

2017 THREE RIVERS ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

WRESTLING

TRAC Championship

Fremont Ross earned three pins and a major decision in the finals to take its first conference crown since 1988.

"This win was for all the former alumni wrestlers," Ross co-head coach Chad Long said. "It was for all the parents who support the wrestling program and this win was for belief in the city of Fremont.

"We can compete with all other TRAC schools. You have to have faith, belief and hard work to achieve dreams. It's great for all the future wrestlers to look to strive for."

Keaton Jordan (126 pounds) pinned Whitmer's Blake Ellis in 1:47, Garrett Barth pinned Clay's Kyle Miller in 1:36 and Shawn Newsome (220) pinned Findlay's Aaron Kupferberg in 2:36 in the finals as the Little Giants edged Clay 209.5-208.

"Coming together as a team to score the most points is more important than winning matches individually," Barth said.

"Clay has been undefeated for so long and we worked every day knowing they weren't going to give it up.

"It pushed us to beat them in their own gym. It was the best feeling our team has felt in a long time."

Ross's Deshea Pettiford (120) beat Findlay's Liam Morrison 13-5 and Carter Smith (113) topped Clay's Christian Hamilton 9-4 in the finals.

Lamonte Chapman (132), Charles Chapman (138), Jalen Cooper (152) and Caleb Wood (182) were second for the Little Giants. David Boda (106), Jackson Weissinger (145) and Hayden Abdo (195) were third while Brandon Garcia (160) was fourth.