

1985 Buckeye Conference...

Mezinger, Marinis lead Ross to runnerup spot



MIKE MEZINGER (left) of Ross takes control of Sandusky's Leon Cooley during their 119-pound championship match at the Buckeye

Conference Wrestling Tournament in Lorain Saturday night. Mezinger went on to beat Cooley 6-0 for his second BC title.

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Clyde matmen pin Mohawk; St. Joe loses to Seneca East

Shawn Faulkner, Steve Thurn and Morgan Stanley led the Clyde Filers to a 40-18 victory over Mohawk in a dual wrestling meet at Clyde Saturday.

In one other area meet, St. Joe lost to Seneca East 44-16.

At Clyde, Faulkner, Thurn and Stanley each recorded pins to pace the Filers to the lopsided team win over the Warriors.

Faulkner had the quickest pin when he flattened Trent Ward in just 42 seconds of their 98-pound match. Thurn also wasted little time in pinning Mark Werninger in 1:51 of their 112-pound bout while Stanley took a little longer, 5:02, to deck Eric Burger at 145.

Decision winners for Clyde included Dave Laurendeau (119), Jeff Taylor (126), Kirk Thrasher (132), Mark Maines (138), Randy Miller (167) and Terry Warwick (175).

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The Tigers erased an early 14-0 deficit by winning nine of the last 10 matches to defeat the Streaks in Attica.

St. Joe gained the early lead behind the efforts of Brian Hoffman at 98, Sam Hotz at 105 and Randy Ebeling at 112. Hoffman drilled Skip Reamer 15-6, Hotz pinned Dean Sutton in 3:15 and Ebeling buried Donovan Roth 15-4.

But besides John Rimelspach's 2-2 draw with the Tigers' Greg Bordner at 138, the Streaks were shut out the rest of the way.

Coming the closest to victories for St. Joe were Ryan Gabel, Mike Miller and Tom Lupica. Gabel was nipped 11-10 by Ken Wurts at 175, Miller fell 4-2 to Paul Brookes at 119 and Lupica was outscored 21-16 by Brad Stallings at 126.

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LORAIN — Elyria got a running start in the 24th Buckeye Conference Wrestling Tournament and used it to leap to its 19th conference crown Saturday at Lorain Senior High School.

The Pioneers finished with 225½ points with Ross second at 132½. Taking third was Lorain with 120 followed by Sandusky with 110½. Rounding out the field were Marion Harding with 67, Admiral King at 37½ and Findlay with 19.

"We had three or four early letdowns," Ross Coach Al Voggenthaler said, "but as it turned out, Elyria had too much firepower but we could have made it a closer race."

Elyria had six first-round byes, a fact that Voggenthaler pointed out could help or hinder a team. It could be a hindrance because a team misses out on possible extra points for falls, superior and major decisions, which count dearly in a close tournament. As it turned out, it aided the Pioneers in the not-so-close tourney.

A bye automatically put a wrestler into the semifinals in the seven-team tournament and one win got him into the finals. Elyria was five of six in those matches while sending 11 matmen into the championship finals.

That was more than enough to romp to the win. Ross's biggest problem heading into the finals was holding onto second place. With Elyria perched at the top with 192½ points before the final rounds, Ross held a slim 110½ to 98½ advantage over the Steelmen.

Ross, however, responded with two titles, two runnersup, three thirds and three fourth-place finishes.

"Well, we got two of 'em (championships)," Voggenthaler said, "and the other two did a good job but just got caught."

Mike Mezinger won his second individual conference crown for Ross, winning the 119-pound division after taking the 112-pound title last year. He defeated Leon Cooley of Sandusky 6-0 in the finals.

Last Tuesday in a dual meet, Cooley had given Mezinger all he could handle before the Ross senior won. This time around, there was very little doubt.

"I was not ready at all the other night," Mezinger said while recalling his first meeting with Cooley, "but I was up for this match."

"I knew if I took it to him hard for six minutes, he might gas out on me," Mezinger said as he wiped the sweat from his brow.

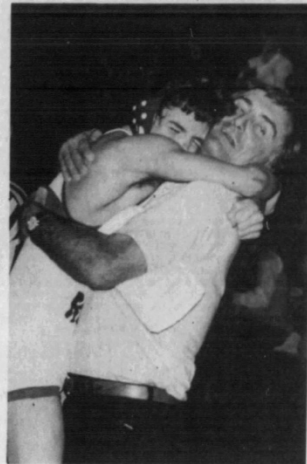
The other title went to Ross freshman Matt Marinis at 98 pounds. He nipped Shjamil Pattie of Elyria 2-1 on a penalty point for stalling and an escape in the final period.

"I wanted to win this very badly; I wanted to be the first freshman at Ross to win it (an individual conference title)."

Freshmen were declared eligible for Ross varsity sports this school year.

In the other championship matches involving Ross wrestlers, Todd Beatty was pinned by Don Sees of Elyria in 1:35 of an overtime session in the 175-pound division. Sees scored on a reversal 18 seconds from the end of the regulation match to send the title skirmish into overtime.

Matt Smith, bidding for his second conference title



MATT MARINIS (left) jumps into the arms of his coach Al Voggenthaler after the Ross freshman beat Shjamil Pattie of Elyria 2-1 for the 98-pound championship in the Buckeye Conference Wrestling Tournament in Lorain Saturday night.

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after winning at 185 last year, failed to accomplish that task while competing at heavyweight. Smith jumped out to a 4-0 lead over Larry Findish of Lorain in the final but eventually was outpointed 18-9.

Taking thirds for the Little Giants were Todd Scherer at 112, Dave Middleton at 138 and Jim Carroll at 165.

Taking fourths were Jerrod Potter at 132, John Lozano at 145 and Shawn Ramirez at 155.

Scherer defeated Tony Difrancesco of Lorain 7-0 in his consolation finals match while Middleton and Carroll had falls in their matches.

Middleton pinned Mike Troiano of Marion Harding in 2:37 and Carroll stopped Bob Swanger, also of Marion Harding, in 1:54.

"Second is better than last," Voggenthaler said quietly afterwards. "We had to scramble to keep second but the kids did."

Ross may have lost the services of Ramirez indefinitely. The Little Giants sophomore had to default in overtime of the consolation finals when he suffered a badly sprained right knee. He was to undergo more tests on the knee today.

Scoreboard

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Elyria	225½	Harding	67
Ross	132½	Admiral King	37½
Lorain	120	Findlay	19
Sandusky	110½		

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

(First and second)

- 98-Matt Marinis (R) d. Shjamil Pattie (E) 2-1.
- 105-Mark Ambrosia (L) d. Jeff Saxton (E) 6-0.
- 112-Doug Thompson (E) d. Marty Carrion (AK) 10-4.
- 119-Mike Mezinger (R) d. Leon Cooley (S) 6-0.
- 126-Greg Saxton (E) d. Gerald Laurenti (L) 13-2.
- 132-Mel Rentschler (H) d. Jeff Lyons (E) 2-1.
- 138-Eric Hernandez (L) d. Tony Filiaggi (E) 3-0.
- 145-Eric Raynes (E) d. Kyle Mayse (H) 10-3.
- 155-Kevin Higgins (E) d. Charlie McGowan (S).
- 167-Scott Bryant (L) d. Mark Eldridge (E) 8-3.
- 175-Don Sees (E) p. Todd Beatty (R) 1:55, overtime.
- 185-Jim Lyons (E) d. Tom Pruitt (L) 8-7.
- HVY-Larry Findish (L) d. Matt Smith (R) 18-9.

CONSOLATION FINALS

(Third and fourth)

- 98-Jason Howland (S) d. Pat O'Connor (AK) 4-2.
- 105-Mark Ambrosia (L) d. Mike Daniels (F) 13-4.
- 112-Todd Scherer (R) d. Tony DiFrancesco (L) 7-0.
- 119-Josh Franklin (H) d. Al Howse (E) 8-0.
- 126-Todd Hollett (AK) d. Monroe Edmon (S), criteria.
- 132-Troy Randieman (S) d. Jerriid Potter (R) 2-0.
- 138-Dave Middleton (R) p. Mike Troiano (H) 3:37.
- 145-Dion Dunn (R) d. John Lozano (R) 2-0.
- 155-John Repko (L) won by default over

Shawn Ramirez (R).

167-Marco Roberts (S) won by forfeit over Craig Evert (H).

175-Cliff Jolly (S) p. Travis Powell (F).

185-Jim Carroll (R) p. Bob Swanger (H) 1:54.

HVY-Shawn Lee (E) p. Brad Love (AK) 3:44.

Clyde 40, Mohawk 18

MATCHES

- 98-Shawn Faulkner (C) p. Trent Ward 0:42.
- 105-Rusty Kuhn (M) d. Jeff Meggett 11-7.
- 112-Steve Thurn (C) p. Mark Werninger 1:51.
- 119-Dave Laurendeau (C) d. Todd Spittler 8-4.
- 126-Jeff Taylor (C) d. Bob Herbert 6-2.
- 132-Kirk Thrasher (C) d. Ed Schank 6-4.
- 138-Mark Maines (C) d. Todd Price 14-6.
- 145-Morgan Stanley (C) p. Eric Burger 5:02.
- 155-Carl Schank (M) d. Dave Scheck 17-10.
- 167-Randy Miller (C) d. Cary Thies 16-6.
- 175-Terry Warwick (C) d. Tracy Spittler 15-3.
- 185-Frank Brickner (M) p. Mark Roth 4:02.
- HVY-Rich Clouse (M) p. Brian Hartshorn 0:53.

Season record: Clyde 5-4.

JV score: Clyde 50-12.

Seneca East 44, St. Joe 16

MATCHES

- 98-Brian Hoffman (SJ) d. Skip Reamer 15-6.
- 105-Sam Hotz (SJ) p. Dean Sutton 3:15.
- 112-Randy Ebeling (SJ) d. Donovan Roth 15-4.
- 119-Paul Brookes (SE) d. Mike Miller 4-2.
- 126-Brad Stallings (SE) d. Tom Lupica 21-16.
- 132-Jerard Roth (SE) p. Brad Reineck 5:53.
- 138-John Rimelspach (SJ) and Greg Bordner (SE) drew 2-2.
- 145-Dan Siesel (SE) p. Jim Dickman 3:15.
- 155-Tom Stacklin (SE) d. Pete Spieldenner 11-4.
- 167-Jon Siesel (SE) p. Pat Reineck 5:41.
- 175-Ken Wurts (SE) d. Ryan Gabel 11-10.
- 185-Gerald Mannning (SE) p. Bill Halbeisen 1:30.
- HVY-Tim Bloomfield (SE) p. T.J. Merrill 3:14.