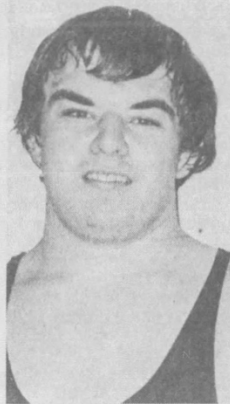


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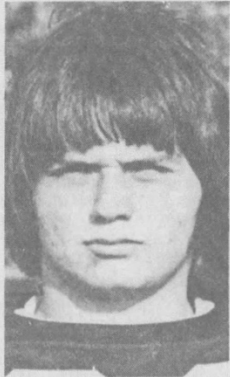


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State tournament participants



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The Fremont area will be represented by 16 high school wrestlers this weekend in Columbus and Westerville at the Ohio High School State Wrestling Tournaments.

Nine wrestlers won district titles to qualify for the state show while seven, took either second or third in the three classifications to also make the grade for the state tournaments.

The champions were pictured in Monday's News-Messenger sports section while the other seven wrestlers surround this story. The champs are Jesse Heidelberg (108), Tony Munoz (101), and Pete Werling (148) of Ross; Rick Moyer (148) and Dale Courtney (heavyweight) of St. Joe; Pat Massie (188) of Woodmore; Rick Peiffer (115) of Genoa; Pat Thonen (158) and Bill Weaver (122) of Bellevue.

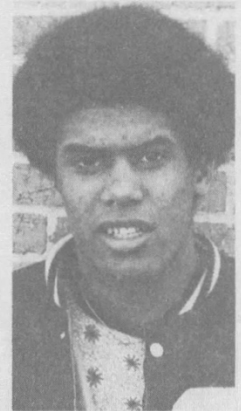
Taking seconds in the district tournaments were Jim Smith of Ross at

heavyweight in Class AAA; Alfredo Lozoya (158) of Genoa; Ron Conley (178) of Lakota; and Denny Freimark (129) of Woodmore in Class AA.

The third place winners were all from St. Joe with all three making the Class A tourney at Westerville's Otterbein College. The Crimson Streaks' Tom Guyer was third at 101; Willie Zamora was third at 108; and Lynn McKinney was third at 122.

The Class AAA and Class AA tournament will be held in St. John's Arena on the Ohio State University campus and will begin at noon Friday. The second session is at 7 p.m. Friday night while the third and championship sessions are at noon and 7 p.m. Saturday.

At Otterbein, the Class A matches will begin at 7 p.m. Friday night with the second and championship rounds at noon and 7 p.m. Saturday.



LOZOYA

State title hopes for Ross wrestlers end

By BOB MARKER
News-Messenger Sports Editor
COLUMBUS — Ross and Bellevue wrestlers fell in to the "also-rans" classification after losing second round matches in the first round of the 39th Ohio High School State Wrestling Tournament here in St. John Arena on the campus of Ohio State University.

Tony Munoz, Pete Werling, and Jesse Heidelberg of Ross plus Bill Weaver of Bellevue lost in the second round after winning first round matches.

After narrow first round wins, all three lost in the second round and now must wait to see if the wrestlers they lost to in the second round will "pull" them back into the tourney today.

Munoz and Heidelberg both won by a point in their first matches. Munoz, the second place finisher in the state at 101 last year, stopped Tom Johnson of Kent Roosevelt 3-2 with the only points scored against him coming in the last two seconds.

Heidelberg survived a listless performance to defeat Randy Jenkins of Macedonia Nordonia by a 3-2 edge.

Werling survived a frantic last second effort by Painesville Riverside's Paul Becker to win his 148-pound first round match 4-2.

Werling scored the winners with a reversal 1:20 from the end of his match.

Jim Smith, Ross' fourth participant in the tourney, lost in the first round to Larry Lee of Akron North 13-1. Smith had been suffering from the flu before the match began and was sick during the match.

The Ross junior, however, still has a chance to get back into wrestling action because Lee defeated Sherman Foster of Dayton Patterson 10-3 in the second round.

Weaver won his first match by blanking John Swigert of Louisville 5-0 at 122, but his Bellevue

teammate Pat Thonen, had his 25-match winning streak stopped by Randy Miller of Kent Roosevelt 8-3 in the first round.

Munoz had his hopes for the state squashed by unbeaten (28-0) Jim Watson of Clayton Northmont in convincing fashion 10-2 in the second round of action.

Watson scored on the takedown and slipped Munoz on his back 15 seconds from the end of the first period and was never seriously threatened after that point.

Heidelberg fell behind 2-0 to Jay Beiter of Mayfield in the latter stages of the first period and then survived two three-point nearfalls before dropping his first match in 28 outings 11-2.

Werling lost a heartbreaker Brent Davis of Centerville in overtime 5-0. Werling was taken down 12 seconds from the end of the regulation match to give Davis a 3-3 tie, sending the match into the extra session. Werling, who like Munoz, Heidelberg and

Smith, had the flu earlier in the week, and had nothing left to give in the overtime and lost 5-0.

Weaver fell to Ken Adkins of Cincinnati Moeller 8-2 in the second round. Adkins had Weaver on his back twice in the final period, but could not pin the Redman junior.

Thonen is still alive because Miller dropped Dennis Jennings of Cincinnati Elder 4-2. Miller must beat David Coy (23-1) in the semi-final round to pull the Bellevue senior back into the tourney.

The semi-final round began at noon today with the finals at 7 p.m. today at St. John Arena.

Bay Village is leading the Class AAA team standings with 19½ points and Cincinnati LaSalle is second with 17.

Buckeye Conference champion Sandusky is third with 16 points. Ross is far back with six points.

TOP CLASS AAA TEAMS: Bay Village 19½, Cincinnati LaSalle 17, Sandusky 16, Galloway Westland 14½, Cleveland Heights 14, Midpark 13, Lakewood 10, North Olmsted 10, Worthington 10, Akron North 8.

Voggenthaler is stunned, disappointed in results

By BOB MARKER
News-Messenger Sports Editor
COLUMBUS — Al Voggenthaler was stunned. His face was as long as a face could get when sadness set in . . . his eyes appeared bloodshot, and there was not a hint of the perpetual smile that usually haunts his face.

"Yeah," he said quietly, when he was asked if this was one of his most disappointing moments in high school wrestling. Almost as a reflex, he added, "If we can come back and place . . ."

His voice grew quiet after that.

"Come back and place," were not the sweetest tasting words the Ross wrestling coach could mouth. He had just witnessed three straight losses for his squad after three opening first round wins in the 39th Ohio High School State Wrestling Tournament.

First, Tony Munoz, and Jesse Heidelberg and Pete Werling dropped into the "also-rans" in this Class AAA showcase of Ohio High School matmen.

"We just weren't up to power," Voggenthaler said, but did not offer as an excuse. "Hell, the only time they have been able to practice was Thursday."

"I thought," the disappointed coach continued, "that the three had a very good chance to place high or be in the finals. I thought Tony for sure would be in there . . . but they just got sick."

Voggenthaler had brought four of his Little Giants here in the biggest single representative body that Ross has ever had in the state tourney. Now he must wait until after the semi-finals to see if any of the four will get back into competition.

Voggie's luck started to turn sour in the Friday

afternoon heavyweight match. Ross' Jim Smith was sick when he walked on to the mat against Larry Lee of Akron North, a junior with a 23-1 mark. A healthy Lee, however, stopped Smith with ease 13-1 as Smith was forced off the mat several times and was sick in at least one occasion.

After opening round wins by Munoz, Heidelberg and Werling, Ross' 101-pounder Munoz was felled 10-2 to (27-0) Jim Watson of Clayton Northmont.

Immediately after that, Voggenthaler watches as Heidelberg lost his first match in 28 appearances this season in convincing style, 11-2, to Jay Beiter (19-2) of Mayfield.

Those two matches were bitter pills to swallow, but the most bitter was yet to come.

Werling, 148, pulled ahead of Brent Davis of Centerville with a takedown in the first period and an escape, while surrendering one escape in the third period.

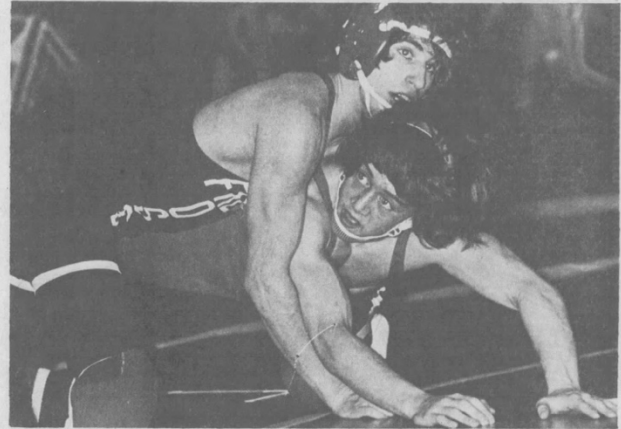
With only a dozen ticks on the clock left in regulation, Davis caught Werling off balance for the takedown to tie the match at 3-3 and send it into overtime.

It was not a contest after that. With Werling laboring just to breathe, Davis got the takedown in the first overtime session, added a three-point nearfall in the second, and won the match 5-0.

"He had the match won," Voggenthaler said, "but he just did not have anything left after he had to go into overtime. He has strep throat."

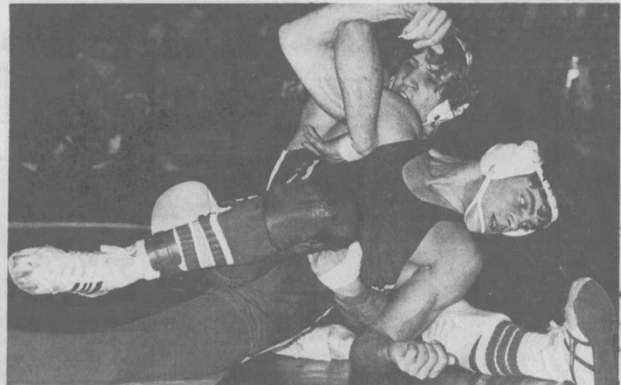
"If they just had not gotten sick . . ."

He couldn't say anymore . . . There was no need to.



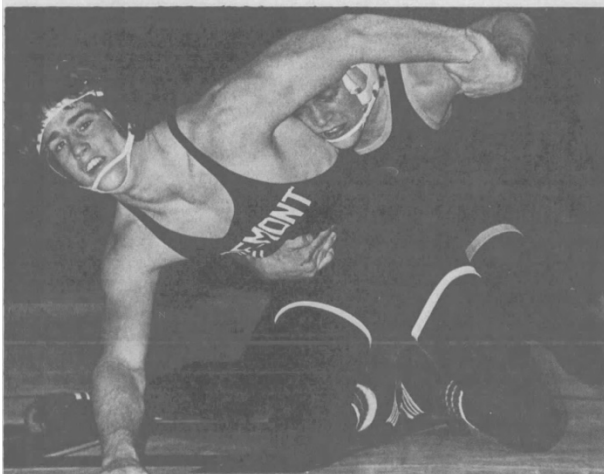
TONY MUNOZ of Ross (above) tries to take down Tom Johnson of Kent Roosevelt in his opening 101-pound state match. Munoz won 3-2 and led 3-0 until the

final two seconds. He lost his next match to undefeated Jim Watson of Clayton Northmont 10-2. (News-Messenger photos by Bruce Crippen)



PAT THONEN of Bellevue had his 25-match winning streak snapped in this match when he lost to Randy

Miller of Kent Roosevelt 8-3.



PETE WERLING of Ross won this 148-pound match over Paul Becker of Painesville Riverside. The Ross

wrestler lost a heartbreaker in his next match to Brent Davis of Centerville 5-0.

Morgan urges players to stick together on owners' lockout

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The National League's Most Valuable Player in 1975, Joe Morgan, is urging Major League Players Association members to stick together in the lockout by the owners over the disputed reserve clause.

"We should keep after it even if we are wrong," said Morgan, who arrived

wrong in the past, too, and continued to press the issue," said the Cincinnati second basemen as players began breaking up their unofficial efforts to get in shape. The owners have kept the spring training camps closed during the negotiations.

"Why did we go to court if we didn't want those rights? Why waive them,"

ready to panic in the face of some players who want to give in.

"It was worse in 1972 than it is now. Then the start of the season was delayed. This hasn't affected the start of the season. No games have been lost. No money has been lost. When it gets down to losing money you'll see how quickly the

and owners that the dispute might cause loss of fan support.



State wrestling tournament results

Class AAA

Top team standings: Cleveland Heights 40, Bay Village 40, Midpark 44, Cincinnati LaSalle 41, North Olmsted 40, Galloway Westland 27, Sandusky 36, Cleveland St. Joseph 28, Mansfield 29, Lakewood 17.

Championship matches
101-Bobby Cohen, Cleveland Heights, d. Gary Gates, Dayton Stebbins, 3-1; 109-Jay Meyer, Mayfield, d. Randy Duncan, Fairfield, 3-2; 115-Gary Hightower, Mansfield, d. Ken Miller, Sandusky, 3-2; 120-Bill Walsh, North Olmsted, d. Jeff Woo, Eastlake North, 6-3; 129-Jim Edwards, Galloway Westland, d. Phillip Franz, Middleburg Heights stadium, 9-1; 135-Greg Dresch, Wickliffe, d. Tim Welch, Lakewood St. Edwards, 3-0.
141-Rick Kishan, Cleveland St. Joseph, d. Lou Joseph, Midpark, 7-2; 146-Brent Davis, Centerville, d. Jim Byrd, Cincinnati St. Xavier, 5-1; 158-Ned Neyer, Cincinnati LaSalle, d. David Coy, Cleveland Orange, 15-0; 170-Mike Deanna, Bay Village, d. Charles Ross, Lakewood, 14-7; 179-John Scarsa, Akron North, d. Matt White, Worthington, 6-0; 182-Rod Harndollar, Newark, d. Matt Whitmer, Columbus Whitetail Yearling, 4-1; 187-Tim Payne, North Olmsted, d. Bruce Robinson, Xenia, 4-3.

Class AA

Top team standings: Mantua Crestwood 66, Columbus DeSales 66, Akron Coventry 61, Oregon Cardinal Stritch 61, Beachwood and Kenston 51, Oberlin 45, Cleveland Benedictine 39, Painesville Harvey 36, Holland Springfield 35, Delaware Glenangy 30.

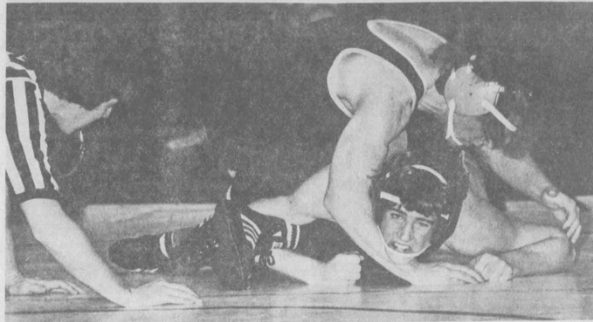
Championship matches
101-Mark Zimmer, Columbus DeSales, d. Chris McKissack, Akron South, 10-4; 109-Dave Fischer, Beachwood, d. Chuck Tidala, Rossford, 7-4; 115-Tom Brunton, Kenston, d. Bob Jones, Painesville Harvey, 13-4; 120-Dave Dillabata, Columbus DeSales, d. Rick Sorkin, Beachwood, 3-1; 129-Dave Blake, Mantua Crestwood, d. Ed Franzoso, Delaware Glenangy, 3-0; 135-Paul Sen, Columbia Station Columbus, d. Dave Wilson, Akron Coventry, 3-1; 141-Phil Anglin, Columbus DeSales, d. Tom Cus, Columbus DeSales, 7-1; 148-Andy Jackson, Painesville Harvey, d. James Althaus, Kenston, 7-3; 158-Jim Stille, Bolot West Branch, d. Keith Fox, Akron Coventry, 7-3; 170-Jeff Heigley, Elyria Catholic, d. Carl Gould, Oregon Cardinal Stritch, 4-3; 178-Bruce Campbell, Oberlin, d. Gerry Glavin, Cleveland Benedictine, 6-4; 186-Luck Lynch, Mantua Crestwood, d. Gary Glagala, Ravenna Southeast, 1-0; 187-Jeff Sanicky, Mantua Crestwood, p. Jim Richards, Medina Highland, 1-0.

Class A

Top team standings: Summit Station Licking Heights 60, Richmond Heights St. Sandusky 59, Mary 49, Newbury 49, Cuyahoga Heights 50, Fremont St. Joseph 29, Kirtland 29, Plain City Jonathan Alder 24, Edgerton 11.

Championship matches
101-Heggie Johnson, Ashland Crestview, d. Robert Richards, Richmond Heights, 3-2; 109-Ed Polak, Richmond Heights, d. Bob Paster, Newbury, 5-0; 120-Tony Adams, Summit Station Licking Heights, p. Pat Boyert, Cleveland Cuyahoga Heights, 3-0; 129-Greg Smith, Mansfield St. Peter, d. Earl Newcomer, McCorn, 7-4; 129-George Orlan, Newbury, d. Ronald Jones, Richmond Heights, 2-1; 135-Jon Starr, Summit Station Licking Heights, d. Bill Mansfield, Beaverville, 4-3; 141-Jerry Pryor, Barnesville, d. Glenn Muncy, Summit Station Licking Heights, 5-1; 148-Mark Lowe, Summit Station Licking Heights, d. Rick Meyer, Fremont St. Joseph, 7-2; 158-Jeff Crowe, Arcadia, d. Mike Baird, Richmond Heights, 7-4; 170-Mike Glass, Jeromesville Hillside, p. Craig Fitzcharles, Edgerton, 1-2; 179-Joe Dye, Sandusky St. Mary, d. Tim Harung, Sullivan Black River, 6-0; 186-John Hillard, Plain City Jonathan Alder, d. Mario Alenagno, Gales Mills Hawk, 9-2; 187-Keith Smith, Kirtland p. Bruce Kramer, Ashland Magdalen, 5-0.

Pete Werling survives for third spot



PETE WERLING, bottom man, of Ross, is in trouble in this match Friday afternoon against Paul Becker of Painesville Riverside but the momentary trouble was taken care of as Werling posted a 4-2 win in the first round of Class AAA state wrestling.

Quick end for five wrestlers

COLUMBUS — The Class AAA State Wrestling Tournament trail ended quickly for five of the six Fremont area wrestlers who made the journey south to St. John Arena.

Three wrestlers from Ross and two from Bellevue High School were ousted in the early rounds. Jesse Heidelberg, Ross's 108-pound hope, was "pulled" back into competition in the consolation round but lost that match to third place state finisher Eddie Wohlwender of Cincinnati St. Xavier 5-0.

buried 11-2 by Jay Beiter, the state champ, of Mayfield in the second round.

Tony Munoz of Ross and Bill Weaver of Bellevue won in the first round but lost in the second round and were officially ousted from the tourney when the wrestlers they lost to in the second round dropped their semifinal matches.

Munoz, 101 pounds and runnerup in the state at that weight last year, defeated Tom Johnston of Kent Roosevelt 3-2 in the first round before losing to Jim Watson of Clayton Northmont 10-2. Watson lost to state champ Bobby Cohen of

pound match. The Bellevue junior was dealt an 8-2 setback in the second round by Ken Adkins of Cincinnati Moeller. Adkins lost in the semifinal round to Bill Walsh of North Olmsted 12-3.

Heavyweight Jim Smith of Ross and 158-pounder Pat Thonen of Bellevue lost their first round matches and never got a second chance.

Larry Lee of Akron North, a 13-1 winner over a very sick Smith on Friday night, lost 6-3 to runnerup in the state, Bruce Robinson of Xenia. Thonen lost to Randy Miller of Kent Roosevelt 6-3 in his first

COLUMBUS — Pete Werling of Fremont Ross finished third in the state at 148-pounds for the highest finish among six wrestlers competing in the 39th Ohio High School Class AAA State Wrestling Tournament, here in St. John Arena on the Ohio State University campus.

Werling fought off the effects of a strep throat to defeat three opponents Saturday for the consolation bracket championship. The Ross senior had lost to eventual state champ Brent Davis of Centerville in the second round of the tourney.

In that loss, Werling had a 3-1 lead with 12 seconds left in regulation but a takedown by Davis sent the match into overtime and Davis pulled off a 5-0 win against the tired Ross wrestler.

"What can I say?" Werling asked about his loss in St. John Arena. "I blew it myself."

Werling was not expected to be "pulled" back into the tourney after the loss to Davis because the Centerville senior had to face Andy Slaman of Bay Village in the semifinal match, a match that Davis had to win to get Werling back into action.

Slaman had been picked by a majority of the coaches to win the 148 weight division. Davis, however, did not hear about that pick and stopped the Bay Village star 5-3.

The reprieve for Werling put him into the first round of consolation matches against Duane Boggs of Warren Harding. Werling survived that match 8-6.

"I don't know how I did it," he said, "because I was dead after the first period."

Werling's coach, Al Voggenthaler, had an inkling of how Werling fought off the bad throat and acute tiredness. "He had to slow down the pace just to get his breath," the Ross coach said.

"He even got slapped with a couple of stalling penalties while getting his rest in the match."

Next for Werling was the ever dangerous Slaman in the consolation semifinals. It was no contest. Slaman was dispatched 8-1 with his only point coming on the escape.

Werling took on Jim Prussak of Grafton Midview in the battle for the third spot and won 3-2 by scoring on an escape and a reversal.

Werling had a simple answer for his comeback from the sick bed. "I did not want to go up into the stands and watch all this," he said while gastering toward the six wrestling mats sprawled across the St. John Arena floor.

He added softly, "Third is better than nothing."

Only one state champion from Northwestern Ohio

COLUMBUS — North-Only Gary Hightower of western Ohio Class AAA Mansfield Senior brought