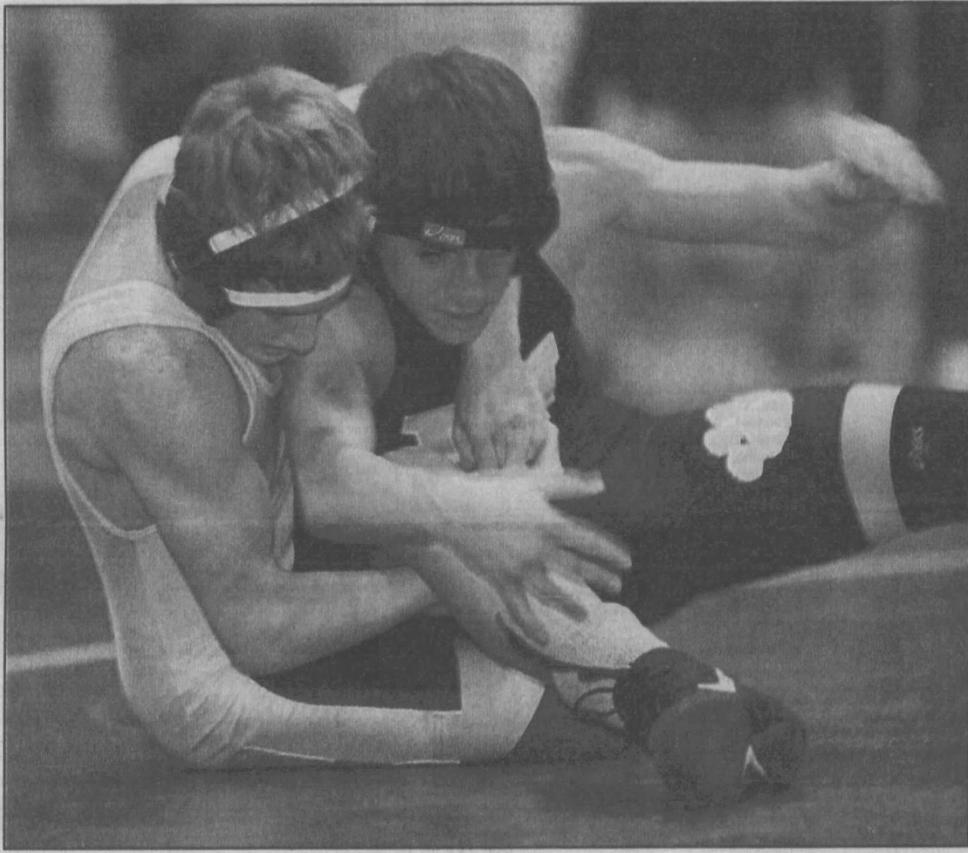


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'The time to peak'



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ZAC POTRIDGE and Fremont Ross will compete in the Great Lakes League meet this weekend at Oregon Clay.

Wrestling teams prepare for league meets

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Fremont Ross coach Grover Dowell said the Little Giants are wrestling as well as they have all year.

They picked the right time to get rolling.

Ross will head to Oregon Clay Saturday to compete in the tough Great Lakes League tournament.

"The kids are coming right along like I'd hoped," said Dowell. "This is the time to peak. Technique-wise we're doing well. We're working real hard and getting stronger."

All nine area wrestling teams will compete in league meets this weekend.

■ St. Joseph Central Catholic will participate in the Midland Athletic League tournament at Hopewell-Loudon High School.

■ Clyde, Margaretta and Oak Harbor will compete in the Sandusky Bay Conference meet at Oak Harbor High School.

■ Gibsonburg, Lakota and Woodmore will wrestle in the Suburban Lakes League tournament at Northwood High School.

■ And Bellevue will compete in the Northern Ohio League meet at Upper Sandusky High School.

The Little Giants will have to contend with

Michigan power Bedford and Sandusky, ranked No. 5 in the Ohio coaches poll. But Dowell is hoping for a second- or third-place finish from his team.

Derek Wensinger has been nearly unstoppable at 125 pounds for Ross.

He and several others will be counted on heavily, Dowell said.

"I think Kyle Iliff (145 pounds) will do nice job," said Dowell. "He is coming along strong."

"John Forshtay (189) is

doing well. My 103-pounder (Zac Potridge) is really coming along. Tommie Wagner (130) will surprise some people. He's getting healthy."

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St. Joe coach Chuck Lenhart isn't sure how his injury-riddled team can compete in the tough MAL meet, but then again, the Crimson Streaks have surprised him before.

After losing 112-pounder Mike Chapman and heavyweight Dave Klotz for the season and several others for various lengths of time, it looked like St. Joe would struggle as a team.

But several nice tournament showings and home dual-meet victories over Woodmore and Elmwood

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Ross, St. Joe fourth in meets

Fremont Ross and St. Joseph Central Catholic finished fourth in their league wrestling meets on Saturday.

In the Great Lakes League, Zac Potridge was the lone Little Giant to reach the finals, finishing second.

In the Midland Athletic League, Adam Jenkins shook off a knee injury to record the Crimson Streaks' lone first-place finish.

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Team standings

1. Bedford 233.5, 2. Sandusky 184.5, 3. Clay 126, 4. Ross 79.5, 5. Fostoria 64.5, 6. Whitmer 55, 7. Findlay 69.

Ross finishers

2 — Zac Potridge (103), 3 — Derek Wensinger (125), 3 — Kyle Iliff (140), 3 — John Forshay (169), 3 — Brian Hill (Hvy), 4 — Ryan Cooley (215).