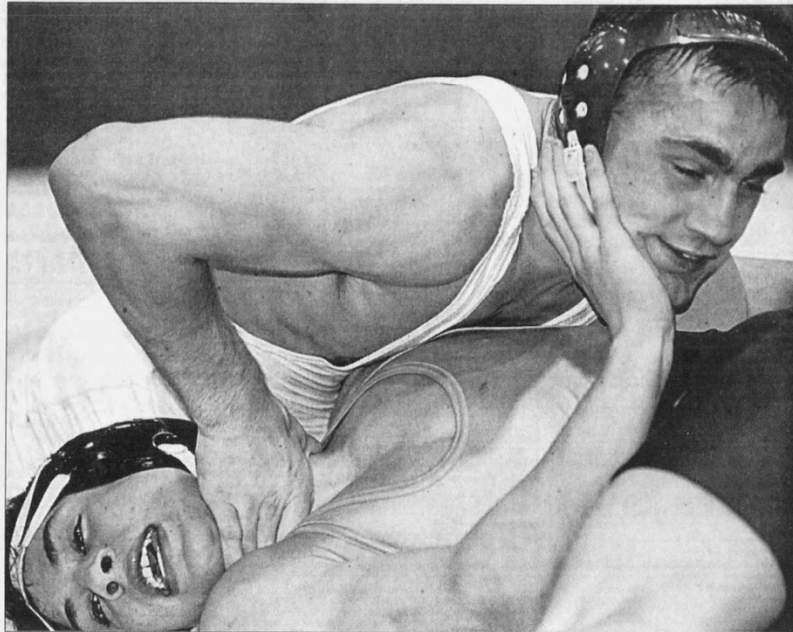
"If we could have won this, we would still had a good chance for the league championship," said Ross coach Grover Dowell Wednesday night.

"If (the Little Giants) wrestle like they're capable, they can still win it."

"If they wrestle like tonight, we'll be third again."

The Mules already have a victory over Ross this season and wrestle Whitmer on Feb. 2.

— **TIM HARMON**



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JAMIE ROSS (top) of Fremont Ross works for back points against Eric Grover of Toledo Whitmer during their 145-pound match Wednesday night. Ross defeated Grover 18-1, but the

mer's Eric Zolciak avoided a major decision with a reversal in the final 10 seconds of his 11-4 loss to freshman Josh Cherry.

"I can excuse losing a team point from a freshman," Dowell said. "But not from a senior."

The Little Giants also settled for technical falls at 140 and 145, although it appeared both Matt Merrill and Jamie Ross were on the verge of pins against Corey Himebaugh and Eric Grover.

"Merrill is a tough, tough kid," Brighton said. "Staying off your back against him is saying something. (Himebaugh) earned that point."

"We know that every point is important for the team."

Panthers edged the Little Giants 33-31 in the Great Lakes League dual match at the Purple Pit. The Little Giants have now lost two GLL matches.

Whitmer got a pin from Eric Dubendorfer at 112, and the Panthers took a 16-3 lead early after technical falls by John Blaze at 119 and Derrick Schuler at 125.

Don Wensinger won a 19-18 decision for Ross at 130 when Whitmer's Jerome Potts missed a chance to get a takedown and two points as time expired.

Jason Hatfield earned a 12-9 decision for Ross at 135, and Merrill made the score 16-14 with his 21-14 victory over Himebaugh.

The Little Giants took the lead 19-16 on Jamie Ross's 18-1 win over Eric Grover, and Ken Kreilick followed with a pin in 5:51 over Lonny Ebersole at 152.

Brian Reinbolt's 10-6 victory over Mike Lenix at 160 gave Ross a 28-16 lead.

Wrestling

Whitmer 33, Ross 31

103: Josh Cherry (R) d. Eric Zolciak 11:04; 112: Eric Dubendorfer (W) p. Dan Alejandro 1:31; 119: John Blaze (W) t.f. Jeremy Rosen 18-1; 125: Derrick Schuker (W) t.f. J.D. Smith 16-0; 130: Don Wensinger (R) d. Jerome Potts 19-18; 135: Jason Hatfield (R) d. Brandon Wolfe 12-9; 140: Matt Merrill (R) t.f. Corey Himebaugh 21-4.

145: Jamie Ross (R) t.f. Eric Grover 18-1; 152: Ken Kreilick (R) p. Lonny Ebersole 5:51; 160: Brian Reinbolt (R) d. Mike Lenix 10-6; 171: Russ Mylander (R) d. Kevin Zurawski 17-10; 189: Chris McKown (W) t.f. Aaron Root 21-6; 215: Mark Schumaker (W) p. Brandon Willer 5:59; 275: Mike Beale (W) p. Ty Stout 3:03.

Records: Whitmer 4-0 (4-0), Ross 4-2 (2-2).

Ross JV 41, Whitmer 25

119: Jason Hummel (R) p. Ken Newbury 1:20; 125: Tyler Lawrence (R) t.f. Frank Withworth 16-0; 130: Eric Buzier (R) p. Hetrick Wichart 3:34; 135: Shawn Skatalski (W) p. Chad Koebel 5:24; 140: Mike Willer (R) p. Ross Robertson :25;

145: Mike Bunker (W) p. Nick Reiter :50; 152: Kyle Segur (W) d. Jesse Sandoval 7-3; 160: Brian Lenix (W) d. Jason Longanbach 11-3; 171: Eric Lindsey (R) p. Jack Crist :23; 189: Marco Nevarez (R) p. David Armstrong 5:07; 215: Rene Orozco (W) p. Keith Mosser 5:56; 275: Brad Drake (R) p. Josh Franklin 1:59.

Dartball

Lutheran Churches

American League

	W	L
Zion.....	29	13
Woodville.....	25	17
Hessville.....	23	18
Clyde.....	20	22
St. Paul's.....	18	24
Kingsway.....	16	26
First English.....	15	24

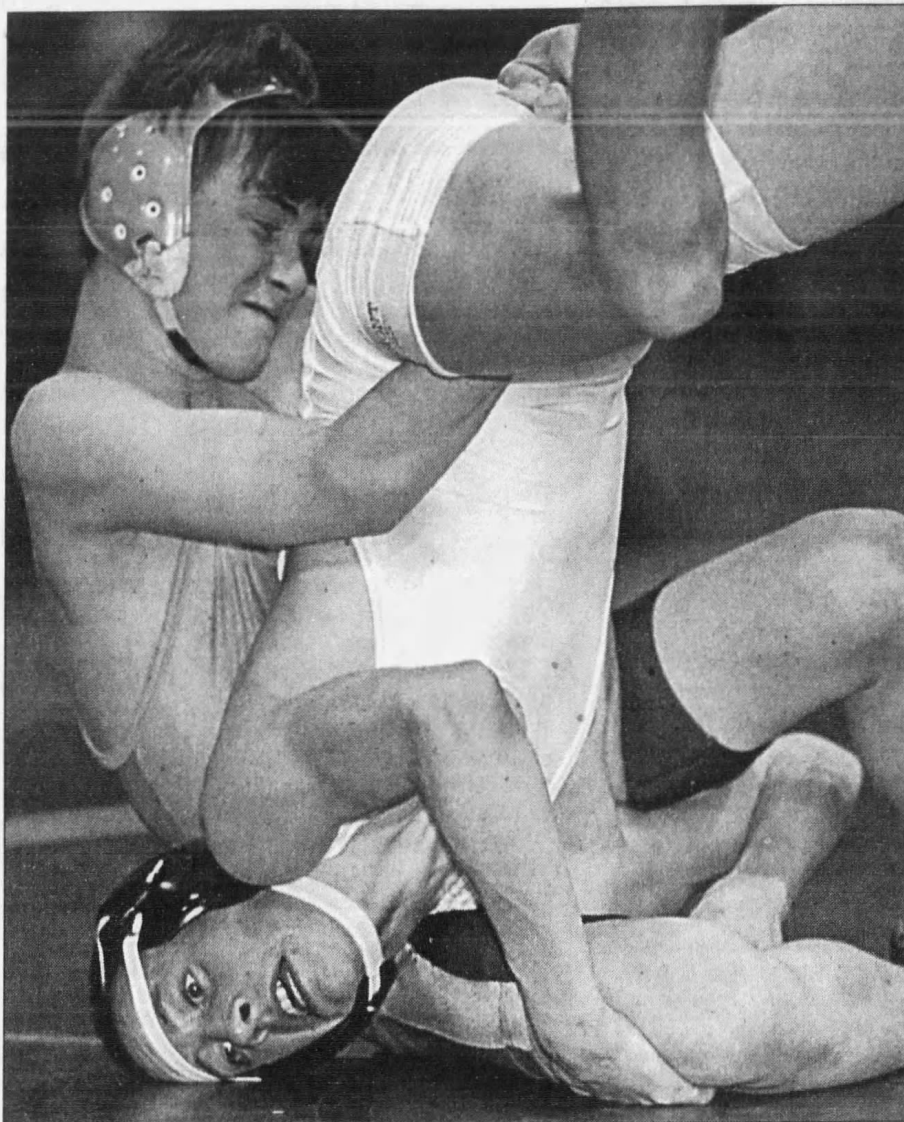
National League

	W	L
Faith.....	30	12
Oak Harbor #25.....	28	14
St. John's.....	24	18
Grace.....	22	20
*Vickery.....	16	23
Oak Harbor #9.....	14	28
Elmore.....	13	29

*Make-up needed

Results

Hessville, Oak Harbor #25, Bus 2 wins



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Upside down Cherry

Eric Zolciak (left) of Toledo Whitmer lifts Josh Cherry of Fremont Ross as Cherry gets in a single leg during their 103-pound match Wednesday night at the Purple Pit. Cherry defeated Zolciak 11-4, but the Panthers edged the Little Giants 33-31.

Wrestling

Ross defeats Napoleon; Oak Harbor gets by Lakota

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Fremont Ross bounced back from a Great Lakes League dual loss to Toledo Whitmer last week with a 37-27 league win at Napoleon Thursday.

Ken Kreilick's 7-3 decision over Kevin Fraker at 152 pounds gave Ross a 34-8 lead.

After consecutive pins by Napoleon at 160 and 171, Brandon Willer put the match out of the Wildcats' reach at 37-21 with a 10-3 decision over Ryan McGhee.

Ryan Patterson at 112, Jeremy Roosen at 119 and Matt Merrill at 140 won by pin as Ross improved to 5-2 and 3-2.

Jason Hatfield won a major decision at 135, starting a string of four straight Ross wins.

Lakota heavyweight Dustin Bowman closed the match with a pin.

Oak Harbor's Kevin Fabian at 112 and Scott DeTray at 135 also recorded pins.

Lakota, 7-1, got back-to-back pins from Brock Quaintance at 125 and Al Sachs at 130.

Ross 37, Napoleon 27

103: Matt Bressler (N) d. Josh Cherry 9-1; 112: Ryan Patterson (R) p. Tyson Bailton 5:09; 119: Jeremy Roosen (R) p. Cesar Rodriguez :53; 125: Tyler Lawrence (R) d. Marc Vandenberg 9-4; 130: Bart Dickerson (N) d. J.D. Smith 9-1; 135: Jason Hatfield (R) d. Steve Spencer 17-7; 140: Matt Merrill (R) p. Scott Baker 3:05.

145: Jamie Ross (R) won by forfeit; 152: Ken Kreilick (R) d. Kevin Fraker 7-3; 160: Josh Smith (N) p. Brian Reinbolt 1:29; 171: Mike Allen (N) p. Russ Mylander 1:14; 189: Brandon Willer (R) d. Ryan McGhee 10-3; 215: Neil Gerdeman (N) d. Brad Drake 20-6; 275: Joe Gustwiller (N) d. Ty Stout 17-11.

Records: Ross 5-2 (3-2).

JV matches: Erik Lymanstall (N) d. Jason Hummell 5-3; Eric Butzier (R) p. Mike Rohda 5:32; Eric Lindsey (R) p. Brian Frater 3:47; Aaron Root (R) p. Justin Conrad.

WRESTLING

No waste in Clyde's win

By TIM HARMON
Staff writer

CLYDE — The scoreboard at The Hangar read in favor of the home team midway through Clyde's dual match with Fremont Ross Tuesday night.

But unlike three days earlier against Bellevue, when Clyde wasted a lead and settled for a tie, the Fliers finished off a 58-9 victory over the Little Giants.

Clyde, 10-0-1, took a 24-0 lead over Ross, 4-3, after Jarod Lovett pinned Don Wensinger in 4 minutes, 42 seconds at 130 pounds.

"That was no time to sit back and take it easy," Clyde coach Jim Carothers said.

Jason Hatfield scored a take-down 24 seconds into overtime for a 5-3 victory over Tim Arden to give Ross its first points in the next match.

Matt Merrill then pinned Dustin Weinheimer in 1:56 at 140 for his 100th win as a Little Giant, and Clyde's lead was cut to 24-9.

The Fliers took off after that. After Chad Long won by default at 145 because of a recurring knee injury to Jamie Ross, Clyde got decisions from Steve Yates, Lucas Borer and Jay Collins.

Then muscles were flexed. Justin Chagnon in 4:49 over Brandon Willer at 189, Jeremi Woodruff in 3:15 over Brad Drake at 215 and Brian Musser in 1:40 over Ty Stout at 275 all won by pin.

Yates, Collins, Chagnon, Woodruff and Musser each suffered losses in Bellevue's comeback Saturday from a 24-6 deficit to a 24-all tie.

"Maybe some of them were thinking about it," Carothers said.

Both Carothers and Ross coach Grover Dowell said the tone for the match was set early. In Dowell's case, very early.

"It started with a couple of mental lapses by some guys who were overweight," Dowell said.

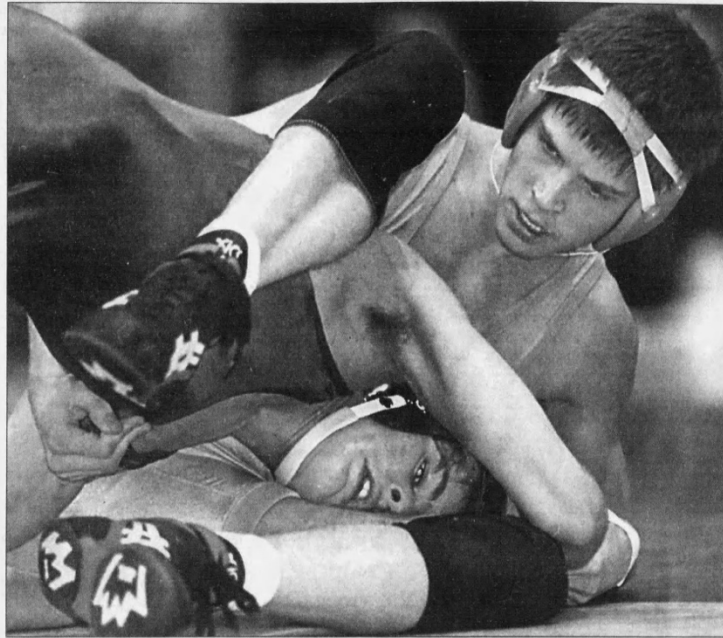
Ross 103-pounder Josh Cherry just made weight, while Ryan Patterson weighed in at 122 and had to wrestle at 125 instead of 112.

Cherry took Lance Noftz, who weighed in at 100 pounds, to a 30-second overtime period after three periods and an extra two minutes left them tied at 2-2. Noftz scored a takedown 12.5 seconds into the second overtime for the win.

"We're real tickled with his performance to win in overtime," Carothers said.

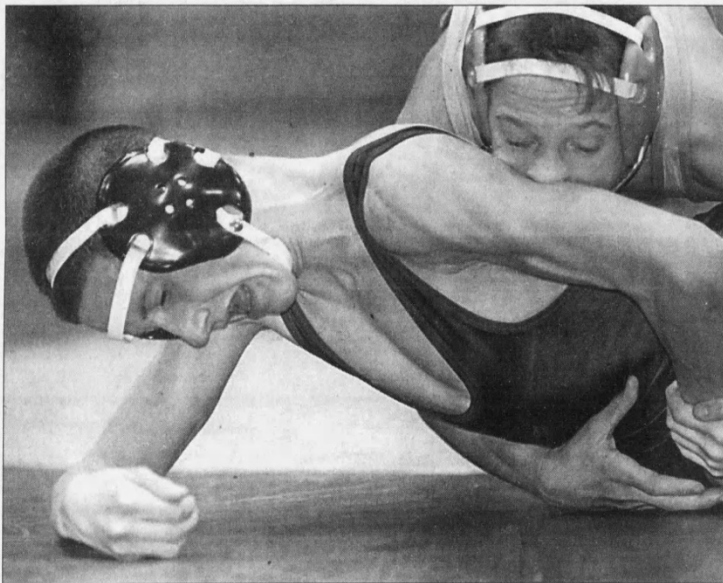
Ross had chances.

"My boys weren't finishing off



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JAROD LOVETT of Clyde controls Don Wensinger of Ross during the match at Clyde High School Tuesday.



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JOSH CHERRY of Ross, front, attempts to free himself from Clyde's Lance Noftz in the 103-pound match.

Merrill wins No. 100

By TIM HARMON
Staff writer

CLYDE — Matt Merrill counted his victories before this season started. The Fremont Ross senior discovered 100 was in range.

"I never really thought about it until I added them up," he said

after pinning Clyde's Dustin Weinheimer here Tuesday night for win No. 100.

The mark was a goal, Merrill said. It wasn't an obsession, however, because he has routinely notched 20 victories in a season.

He said advancing to the district tournament as a freshman was a big help to achieving something only Jamie Ramirez and Matt Marinis have done at Ross.

Merrill was 24-11 as a freshman, 26-6 as a sophomore and 30-5 last year when he advanced to the state tournament. This season, he is 20-2.

Ross coach Grover Dowell said the fact four-year wrestlers are only recent occurrences shouldn't belittle the achievement.

"It's something very few wrestlers have done," he said.

Merrill went after Weinheimer as he does most opponents. After a quick takedown, he let Weinheimer escape. Another takedown and three back points was followed by another escape.

The next takedown led to the pin four seconds before the end of the first period.

"I wanted to be aggressive," Merrill said.

Now he wants to move toward the school record of 113 victories set by Ramirez.

"Fourteen more," Merrill said.

That could land him in the state tournament again.

"I want to place high," he said as quietly as he reached 100 victories.



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Clyde wrestlers roll over Ross

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moves, and Clyde's guys were," Dowell said. "We have to go back to the basics. That's very frustrating."

Clyde, which set a school record with 1,146 takedowns last season, compiled 30 against Ross. More importantly, the Fliers allowed just seven.

"Our kids fight not to give them up," Carothers said. "Some of our

kids are good leg wrestlers, and some of the other kids are good at using a "whizzer" move to get out of tough situations."

Noftz's decision was followed by Rob Jennings third-period pin over Dan Alejandro, Chris Staats technical fall over Jeremy Roosen, Jason Lamson's 20-6 decision over Patterson and Lovett's pin.

The Fiers, though, didn't stop at 24 points this time.

Wrestling

Clyde 58, Ross 9

103: Lance Nofz (C) d. Josh Cherry 4-2 (2OT); 112: Rob Jennings (C) p. Dan Alejandro 5:13; 119: Chris Staats (C) t.f. Jeremy Roosen 15-0; 125: Jason Lamson (C) d. Ryan Patterson 20-6; 130: Jarod Lovett (C) p. Don Wensinger 4:42; 135: Jason Hatfield (R) d. Tim Arden 5-3 (OT); 140: Matt Merrill (R) p. Dustin Weinheimer 1:56.

145: Chad Long (C) injury default over Jamie Ross; 152: Steve Yates (C) d. Ken Kreilick 8-0; 160: Lucas Borer (C) d. Brian Reinbolt 8-2; 171: Jay Collins (C) d. Russ Mylander 6-2; 189: Justin Chagnon (C) p. Brandon Willer 4:49; 215: Jeremi Woodruff (C) p. Brad Drake 3:15; 275: Brian Musser (C) p. Ty Stout 1:40.

Records: Ross 4-3, Clyde 10-0-1.

Clyde JV 24, Ross 9

125: Mike Goble (C) d. Jack Smith 18-4; 130: Ty Lawrence (R) d. Greg Karchuck 13-8; 140: Jeremy Miracle (C) d. Mike Willer 19-8; 152: Tyson Maag (C) d. Jessee Sandoval 8-2; 160: Brett Beebe (C) d. Eric Lindsey 13-2; 171: Jason Mason (C) p. Marco Nevarez 2:14; 189: Keith Mosser (R) p. Kyle Bailey :28; 215: Ben Bennett (C) d. Lenny Root 16-9.

WRESTLING

Blue Streaks rout Little Giants

By **BOB MARKER**
Sports Editor

Combine the assessments of both coaches and the analogy is simple: Sandusky wrestled well and Fremont Ross wrestled very poorly Tuesday night.

The Blue Streaks pounded the Little Giants 47-17 at the Purple Pit in the final regular season dual match for both teams.

"We just did not wrestle well," Ross coach Grover Dowell said after Sandusky finished 12-3 and Ross 5-4 in dual meets.

The Little Giants won two matches on the mat and another by a forfeit.

Matt Merrill won on a 24-6 technical fall, in five minutes and 27 seconds over William Conway, at 140 pounds.

"I can turn them over," the Ross senior said after his 105th high school victory, "but I just cannot seem to pin them."

Jamie Ross followed Merrill's win by pinning Brandon Hunley in 1:14. The Sandusky wrestler went for a throw on the initial takedown, but Ross slipped the hold and took Hunley straight to his back for the pin.

Other than those two matches, the night belonged to the Blue Streaks.

"We wrestled very well," Sandusky coach Ken Colatruglio said. "We have been having good practices ... we wrestled very well."

The Blue Streaks started with back-to-back pins by Corey Roggeman and Demaris Walls at 103 and 112, respectively, and followed that up with a technical fall, major decision, two falls and five decisions.

The Little Giants are off until the sectional tournament Feb. 24-25 at Mansfield Senior High School.

St. Joe defends MAL title

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Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic has won six of the nine Midland Athletic League tournaments held since 1986, including the last two.

Saturday at Carey, the Crimson Streaks will chase the host school in a bid for a third straight crown.

The Blue Devils are led by 145-pounder Nick Mengerink and Jay Mitsch at 189 pounds. Their lineup is deep and they could place more than 10 wrestlers, according to St. Joe assistant coach Dick Reineck.

St. Joe as well as Seneca East are the best bets to upset the Blue Devils, Reineck said.

The Streaks will not have a wrestler at 125 or 171. Their 171-pounder, Brian Celek, is recovering from an automobile accident last month.

The St. Joe lineup is Brian Harman (103), Billy Hoffman (112), Tim Tate (119), Brett Reineck (130), Brad Logsdon (135), Pete LeJeune (140), Mike Mead (145), Rob Reineck (152), Brad Beier (160), Tony Reiter (189), Mike Belden (215) and Ryan Good (275).

The tournament begins at 11 a.m. The finals are at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.

Wrestling

Sandusky 47, Ross 17

103-Corey Roggeman (S) p. Josh Cherry 0:47; 112-Demaris Walls (S) p. Dan Alejandro 1:35; 119-Antywon Grant (S) t.f. Jeremy Roosen 15-0, 4:32; 125-Gus Walls (S) d. Ryan Patterson 19-10; 130-Nick Mees (S) p. Don Wensinger 3:00; 135-Ryan Kelly (S) d. Jason Hatfield 5-4; 140-Matt Merrill (R) t.f. William Conway 24-6, 5:27.

145-Jamie Ross (R) p. Brandon Hunley 1:14; 152-Marcus Pickens (S) d. Ken Kreilick 11-8; 160-Ron Ott (S) d. Brian Reinbolt 9-7; 171-Brandon Kelly (S) d. Russ Mylander 9-4; 189-Shanon Aaron (S) d. Brandon Willer 6-3; 215-Cassell Causey (S) p. Brad Drake 3:12; 275-Ty Stout (R) won by forfeit.

Records: Sandusky 12-3, Ross 5-4.

JV matches

125-Karl Riedel (S) d. Jack Smith 17-7; 130-Benje Gutierrez (S) p. Tyler Lawrence 5:46; 135-Jeremy Newell (S) p. Chad Koebel 2:48; 140-Mike Willer (R) d. Justin Garriss 9-6; 145-Travis Werner (S) p. Nick Reiter 3:55; 152-Jessee Sandoval (R) p. Thomas Pean 2:29; 160-Nick Graves (S) p. Eric Lindsey 5:41; 171-Ernest Jones (S) p. Marco Nevarez 2:41.

Awards

Hatfield, Merrill share Ross MVP award

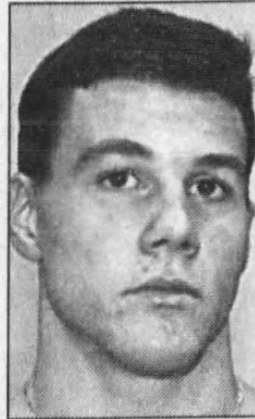
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Two wrestlers who placed in the state meet share the most valuable wrestler award for the Fremont Ross team.

Matt Merrill and Jason Hatfield, both seniors, were presented the award Monday night during the awards program in the high school cafeteria.

Merrill set a Ross record with 117 wins and finished fifth in the Division I 140-pound division while Hatfield, 135, won 104 matches and finished sixth in the state meet.

Other special awards presented by coach Grover Dowell included the captain's award to Merrill and Hatfield; the most improved to senior Brian Reinbolt; the most pins to senior Ken Kreilick;



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HATFIELD

Merrill for the most takedowns and Jamie Ross won the Coaches Award.

Four-year award winners included Hatfield, Kreilick and Merrill.