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Ross travels to Rogers AAA meet

TOLEDO — Fremont Ross will be in the Class AAA District Tournament Friday and Saturday at Toledo Rogers High School.

Along with the Little Giants, Port Clinton and eight other teams will be in the same district.

Wrestling begins at 5:30 p.m., Friday, up to the semi-final rounds. Saturday, the semi-finals begin at 12:30 p.m. with wrestling up to the consolation finals.

The top two wrestlers in each weight division advance to the regional tournament March 2-3 at Lorain Admiral King High School. The Rogers district will make use of the "wrestle-back" to determine the second representative. Should a wrestler finish third and not have wrestled the second place finisher, the third place wrestler may challenge the runnerup for the final regional berth.

Ross Coach Al Voggenthaler was not happy with the luck of the draw that placed his team at Rogers. "I would have liked to have gone to Whitmer (the other district site) because the top two will go to Upper Arlington which will not be

as strong at the Admiral King regional.

At Admiral King, teams such as seven-time state champ Lakewood St. Edward, Bay Village, Elyria and Maple Heights will be represented.

"I can say it's good news and bad news," Voggenthaler said about the regional tourney, "first, you run into a meat grinder but if you get out of it, you will probably have a state placer."

The Ross coach said he feels the Admiral King regional may be tougher than the state meet.

At the district, three Little Giants are seeded with another serving as an alternate seed. Mike Mezinger is second seeded at 112, Matt Smith is third at 185 and Todd Beatty is the fourth seed at 175. Kit Sultz is the alternate seed at 155.

Keith Shook of Port Clinton is second seeded at 185.

Other teams in district are host Rogers, Maumee, Toledo Central Catholic, Woodward, Waite, Sylvania Southview, Scott and Perrysburg.

Three Ross wrestlers reach AAA semifinals

TOLEDO — Fremont Ross will send three wrestlers into the semifinals of the Class AAA District Wrestling Tournament today at Rogers High School.

The Little Giants are seventh in the team race with 12 points. Host Rogers leads with 60 followed by Maumee with 34½, Port Clinton at 32 and Toledo Central Catholic in fourth with 28½.

Sylvania Southview is fifth at 22 while Perrysburg is sixth with 19.

Chris Vaffis (98), Mike Mezinger (112) and Matt Smith (185) will be in the semifinal round beginning at 12:30 p.m. today.

The top two finishers in each

weight division advance to the regional tournament next weekend at Lorain Admiral King High School.

Vaffis will face top-seeded Jade Montrie of Rogers in his semifinal match. He pinned Shawn Puckett of Port Clinton to get into today's match.

Mezinger, seeded second, had a first-round bye before defeating Steve Davis of Perrysburg 7-0 in his quarterfinal clash.

Smith, seeded third, defeated Drew Crane of Perrysburg 7-0 in his first match and will face Keith Shook, seeded second, of Port Clinton in his first match today.

Smith places third

Mezinger wins district title

TOLEDO — Mike Mezinger escaped a close call in the semifinals to emerge as Ross' lone representative to the Class AAA Regional Wrestling Tournament at Lorain this weekend.

Mezinger, a junior, won the 112-pound championship in the Class AAA District Wrestling Tournament at Rogers High School. As a team, Ross was seventh with 54½ points. Top-seeded Toledo Rogers won the title with 211½ while Maumee was second with 147 and Port

Clinton third at 124.

"That was absolutely the best I have ever seen Mike wrestle," Ross Coach Al Voggenthaler said in praising Mezinger's 7-0 victory over top-seeded Jeff McCreery of Maumee in the finals.

"What made it more outstanding was McCreery was really pumped up for Mezinger. At the beginning of the second period, McCreery pointed at Mike and said, 'This is my match!'" Voggenthaler described.

The Ross junior had a

2-0 lead after one period and raised that to 3-0 by escaping in the second period. In the final two minutes, Mezinger came up with a pair of two-point nearfalls. "He would have pinned the kid if the match had been a little longer," Voggenthaler said.

"Actually, the match was closer than what the score indicates because it was touch and go the whole match."

In addition to Mezinger's championship, Ross had a third place finisher in 185-pounder Matt Smith.

A sophomore, Smith is in his first year of wrestling.

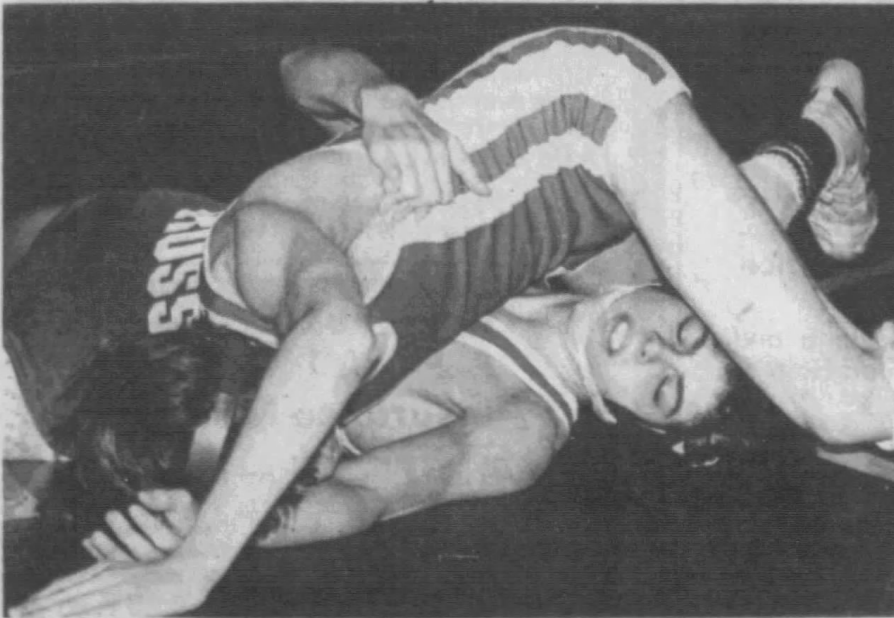
"He wrestled a little in junior high in Michigan," Voggenthaler said, "but for all intents and purposes, this is his first year."

Smith lost to eventual champion Keith Shook of Port Clinton 8-3 in the semifinals. He came back in the consolation rounds to pin Jim Szych of Woodward in 1:13 and take third with a 10-0 win over Steve Croci of Toledo Central Catholic. In a challenge match for the right to advance to the regional, Smith was beaten by runnerup Mario Dominguez of Rogers 9-0.

Only the top two finishers advanced but should a third place finisher not have wrestled the runnerup, the third place winner could challenge with the winner advancing to the regional.

Other wrestlers placing for Ross included sophomore Chris Vaffis, fourth at 98 and junior Todd Brooks at 105.

Port Clinton will have Steve Saunders (105 runnerup), Steve Smith (runnerup at 138), Bruce Celek (second at 155), Shook, and Steve Gutkoski, third at 175 but winner of a challenge match, advancing to the regional tourney.



(N-M photo by Bob Marker)

CHRIS VAFFIS of Ross is in trouble in this match against Jade Montrie of Toledo Rogers during the 98-pound semifinals Saturday. Vaffis, a sopho-

more, lost the match but came back through the consolations to finish fourth.

Scoreboard

Wrestling

Class AAA at Toledo Rogers

Toledo Rogers	211	S. Southview	58½
Maumee	147	Fremont Ross	54½
Port Clinton	124	Toledo Walte	47
Tol. Cen. Cath.	85½	Woodward	6
Perrysburg	82	Toledo Scott	0

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

- 98-Jade Montrie (TR) d. Joe LaPlante (TCC) 9-5.
- 105-Paul Kaifas (Mau) d. Steve Saunders (PC) 11-2.
- 112-Mike Mezinger (FR) d. Jeff McCreery (Mau) 7-0.
- 119-Vince Lopez (TW) d. John Seabolt (TR) 6-4.
- 126-Scott Shadler (TR) d. Nacko Jackson (TW) 4-2.
- 132-Scott Drew (TR) d. Bill Hofmann (Mau) 13-3.
- 138-Chris Spychalski (Mau) d. Steve Smith (PC).
- 145-Dave Wendt (TCC) d. Mike Martin (TR) 9-6.
- 155-Marty Miller (TR) d. Bruce Celek (PC) 7-3.
- 167-Carl Freeman (Mau) d. Frank Bowlin (Pb) 4-2.
- 175-Scott McMeans (Pb) p. Ken Rosemond (TR).
- 185-Ken Shook (PC) d. Mario Dominguez (TR) 7-3.
- HVY-Ken Walczak (Mau) p. Mike Geis (TR).

CONSOLATION MATCHES

- 98-Tom Steman (SS) d. Chris Vaffis (FR) 5-3.
- 105-Bill Mossing (TCC) d. Todd Brooks (FR) 5-2.
- 112-Sam Russo (SS) d. Doug McCrae (TR) 3-2.
- 119-Carl Schnorf (SS) p. Bill Ray (TCC).
- 126-Tony Andrzejewski (Mau) d. Chris Raff (PC) 7-4.
- 132-Marcus Bowen (SS) d. Roger Wuerful (Pb) 5-3.
- 138-Jim Kyser (TR) d. Jerry Schnapp (TCC) 5-0.
- 145-R.L. Boyles (Mau) d. Dean Tammerine (Pb) 5-1.
- 155-Jeff Scheick (TCC) d. Larry Rank (TW) 3-0.
- 167-Steve Malik (PC) d. Todd Grinonneau (TR) 6-2.
- 175-Steve Gutkoski (PC) p. Jeff Goatley (Mau).
- 185-Matt Smith (FR) d. Steve Croci (TCC) 10-0.
- HVY-Rollan Slauterbeck (PC) d. Gary Stine (Pb) 3-2.

CHALLENGE-BACK MATCHES

(Winners qualify for regional meet.)

- 119-Seabolt (TRD) won on by third period default from Schnorf (SS).
- 126-Jackson (TW) d. Andrzejewski (Mau) 6-5.
- 167-Bowlin (Pb) d. Malik (PC) 12-9.
- 175-Gutkoski (PC) d. Rosemond (TR) 3-2.
- 185-Dominguez (Mau) d. Smith (FR) 9-0.
- HVY-Geis (TR) d. Slauterbeck (PC) in overtime (2-2) on referee's decision.

