

1998 Season Review...

Wrestling

High School

Ross 40, Fostoria 32

103—Roy Zamarripa (R) pin Brett Nelson 1:19; 112—Nate Heiser (F) pin Brandon Clark 1:06; 119—Randall Bradnor (F) pin Greg Willoughby 1:03; 125—Derek Wensinger (R) won by forfeit; 130—Jason Kizer (F) dec. Kyle Iliff 8-4; 135—Brandon Distel (F) dec. Cody Franks 22-6; 140—Joshua Veliquette (F) pin Kyle Hetrick 2:36; 145—Nick Huber (F) pin Robert Atkins 1:34; 152—Tyler Lawrence (R) dec. Jeb Wedge 7-6; 160—J.R. Atkins (R) pin Mike Geiltsen :28; 171—Jesse Sandoval (R) dec. Brad Bennett 13-12; 189—Eric Lindsey (R) dec. Orlando Burientes 18-8; 215—Aaron Root (R) won by forfeit; HWT—Ryan Cooley (R) pin Rob Brookman 5:20.

Ross JV 12, Fostoria JV 0

135—Brian Holland (R) pin Rich Geristen 3:12; 160—Josh Martin (R) pin Shawn Bergtsedt 4:44.

Sandoval takes first

Fremont Ross wrestler Jesse Sandoval took first Saturday at the Ashland Tournament.

Sandoval, a senior 171-pounder, was omitted from the wrestling roundup in Monday's News-Messenger. Aaron Root also recorded a first-place finish as the Little Giants took fifth in the eight-team event.

Ross 6th at Ashland

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In other weekend tournaments:

Ashland Tournament

ASHLAND — Aaaron Root took first place in the 215-pound division as Fremont Ross finished fifth at the Ashland Tournament.

Tyler Lawrence took second in 152 and Derek Wensinger third in 125 for Ross.

Host Ashland won the event, followed by Dover, Lexington, Medina and Ross. Massilon Upper Sandusky and Canton McKinkley finished sixth, seventh and eighth.

Ross boss pleased with effort

By JEFF KRAUS
For The News-Messenger

Fremont Ross wrestling coach Grover Dowell watched his team beat Fostoria and believed his team could do better.

He's confident they will.

"The practices are going great," Dowell said. "The kids have lots of enthusiasm and I'm high on these guys. We didn't wrestle to our potential against Fostoria, but our kids are learning well."

The Little Giants, who finished 3-3-1 last year, have several key wrestlers coming back.

Seniors Aaron Root, Tyler Lawrence, Jesse Sandoval and Eric Lindsey are back along with junior Cody Franks and Derek Wensinger. Root qualified for state last year.

The veterans will be called on to lead the Little Giants against a difficult Great Lakes League schedule.

"We've got a tough league,"

Bedford beats Ross

The Bedford Kicking Mules flexed their muscles Wednesday night at the Purple Pit, beating the Little Giants 64-9.

Ross (1-1) had two wrestlers win: 125-pound Derek Wensinger and 215-pound Aaron Root.

"Bedford is outstanding and their coach thinks this is their best team in years," Ross coach Grover Dowell. "Bedford did a nice job, but no one around here quit."

the seventh-year coach said. "Bedford has won the league tournament 23 of the last 25 years. Sandusky is coming in this year, and they have a nice program. Clay and Whitmer are always tough."

Two newcomers Dowell is high on are freshmen Kyle Eliff and Roy Zamarriga as well as backup Rick Lake.

Eliff weighs in at 130 pounds and is part of a Little Giants squad which is youthful in the lower weight classes.

"This team has really worked its tail off. They've done a lot of running and they've been in the wrestling room bumping heads, learning, and drilling each other," said Dowell.

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Bedford 64, Ross 9

103—Tony Poma (B), :33 fall; 112—Jim Brighton (B), :30 fall; 119—Chadd Johnston (B), :43 fall; 125—Derek Wensinger (FR), 3:36 fall; 130—Steve Dees (B) tech. fall; 135—Casey Roberts (B), 5:14 fall; 140—Brian Tibai (B), 2:24 fall; 145—Steve Isabell (B) by forfeit; 152—Ryan Pitty (B) major decision; 160—Jeff LaPointe (B) by decision; 171—Scott Opdyke (B) by default; 189—Jeff Hooper (B) by decision; 215—Aaron Root (FR) by decision; 275—Corey Andrews (B), :36 fall.

Record: Ross 1-1.

Little Giants 11th at Tiffin



News-Messenger/Andrew Morrison

CODY FRANKS of Fremont Ross, top, tries to cradle David Glaser of Fairmont Kettering during their 130-pound consolation round match Tuesday.

Root takes first, Franks third in 18-team invitational

News-Messenger reports

TIFFIN — Aaron Root captured the 215-pound championship Tuesday at the Wendy's Invitational, helping Fremont Ross to an 11th place finish at the 18-team event.

Sandusky Perkins won the meet with 233.5 points, beating second place Elyria Catholic by 79 points. Kettering Fairmont finished third, followed by Piqua and Tiffin Columbian.

Root, a senior, pinned Piqua's

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Jason Holfinger in 3:09 to win his weight class. Earlier Tuesday Root defeated Joe Ranker of host Tiffin Columbian, and Root beat Lexington's Jeff Steib and Kettering Fairmont's Kevin Stringer in the preliminary rounds Monday.

Though Root was the only Little Giant wrestler to go unbeaten, two of his teammates placed.

Cody Franks took third at 130 pounds and Derek Wensinger was fifth in the 125 class.

Franks, who lost to Toledo St. Francis' Tony Sbrocchi in his second match Monday, won four consecutive matches in the consolation bracket to take third. Franks won a 6-3 decision against Tiffin Columbian's Maxum Tomaszewski in the consolation final.

Wensinger defeated wrestlers from Toledo Whitmer and San-

dusky Perkins to make the championship semifinals, where he lost to Elyria Catholic's Ed Cecil. In his first consolation matchup Wensinger lost a 6-5 decision to Tiffin Columbian's Brad Mesnard before beating Perkins' Roy Villalon to claim fifth place.

Perkins, which competes in the Sandusky Bay Conference, had three individual champions, equaling the amount won by Elyria Catholic.

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Wendy's Invitational

At Tiffin

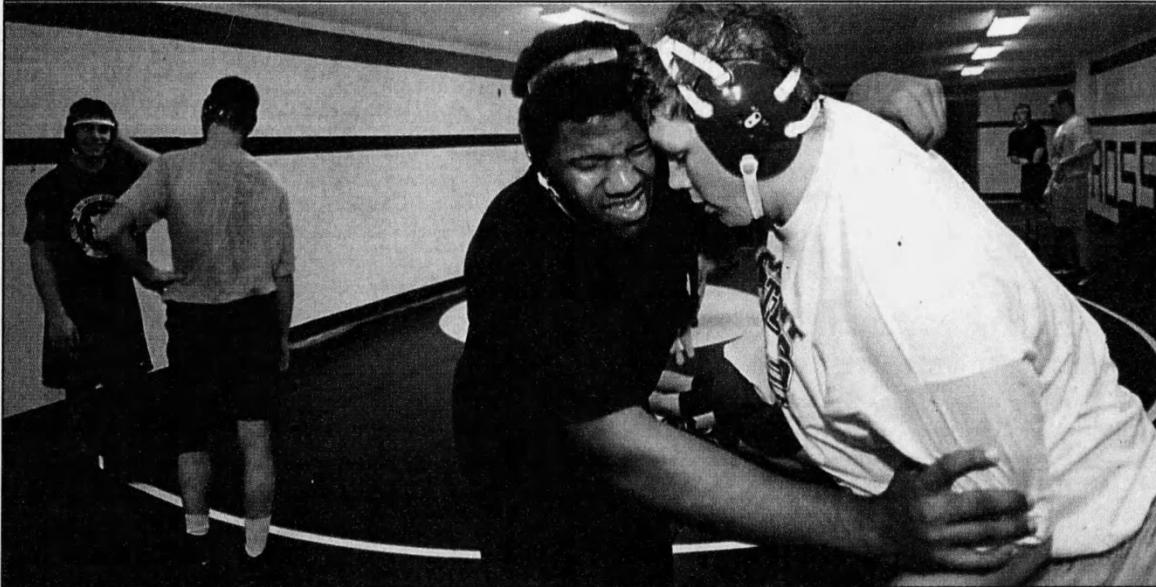
TEAM RESULTS

1, Sandusky Perkins 233.5; 2, Elyria Catholic 154.5; 3, Kettering Fairmont 145.5; 4, Piqua 139.5; 5, Tiffin Columbian 136.5; 6, (tie) Maysville 104; 6, (tie) Groveport Madison 104; 8, Lexington 91; 9, Toledo Whitmer 89; 10, Maumee 88.5; 11, Fremont Ross 82; 12, Huron 78; 13, Toledo St. Francis 76.5; 14, Elida 71.5; 15, Celina 68.5; 16, Hilliard Darby 64; 17, Columbus Brookhaven 58.5; 18, Swanton 28.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

103 — 1, Tony Ramirez (KF), 2, Mike Rhuda (Hur), 3, Ryan Finn (Per), 4, Ben Gease (HD), 5, Mario Hernandez (EC); 112 — Josh Quick (Per), 2, Eddie Roby (GM), 3, Chaz Deleon (May), 4, Pat Durham (Sw), 5, Andy Schmidbauer (SF); 119 — 1, Jimmy Amich (GM), 2, Seth Giesige (Cel), 3, Barry Carder (May), 4, Bobby Ducat (Mau), 5, Brian Bloomfield (TC); 125 — 1, Ed Cecil (EC), 2, Dugan Bentley (GM), 3, Tim Papp (KF), 4, Brad Mesnard (TC), 5, **Derek Wensinger (FR)**; 130 — 1, Scott Burnett (EC), 2, Bill Young (Piq), 3, **Cody Franks (FR)**, 4, Maxum Tomaszewski (TC), 5, Jason Adcock (Eli); 135 — 1, Roger Anderson (EC), 2, Jacob Leeland (Hur), 3, Tony Paul (Mau), 4, Jerral Marshall (Per), 5, Matt Glorioso (L); 140 — 1, Mike Cox (Per), 2, Dustin Woods (EC), 3, Matt Salzmann (Cel), 4, Wade Jones (May), 5, Brad Hansen (L); 145 — 1, Brandon Olinger (KF), 2, Justin May (Mau), 3, Tommy Hermes (Per), 4, Paul Goossen (TW), 5, Rudi Schwarzkopf; 152 — Scott Glorioso (L), 2, Doug Archer (May), 3, Phil Dewald (TC), 4, Aaron Warnock (Mau), 5, Tim Mossing (SF); 160 — 1, Brad Osting (Piq), 2, Kyle Segur (TW), 3, Rio Evan (Per), 4, Chris Conrad (EC), 5, Dave Bush (CB); 171 — 1, Eric Grover (TW), 2, Damar Pentorn (Per), 3, Dustin Clement (KF), 4, Tony Rugh (HD), 5, Josh Chilcote (GM); 189 — 1, Tom Wensink (Per), 2, Stephen Lange (KF), 3, Allen Harkness (May), 4, Nick Shamhart (H), 5, Zane Petry (Piq); 215 — 1, **Aaron Root (FR)** 2, Jason Holfinger (Piq), 3, Travis Bibler (Per), Joe Ranker (TC), 5, Todd Birie (TW); 275 — John Hawk (Eli), 2, Jason Braswell (CB), 3, Greg Pagnard (TC), 4, Zac Waxter (L), 5, Derek Gray (Piq).

Ross hosts 25th Mal Mackey



News-Messenger/Steven Garner

BRIAN HILL, center, and Ryan Cooley practice takedowns Wednesday at Fremont Ross High School. Hill, a first-year wrestler, and the rest of the Little Giants are preparing to host the 25th Annual Mal Mackey Invitational Saturday.

First-year wrestlers crack varsity lineup for Giants

By BRIAN SPIESS
Sports editor

Fremont Ross is counting on help from newcomers to win a 25-year old wrestling tournament.

Brian Hill and Roy Zamarriaga, who have won half their matches despite a lack of wrestling experience, will be among the Little Giants competing when the Mal Mackey Invitational begins at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Purple Pit.

Port Clinton, Sandusky St. Mary's, Northwood, Otsego, Sylvania, Southview, Lima Shawnee and Euclid will try to stop Ross from winning its fifth straight title.

"Roy and Brian have never wrestled before and they're really picking stuff up," Ross coach Grover Dowell said. "You can't ask for much more than what they're doing."

Hill, a junior, decided to wrestle at the urgings of friend and new teammate Aaron Root.

"I get to wrestle around, let out a lot of anger," said Hill, who has worked closely with assistant coach Don Wensinger. "They keep teaching me a lot of moves."

Hill split four heavyweight matches Dec. 29-30 at the Wendy's Invitational in Tiffin, his first varsity action. Zamarriaga, a 103-pounder, is 3-3.

"I just want to know how I will do," Hill said.

If the newcomers need advice on what to expect at the Mal Mackey, they can turn to veterans like Cody Franks and Jesse Sandoval.

"You're in front of your home crowd and you want to go out there and do your best," said Franks, who is 12-5 at 130 pounds.

"It's at home, so that makes it more comfortable ... you get to have more family there," said Sandoval, a 171-pounder with a 10-3 record.

Aaron Root is also wrestling well at 215 pounds.

"Cody Franks and Aaron Root are doing a nice job," Dowell said. "I feel that Tyler Lawrence, Jesse Sandoval and Eric Lindsey should do a nice job."

Dowell, who is in his sixth season at Ross, lost his first Mal Mackey Invitational. He hasn't lost since.

"Whoever wins this tournament has to have a couple champions and five or six kids place," Dowell said. "Port Clinton is doing a nice job this year. I think Sandusky St. Mary's and Ross should be in the hunt."

Jeff Kraus contributed to this report.

Mal Mackey was Ross wrestling coach

The Mal Mackey Invitational, which began as a junior varsity event, turns 25 this year.

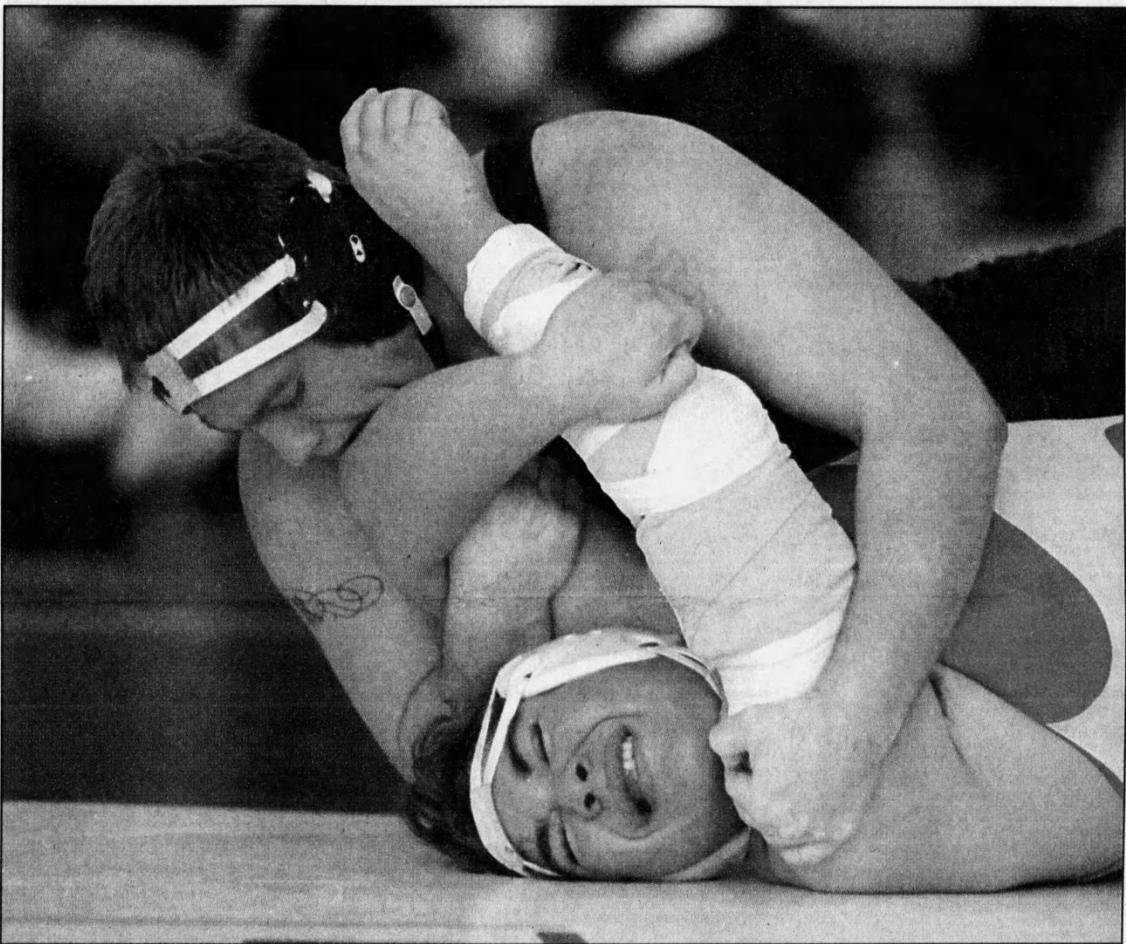
Named for the legendary Ross wrestling coach, the tournament has taken place at Ross every year since 1974.

For current Little Giants coach Grover Dowell, the event has a special meaning.

"Mal Mackey was my coach at Ross, and because of him I'm back," said Dowell, in his sixth season at Ross. "Coach Mackey was very forceful. Rough. And did it his way."

Gary Horn of Fremont participated in the first Mackey, losing a decision to Findlay's Dave Leach in the 105-pound class. Saturday's event will mark the second year Horn is working at the event.

Ross wins 5th straight Mackey



News-Messenger photos/Andrew Morrison

AARON ROOT of Fremont Ross scores back points on Port Clinton's Gabe Cuevas during a semifinal match during Saturday's Mal Mackey Tournament. Root won the match by technical fall.

11 Giants place at tourney

By CHUCK KRUMEL
News-Messenger correspondent

Aaron Root and Derek Wensinger's second-place finishes a year ago boosted Fremont Ross to a narrow win in the Mal Mackey Memorial Wrestling Tournament.

This year, the duo helped make it a blowout.

Root, Wensinger, Tyler Lawrence and Josh Martin all captured championships Saturday as Ross won its fifth straight Mal Mackey title.

Competing in the 25th-annual event, the host Little Giants scored 181 points and outdistanced second place Euclid (150). Shawnee was third in the eight-team event with 145.5.

Seven Ross wrestlers made the finals and four others took

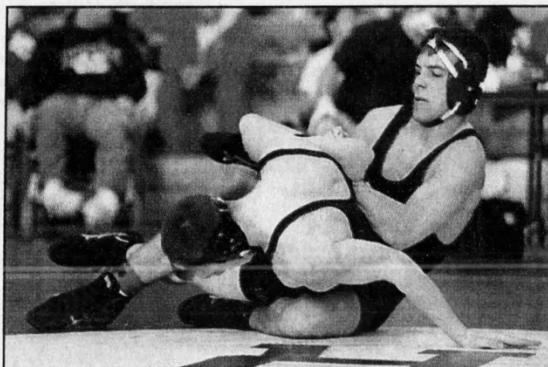
third place.

"I can't really single any individual effort because when you come out and have thirteen (wrestlers) going into the tournament and eleven place, I can't take anything away from that," Ross coach Grover Dowell said. "I'm just happy with the way we wrestled."

Root decisioned Shawnee's Mark Leifer 13-6 to win the 215-pound title.

"I got my moves down a lot better this year, my double legs, I hit my back-switch good, and that's something I work on a lot in practice because it has gotten me out of some tough situations," Root said. "And I'm more in shape."

Wensinger pinned Port Clinton's David Schwan in 2:25 to



TYLER LAWRENCE of Fremont Ross works to turn Euclid's Dave Fulton during a semifinal match. Lawrence won 8-2.

win the 125-pound division.

Lawrence, a winner at 140 in 1997, decisioned Mike Forman of Sylvania Southview 9-2 to capture the 145-pound title.

Martin rallied from a 6-1 deficit to overtake Justin McKillips of St. Mary's and win

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Ross wrestlers win another Mal Mackey

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the 152-pound championship with a 17-9 decision.

Roy Zamarripa, J.R. Adkins and Jesse Sandoval were runners-up in their respective weight classes.

In a rematch of last year's 160 finalists, Ross 171-pounder Jesse Sandoval lost a 9-2 decision to Mike Dominick of Euclid. Dominick was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler.

"I weighed in at 165 today so I had an opportunity to go down to 160, but I chose not to," Sandoval said. "(Dominick) is a really good wrestler and I have to give him credit for that. He beat me last year in overtime (10-8).

"He's strong and quick and that's a really good combination for a 171-pounder."

Zamarripa, in his first season of competitive wrestling, was pinned by Sandusky St. Mary's Matt Finneran at the 3:13 mark in the 103 championship.

Adkins lost to Tony Briggs of Lima Shawnee in the 160 finals after turning in an impressive performance in the semifinals, where he pinned Otsego's Keith Bittinger in 40 seconds to advance.

In the consolation finals, Ross's Cody Franks placed third at 130 by winning by default over Chris Bergman of Port Clinton. Kyle Iliff decisioned Louie Codu-

ti of Northwood to secure third place at 135 and Eric Lindsey captured a 21-4 technical fall decision over Dave D'Amico of Euclid to finish third at 189.

The Little Giants Brian Hill rounded out the team scoring by pinning Port Clinton's Kerry Kemp in the consolation finals of the 275 pound weight class.

The win was Ross's 10th in the history of the event.

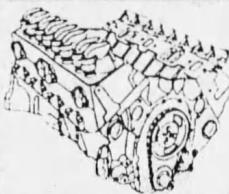
Three of the eight teams, including Ross, were Division I schools, while three more were

Div. II and two others were Div. III.

Sandusky St. Mary's sent a team of reserve wrestlers to participate in the tournament since the varsity team was competing in another tournament at Toledo Central Catholic.

Northwood's Steve Simok (130 pounds) received the award for Most Pins in the least amount of time recording three pins in a total time of 9:28.

Simok was tournament champion last year at 119 pounds.



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TEAM SCORES

1, Fremont Ross 181; 2, Euclid 150;
3, Shawnee 145.5; 4, Northwood 99.5;
5, Port Clinton 94.5; 6, Sandusky St.
Mary's 70.5; 7, Southview 63; 8, Otsego
20.5.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Championship matches

103—Matt Finneran (SM) by fall over Roy Zamarripa (FR), 3:13; 112—Dan Hockenberry (N) by dec over John Schreiner (SM), 10-2; 119—Marcus Henderson (Sh) by dec over Jared Simok (N), 16-4; 125—Derek Wensinger (FR) by fall over David Schwan (PC), 2:25; 130—Steve Simok (N) by fall over Scott Trepal (E), 5:10; 135—Brando Reyna (PC) by dec over Josh Hadding (Sh), 10-9; 140—Jeremy Vogelgesang (Sh) by fall over Anthony McCarthy (E), 1:47; 145—Tyler Lawrence (FR) by dec over Mike Forman (So), 9-2; 152—Josh Martin (FR) by dec over Justin McKillips (SM), 17-9; 160—Tony Briggs (Sh) by fall over J.R. Adkins (FR), 4:40; 171—Mike Dominick (E) by dec over Jesse Sandoval (FR), 9-3; 189—Randy Dew (SM) by dec over Eric Dale (Sh), 14-5; 215—Aaron Root (FR) by dec over Mark Leifer (Sh), 13-6; 275—Howard Westerfield (E) by dec over Jeff Eichenhauer (So), 6-5.

Consolation matches

103—Ivan EnRiquez (So) by fall over David Bergman (PC), 4:20; 112—Shaun Trepal (E) by dec over Joe DeLacerda (O), 3-2; 119—Rob Arnold (PC) by technical fall over Marcus Eubanks (E), 19-4; 125—Joe Lee (So) by dec over Kevin Carse (E), 6-5; 130—Cody Franks (FR) by default over Chris Bergman (PC); 135—Kyle Iliff (FR) by dec over Louie Coduti (N), 8-7; 140—Rourk Peterson (PC) by fall over Josh Roach (N), 2:23; Dave Fulton (E) by fall over Andy Clark (N), 3:14; 152—Kevin Doepler (Sh) by dec over Herbert Webster (E), 8-7; 160—Zack Meinhardt (N) by fall over Brandon Price (E), 2:42; 171—Bob Yockey (N) by dec over Adam McNett (O), 8-3; 189—Eric Lindsey (FR) by technical fall over Dave D'Amico (E), 21-4; 215—Mike Belanich (E) by default over Gabe Cuevas (PC); 275—Brian Hill (FR) by fall over Kerry Kemp (PC), 3:31.

Whitmer wrestlers defeat Fremont Ross

TOLEDO — Fremont Ross lost the first three matches to Toledo Whitmer Tuesday and never caught up in a 47-29 Great Lakes League loss.

The Little Giants got wins from Derek Wensinger (125 pounds), Cody Franks (130), Tyler Lawrence (145), Josh Martin (152), Eric Lindsey (189) and Aaron Root (215).

Three of Ross's win came by pin, while Whitmer recorded five pins.

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Toledo Whitmer 47, Fremont Ross 29

103—Justin Buckles (W) p. John Rupp :21; 112—Ryan Stoiter (W) p. Roy Zamarippa 1:00; 119—Eric Herman (W) dec. Greg Willoughby 17-0; 125—Derek Wensinger (FR) p. Mike Spink :50; 130—Cody Franks (FR) p. Jeff Root 5:38; 135—Shane Baumgardener (W) by forfeit; 140—Erich Metzger (W) p. Kyle Hetrick 3:17; 145—Tyler Lawrence (FR) dec. Paul Goosen 7-1; 152—Josh Martin (FR) dec. Andy Georgokayilou 7-3; Kyle Segur (W) p. John Forshtay 5:20; 171—Eric Grover (W) dec. Jesse Sandoval 22-6; 189—Eric Lindsey (FR) dec. Nik Dulic 19-1; 215—Aaron Root (FR) p. Chris Croy :13; 275—Dan O'Brien (W) p. Brian Hill 2:41.

Fremont Ross JV 28, Toledo Whitmer JV 6

Fremont Ross JV winners: Eric Smith (145), Luke Cole (152), Toby Forshtay (160), Jason Hull (171), Mitch Holland (189).

Wapakoneta Invitational

TEAM RESULTS

1, Marion Harding 239; 2, Wapakoneta 229; 3, Franklin Heights 141; 4, Toledo Woodward 138 1/2; 5, Fremont Ross 126; 6, Dayton Christian 83 1/2; 7, Hilliard Davidson 80 1/2; 8, Lincoln-West 58.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Championships

103—Joe McCreary (MH) dec. Carl Amerine (FH) 11-0; 112—Thad Townsend (MH) dec. Ryan Wickline (W) 19-7; 119—Cory Smith (MH) dec. Tony Fell (TW) 7-3; 125—Jeff Ratliff (MH) dec. Cory Stahler (W) 13-0; 130—Mike Freeman (MH) dec. Paul Goodwin (W) 8-5; 135—Khao Vo (LW) TF Ryan Place (W) 16-0; 140—Steve Haas (FH) dec. Ryan Wade (HD) 19-15; 145—Robbie Lawson (TW) dec. Grant Gillette (W) 10-3.

152—Gabe Bartlett (W) dec. Josh Martin (FR) 14-3; 160—Corey Owens (MH) dec. Tony Braun (W) 4-3; 171—Brent Miller (W) dec. Jesse Sandoval (FR) 16-4; 189—Eric Lindsey (FR) dec. Jason Truesdale (W) 7-5; 215—Aaron Root (FR) p. Greg Potts (MH) 1:04; 275—John Dunmeade (TW) p. Nick Cook (FH) 2:00.

Consolations

103—Jason Baer (TW) p. Jose Cepeada (LW) :30; 112—Anthony Harris (TW) p. Danny Allen (FH) 12-2; 119—Nick Harpster (W) dec. Wes Gottke (FH) 15-8; 125—Ben Ewig (DC) dec. Derek Wensinger (FR) 7-6; 130—Joe Melvin (DC) dec. Steve Levitt (FH) 14-6; 135—Kyle Huffman (DC) p. Donnie Allen (FH); 140—Sam Fell (TW) p. Sam Childers (LW) :50; 145—Mike McLaughlin (HD) dec. Tyler Lawrence (FR) 9-6.

152—Jordon Moon (MH) p. Andy White (HD) 3:34; 160—Jordon Speers (DC) p. Dave Holstein (HD) 5:22; 171—Jared Hartman (MH) p. Andy Buck (HD) 4:24; 189—Terry Honaker (MH) dec. Kamen (DC) 4-2; 215—Steven Slider (DC) dec. Ken Townsend (TW) 21-8; 275—T.J. Cresap (MH) p. Brent Bucher (W) 3:14.

Wapakoneta Invitational

WAPAKONETA — Fremont Ross wrestlers Eric Lindsey and Aaron Root took first place as the Little Giants finished fifth in the eight-team Wapakoneta Invitational.

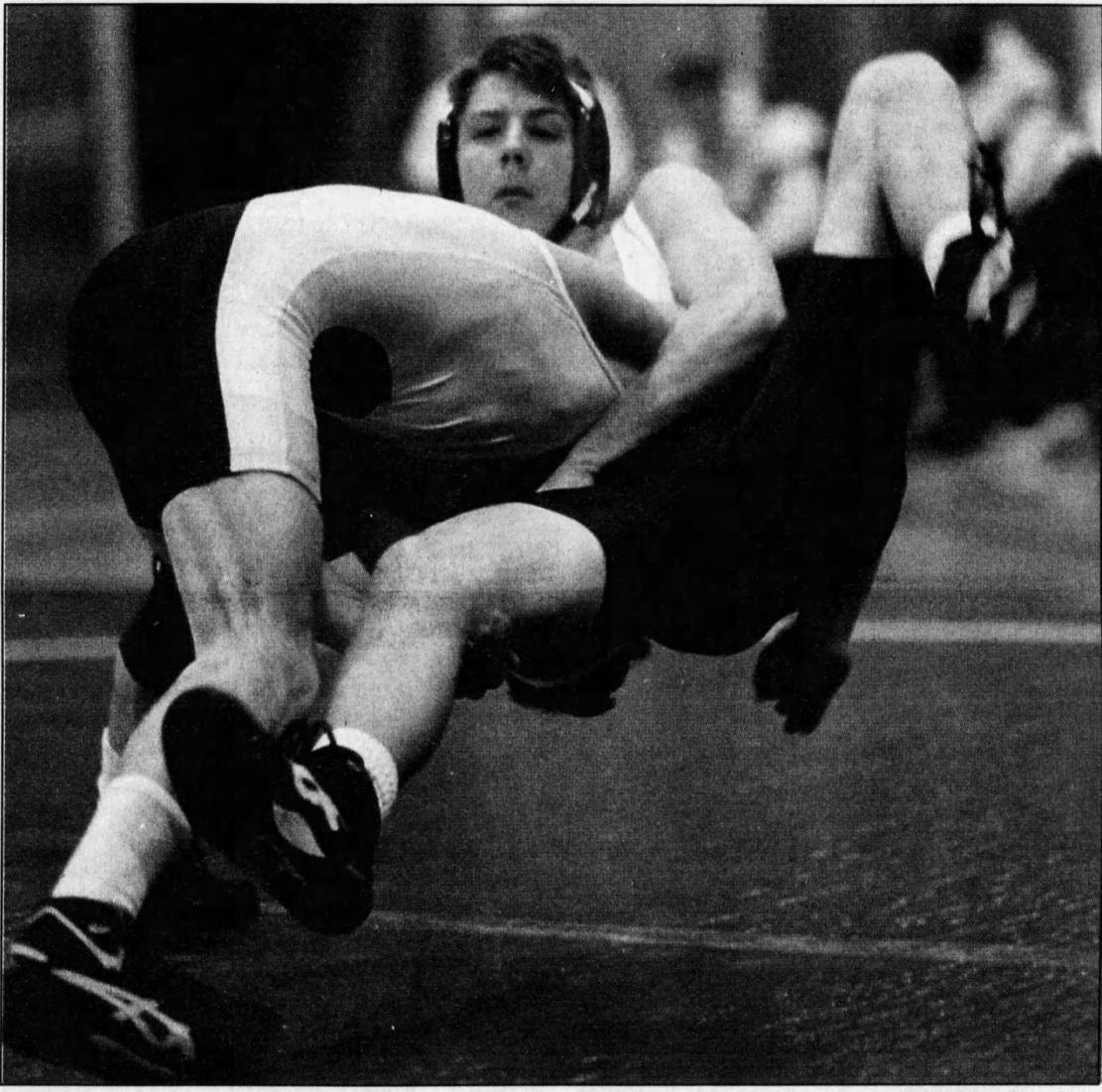
Marion Harding, which produced five champions, took first place with 239 points, followed by second place Wapakoneta (229), third place Franklin Heights (141), fourth place Toledo Woodward (138 1/2), fifth place Ross (126), sixth place Dayton Christian (83 1/2), seventh place Hilliard Davidson (80 1/2) and eighth place Lincoln-West (58).

Lindsey, wrestling at 189 pounds, earned a 7-5 decision against Wapakoneta's Jason Truesdale in the finals. Root earned his individual title at 215, where he pinned Marion Harding's Greg Potts in 1:04.

Two other Little Giants, Josh Martin and Jesse Sandoval, finished second. Martin lost at 152 to Wapakoneta's Gabe Bartlett in a 14-3 decision. Sandoval was beaten 16-4 by Wapakoneta's Brent Miller in the 171 finals.

Ross's Derek Wensinger finished fourth at 125 and Tyler Lawrence was fourth at 145.

Streaks drop Ross



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CODY FRANKS of Fremont Ross body slams Kevin Schwanger in the third period of Franks' 10-5 decision over the Sandusky wrestler.

Little Giants fall short in dual meet with rival Sandusky

By JOHN VARGO
Special to The News-Messenger

Sandusky jumped out to a 20-point lead and managed to hold off Ross 43-31 in dual meet wrestling action Wednesday night at Ross.

The Little Giants got as close as 34-25 before Sandusky's Jimmie Cherry clinched at least a tie for Sandusky in a key match with Ross's Eric Lindsey in the 189-pound match.

The match was knotted at 4-4 after two periods, but Cherry began the third by

reversing Lindsey and getting a near fall to lead 9-4.

The Little Giant grappler scored a reversal before Cherry took a 9-6 win.

Sandusky took a 37-25 lead in the team score and went on to post the win over the Little Giants.

Ross coach Grover Dowell said the 189-pound match was just a part of the Fremont loss.

"We didn't lose it in one match, we lost it all the way through," Dowell said.

Senior Aaron Root (215) entered his

match knowing what was at stake.

"I was kind of psyched up after that match, I knew with two pins we could tie it," Root said.

He got his 11th pin of the season by downing Sandusky's John Rosekelly in 1:12 to pull Fremont within 37-31.

But Eric Gibson of Sandusky pinned Ross's Ryan Cooley in the 275-pound division to clinch the victory.

Earlier, Derek Wensinger won by forfeit

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Ross wrestlers fall to Sandusky

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at 125 for Ross and teammate Cody Franks scored a 10-5 decision over Kevin Schwanger at 130.

But after losses at 135 and 140, Ross fell behind 29-9.

Then, Fremont senior Tyler Lawrence stepped onto the mat to face Sandusky's Deanta Davis.

Lawrence flipped Davis after a takedown to go up 10-2 in the third period.

Soon after, the senior had a pin at the 4:49 mark.

"Coach told me I needed to turn him," Lawrence said. "I did my hardest to turn him over."

"That opened up, so I just turned him and went for the pin."

Josh Martin then scored a 14-5 major decision over Sandusky's Dustin Davis at 152.

And Ross teammate Jessie Sandoval flattened Chaz Tiller in 53 seconds in their 171-pound match.

Despite the victory, the Ross senior said it was hard to leave the Fremont-Blue Streak rivalry.

"It's kinda tough with me being a senior for it to end like this," he said. "Our season is not over. Even though it is a big rivalry, we just have to keep working at it."

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Sandusky 43, Ross 31

103 pounds—Shancey Prophet (S) pin Roy Zamarripa 4:52; 112—Matt Thomas (S) pin John Rupp 1:34; 119—Rocky McKinney (S) pin Greg Willoughby 3:04; 125—Derek Wensinger (F) won by forfeit; 130—Cody Franks (F) dec. Kevin Schwanger 10-5; 135—Eldrako Carr (S) tech. fall Kyle Iliff 16-0; 140—David Garrett (S) pin Kyle Hetrick 1:30;

145—Tyler Lawrence (F) pin Deanta Davis 4:49; 152—Josh Martin (F) maj. dec. Dustin Davis 14-5; 160—William Conway (S) tech. fall J.R. Adkins 19-2; 171—Jesse Sandoval (F) pin Chaz Tiller :53; 189—Jimmy Cherry (S) dec. Eric Lindsey 9-6; 215—Aaron Root (F) pin John Rosekelly 1:12; 275—Eric Gibson (S) pin Ryan Cooley 3:03.

JV match

Ross winner

189—Mitch Holland dec. James Bickley 13-8.

Ross beats Findlay in GLL wrestling match

FINDLAY — Four Fremont Ross wrestlers won matches Wednesday and the team also benefitted from a pair of forfeits as the Little Giants defeated Findlay 30-24 in a Great Lakes League matchup.

Tyler Lawrence (145) and J.R. Adkins (160) won by pin while Jesse Sandoval (171) and Eric Lindsey (189) won decisions. Ross's Aaron Root (215) lost his first match after opening the season with 19 straight wins.

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High School

Fremont Ross 30, Findlay 24

103—Mark Freeman (F) pin Roy Zamarripa 2:57; 112—Chris Kukay (F) pin John Rupp 1:36; 119—Greg Willoughby (FR) win by forfeit; 130—Kyle Iliff (FR) win by forfeit; 135—Bo Bennett (F) dec. Derek Wensinger 12-5; 140—Josh Palmer (F) dec. Cody Franks 9-5; 145—Tyler Lawrence (FR) pin John Forsythe 4:57; 152—Joe Orosco (F) dec. Josh Martin 11-5; 160—J.R. Adkins (FR) pin Josh Dibenedetto .58; 171—Jesse Sandoval (FR) dec. Dane Whittle 10-9; 189—Eric Lindsey (FR) dec. Frank McCoy 4-3; 215—Steve McCoy (F) dec. Aaron Root 5-1.

Ross JV 48, Findlay JV 0

103—Jim Rupp (FR) win by forfeit; 140—Kyle Hetrick (FR) win by forfeit; 145—Luke Cole (FR) win by forfeit; 152—Eric Smith (FR) pin Kyle Neiman .52; 171—Jason Hull (FR) pin Matt McCoy 5:52; 189—Jeremy Davis (FR) win by forfeit; 215—Mitch Holland (FR) pin Corey Sidle 1:37; HWT—Ryan Cooley (FR) win by forfeit.

Giants fall to Eagles

News-Messenger reports

CLAY — Fremont Ross wrestlers won just four matches and suffered a 47-19 loss to Oregon Clay Wednesday in a Great Lakes League battle.

Two Little Giants won by pin. Ross' Mike Adams pinned Joe Migliori at 275 pounds in 2:10 and Derek Wensinger pinned Brandon Beech in 4:36 at 125.

The other two Ross victories came by decision. Aaron Root decisioned Oma Abou-Arab 7-4 at 215 and Cody Franks won a little easier as he decisioned Ryan Franke 17-9 at 130.

WRESTLING

Buren Invitational (on Jan. 23-24)."

Lakota's Tim Ollom recorded the quickest of the Raiders' seven pins in the meet as he stopped Josh Courtard in just 29 seconds. Lakota improved to 16-4.

"We looked very aggressive," said Wyant. "We came out very competitive and did a fine job tonight."

Lakota's Justin West pinned Eric Hanna in 1:32 at 119, Jared Lowery pinned Brian Hart in 4:29 at 125, Tim

Clay 47, Ross 19

103—Matt Reynolds (OC) dec. Roy Zamarripa 7-3; 112—Emad Abou-Arab (OC) pin Greg Willoughby 2:07; 119—Nate Muenzer (OC) won by forfeit; 125—Derek Wensiger (FR) pin Brandon Beech 4:36; 130—Cody Franks (FR) dec. Ryan Franke 17-9; 135—David Wolfe (OC) dec. Kyle Iliff 12-4; 140—Matt Miller (OC) pin Brian Holland 1:32; 145—Billy Cannon (OC) dec. Tyler Lawrence 5-2; 152—Andy Shanks (OC) pin Josh Martin 1:23; 160—Ryan Shafer (OC) dec. J.R. Adkins 9-1; 171—Ryan Donley (OC) dec. Jesse Sandoval 2-0; 189—Dan Stiengraber (OC) pin Eric Lindsey 5:04; 215—Aaron Root (FR) dec. Oma Abou-Arab 7-4; HWT—Mike Adams (FR) pin Joe Migliori 2:10.

Ross JV 21, Clay 6

103—Pierce Birag (OC) pin Jim Rupp 4:30; 152—Luke Cole (FR) pin Jacob Freimark 2:13; 160—Josh Forshtay (FR) pin Stuart Hill 1:46; 171—Jason Hull (FR) pin Jerid Donley :52; 215—Mitch Holland (FR) dec. Jacob Coleman 9-2.

Wrestling

Ross awards

FIRST YEAR AWARD WINNERS: Roy Zamarripa-10; Kyle Iliff-9; Jsh Martin-11; J.R. Adkins-12; Brian Hill-11.

SECOND YEAR AWARD WINNERS: Cody Franks-11; Jesse Sandoval-12; Eric Lindsey-12.

THIRD YEAR AWARD WINNERS: Derek Wensinger-11; Aaron Root-12.

FOURTH YEAR AWARD WINNERS: Tyler Lawrence-12.

CERTIFICATE WINNERS: John Rupp-10; Jim Rupp-10; Brandon Clark-10; Brian Holland-10; John Forshtay -11; Toby Forshtay-10; Jason Hull-10; Mitch Holland-11; Ryan Cooley-10; Mike Adams-10; Rick Legg-9; Luke Cole-10; Jeremy Davis-11.

STATISTICIANS: Emily Koebel-11; Alisha Conners-11.

SPECIAL AWARDS: Most Valuable-Aaron Root; Most Improved-Luke Cole; Coaches Award-Ray Zamarripa.

GREAT LAKES LEAGUE AWARD WINNERS

FIRST TEAM: Aaron Root

SECOND TEAM: Eric Lindsey

HONORABLE MENTION: Derek Wensinger, J.R. Adkins, Jesse Sandoval

ALL-DISTRICT OR AP HONORS: Derek Wensinger, Tyler Lawrence, Eric Lindsey, Aaron Root.

SPECIAL TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS: 5th Place-Rogers Tournament; 1st Place-Mal Mackey Invitational; 3rd Place-Great Lakes League.

COACHING STAFF: Head Coach-Grover Dowell, Assistants: David Boda, Jamie Ramirez, Dave Alejandro, Don Wensinger, Matt Marinas, Mike Schuppenics.