

1987 Buckeye Conference...

Ross bids for Buckeye's final wrestling title

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It's the last chance for the bridesmaid.

"We have been second so many times, I don't want to think about it," Ross wrestling Coach Al Voggenthaler said while preparing his team for the Buckeye Conference Wrestling Tournament.

Voggenthaler has one last chance to become the bride as Marion Harding High School hosts the 28th and final BC tournament Saturday. If Ross does win, it will be the only team

other than Elyria and Sandusky to win the conference mat prize. Elyria had won 20 times including the last five.

The Little Giants have been left waiting at the altar the last two years, watching Elyria waltz away with the groom. In the 1986 tourney at Ross, the Little Giants had a 134-133 lead over the Pioneers going into the championship round but wound up losing 173-152.

"There have been a couple of times we probably should have finished lower than second and a couple of other times that we

were second but with a couple of breaks, we could have won it," Voggenthaler said, "but you make your own breaks."

Trying to help the Purple Crew make those breaks will be seven Little Giants who placed in the top four in the '86 tourney. Jamie Ramirez, sophomore, won at 98, and senior Shawn Ramirez took the 155-pound title last year. The lightweight Ramirez will be at 112 this year and the bigger Ramirez has moved up to 167.

Matt Marinis, Jerrod Potter and Jim Carroll were runners-up in 1986 with Potter the only one

returning at the weight he wrestled at last year, 138. Marinis has moved up from 112 to 119 and Carroll jumped from 185 to heavyweight.

Jon Ramirez was third at 132 but will wrestle a 145 this time and Jerry Palomo, fourth at 126, will be at 132.

"We are in good shape for the tournament," Voggenthaler said. "We have enough (talent) with exception of one or two divisions, to make a run at the title.

"Elyria is tough again," the Ross coach continued, "and Lorain has some good kids but I think all the kids we have who

placed last year, have a good shot at winning their division or at least placing high."

The Little Giants' lineup will have Brian Palomo, 11-6-1, at 98, Andy Alejandro, 2-0-1, at 105, and Jamie Ramirez, 5-3, at 112. Alejandro was 1-7 at 112 and Ramirez 8-3 at 105 before the two switched.

Marinis, 18-1, will be at 119 with Greg Abdoo, 8-6, probably going at 126. Jerry Palomo, like his 98-pound freshman brother, is 11-6-1 at 132. Potter will take a 17-3 record into the 138-pound division while Jon Ramirez is 13-6 at 145.

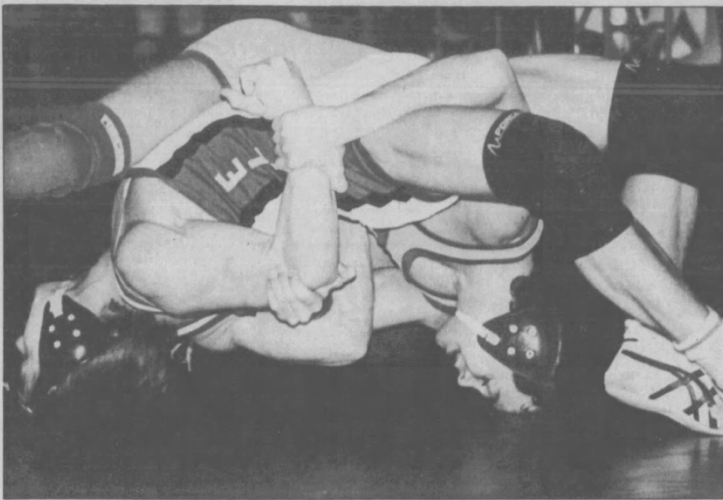
Freshman Rob LeMay, 0-5, will be at 155 and Shawn Ramirez will put his 17-3 record on the line at 167. Rob Beck, 3-5, is at 175 and lanky Dave Carroll, is 7-4 at 185. Jim Carroll is 14-3 in the heavyweight division.

Wrestling begins at 11 a.m. with the championship matches at 6 p.m.

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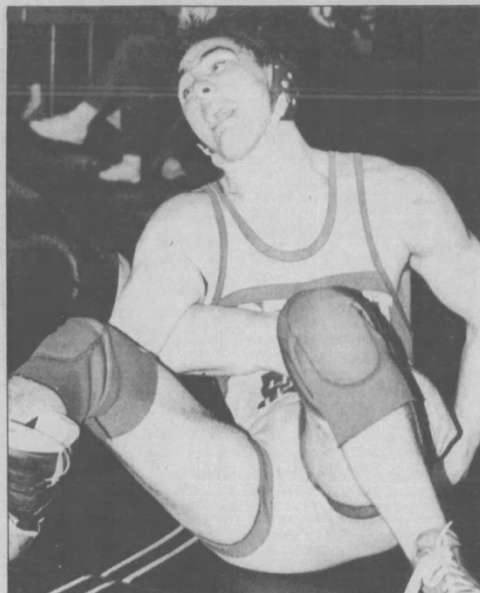
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IN THE TOP PHOTO, Matt Marinis of Ross (right) applies pressure to the arm of Elyria's Darwin Meecha in the 119-pound championship match. In

the right photo, Shawn Ramirez of Ross grimaces as he struggles to get away from Craig Evert of Marion Harding during the 167-pound finals.



Little Giants 2nd again in BC mat meet

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MARION — Ross had to shovel its way out of a deep hole before settling for a familiar spot in the Buckeye Conference Wrestling Tournament Saturday at Harding High School.

"We got buried at the start," Ross Coach Al Voggenthaler said. "It happened in the seeding meeting where we got six byes. That was just the way it turned out; it was the luck of the draw."

That doomed Ross to a third consecutive runner-up finish to conference champ Elyria. The Pioneers, winners of the BC title 21 times, had 177 points while the Little Giants, runners-up for the ninth time in the 26th and final year of the tournament, had 143½.

Sandusky was third with 127½ and Harding rounded out the top four with 114. Lorain Senior, Admiral King and Findlay comprised the bottom division in the seven-team lineup.

Ross, unable to score many first-round points, was mired in

Woodmore's Roe pins foe in six seconds

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Andy Roe's six-second pin highlighted area high school wrestling Saturday.

Roe, a heavyweight, stopped Genoa's Tom Peterson in the lightning quick time to key the Wildcats' 39-34 victory.

In other matches, Genoa defeated Eastwood 51-28 and Oak Harbor lost to Perkins 38-26.

Roe's quick fall was one of six pins for the Wildcats against the Comets. Bill Melcher, 132, got the first, pinning Genoa's Jim Castilleja in 5:05. The Wildcats were trailing 23-3 until Melcher's fall.

Frank Hoover, 138, Dean Epling, 145, Todd Rothert, 167, and Lupe Rodriguez, 185, had the other falls for Woodmore. Nick Cianciola, 105, Joe Pietrowski, 119, Mark Miller, 126, and Mike McClear had falls for Genoa.

fifth spot but bounded back to third after the semifinal round, trailing Sandusky 112½-111.

"Our kids wrestled as well as they could," the Ross coach said after 11 of a possible 12 Little Giants made it through to either the championship or consolation round. The Little Giants did not put a 155-pounder on the mat.

Matt Marinis and Shawn Ramirez won their second Buckeye Conference titles as Ross lost only three matches in the final round.

Marinis, 119, thrashed Darwin Meecha of Elyria in the title match, posting a 15-0 technical fall 16 seconds into the third period. Marinis won his first BC

Against Eastwood, Darrin Maas, 98, Miller, McClear and Matt Williams, 185, had pins with Cianciola and Pietrowski registering technical falls.

At Sandusky, Perkins won three of the final four matches to defeat the Rockets.

Ferd Miller, wrestling at heavyweight, had the only fall of the match for Oak Harbor with teammate Scott Hivnor, 126, coming up with a technical fall.

Mike Shadoan, Scott Zeitzheim, Chad Miller and Dave Laurendeau had decision victories for the Rockets, 4-3-1 this season.

Zeitzheim's victory was an 11-5 verdict over Fred Hannah, only the second loss in 17 matches for the Perkins wrestler.

Perkins is 8-5-1.

weight to win his second conference crown, defeating Craig Evert of Harding 11-6 in the muggy Harding gym.

"The heat bothered me at the end," Ramirez, 20-3, said, "but I did not wrestle as well as I could."

Jerrid Potter was second at 138 for the second straight year for Ross and sophomore Dave Carroll was runner-up at 185. Third for Ross went to Brian Palomo, 98, Andy Alejandro, 105, Jamie Ramirez, 112, Jerry Palomo, 132, Jon Ramirez, 145, and heavyweight Jim Carroll. Greg Abdoo, 126, was fourth.

Jamie Ramirez's consolation finals win was over Chuck Doud of Sandusky on a referee's decision in overtime. The Ross sophomore scored on a takedown and a two-point nearfall with less than 10 seconds remaining in the overtime to tie Doud at 8-8. Ramirez won because he had the first takedown in overtime.

Brian Palomo had the only fall of the finals for Ross, pinning Roland Robinson of Admiral King in 1:42 of his match for third place at 98 pounds.

title as a 98-pound freshman in 1985 and placed second at 112 last year.

"I was pumped up for this match," the Ross junior, now 20-1, said after his romp. "We needed team points and I wanted to win the BC (title) for the second time."

Ramirez, 167, stepped up one

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TEAM STANDINGS

Elyria	177	Lorain Senior	79
Ross	143½	Admiral King	49½
Sandusky	127½	Findlay	31
Harding	114		

CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

98-Mario Romas (LS) d. Jason Darden (S) 8-0, OT; 105-Paul Alonge (E) d. Duane Robinson (AK), 112-Shjamil Pattie (E) d. Mark Ambrosio (LS) 8-1; 119-Matt Marinis (R) tech. fall over Darwin Meecha (E) 15-0, 4:16; 126-Josh Franklin (H) d. Ken Rivers (AK) 4-3; 132-Jeff Lyons (E) p. Bryan James (H) 3:28;

138-Chris Corso (S) d. Jerrid Potter (R) 5-3; 145-Kevin Randleman (S) d. Dustin Resar 6-3; 155-Kyle Mayse (H) d. Mike Bundy (F) 7-1; 167-Shawn Ramirez (R) d. Craig Evert (H) 11-6; 175-Charlie McGowan (S) d. Cevin Bryan (LS) 8-6; 185-Cliff Jolly (S) d. Dave Carroll (R) 10-3; HVY-Darrin Whitten (E) d. Tom Pruitt (LS) 4-1.

CONSOLATION FINALS

98-Brian Palomo (R) p. Roland Robinson (AK) 1:42; 105-Andy Alejandro (R) d. Kevin Stevenson (H) 5-4; 112-Jamie Ramirez (R) d. Chuck Doud (S) overtime, referee's decision; 119-Marcus Wilmington (AK) d. Phil Capodia (S) 4-2; 126-Jeff Saxton (E) p. Greg Abdoo (R) 4:22; 132-Jerry Palomo (R) d. Tri Tran (F) 13-3;

138-Al House (E) d. Mike Pearce (H) 13-3; 145-Jon Ramirez (R) d. Craig Hottinger (H) 2-0; 155-Rich Moody (E) d. Jim Pinkerton (LS) 8-7; 167-Tony Filiaggi (E) d. Marco Roberts (S) 10-2; 175-Pat Diedrick (E) d. Brent Evans (H) 2-1; 185-Mike Suprun (LS) d. Larry Truxall (E) 13-8; HVY-Jim Carroll (R) won by forfeit.