

1981 Season review...

# 'Hesitant' is Ross mat word

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Al Voggenthaler, stopped, scratched his chin and thought before uttering a not too definite statement about the prospects of his Ross High School Little Giants wrestling team.

"I think I'm kind of hesitant to say," he tried to begin. "We have nine lettermen back but we will be weak in a couple of positions with the middleweights our toughest group."

Paced by Buckeye Conference champs Doug Smith and John Havener, Voggenthaler will put his 31-man squad on the mats for the public Tuesday night in the annual "Purple and White" intra-squad meet. It begins at 7:30 p.m. after a 6 p.m. potluck dinner and a 6:45 demonstration at Ross High School.

Why a potluck before a meet?

"I don't want them overeating," Voggenthaler chuckled sadly. "Thanksgiving's coming up and they can overeat then . . . a little."

Smith is the 167-pound BC champ while Havener won the title at 98 and added the Class AAA sectional title later in the season. Smith, if it works out right, will be at the same weight but could take the mat at 175 on occasions. Smith is a senior.

Havener will be up a weight class — 105 — this season. A junior, Havener's 98-pound position will probably go to sophomore Dave Baun. At 112, letterman junior Corey Beard will be wrestling but he will be pushed by senior letterman Wayne Orndorff.

Junior Blaine Hines and sophomore Kevin Shaffer are in the running for the 119-pound position with junior letterman Tony Shlets at 126. Andy Esquivel, sophomore, and Shawn Barnett, a senior, are Voggenthaler's 132-pounders temporarily.

"Several wrestlers, once January rolls around," he pointed out, "could go down a weight class."

With Rick Heidelberg and Craig Trick, both sophomores, in the 138-pound picture, the dropping down a weight class is possible, especially for Heidelberg.

A pair of veterans are battling for the 145-pound starting slot with the loser of a wrestle-off moving up a weight position. Jim Lipstraw and Mark Walther, both two-year letter winners, are in the picture but whichever one moves up a class, the Ross coach feels that it will not hinder the wrestler.

"Lipstraw is pretty strong and Walther is tall enough and strong enough to handle it (the higher weight), so I don't think it will weaken us," Voggenthaler contended.

Another possible 155-pounder is a New Lexington move-in, Larry Brenot, a senior.

Smith is at 167 with Mike Wendt, when he recovers from an injury, at 175. As long as Wendt is out, Smith will probably take the higher weight class. Doug Bischoff, another 175-pounder, is currently nursing a badly sprained ankle. If Smith is at 175, sophomore Doug Zink will be at 167.

Two-year senior letterman Tom Smith will be at 185 while another letterman, junior Anthony Carter, is the heavyweight.

Ross will be hosting three varsity tournaments this season — The Mal Mackey, the Fremont Invitational and the Buckeye Conference. The Little Giants will also be taking part in the Toledo Rogers and Medina Tournaments.

The Mackey tourney will feature area teams like Huron, Bellevue, Vermilion, Toledo St. Francis and St. John's, Edison and Bowsher. Mansfield Senior, Centerville, Troy, Mansfield Madison, Sylvania Northview and Sandusky are teams in the Fremont Invitational.

Summing up the team picture, Voggenthaler predicted that a strong point of his team will be the depth.

"We have some good sophomores who will help us quite a bit this year," he predicted.

His first real look into the crystal ball will be Tuesday with his team jumping into the fire of head-to-head competition Saturday the 29th in a 1 p.m. match at Port Clinton.

# ‘Voggie’ gets 100th win

PORT CLINTON — Ross got a boost from a rejected basketball player turned wrestler in rocking Port Clinton 41-20 in the initial meet of the season Saturday.

“He was a pleasant surprise,” Ross Coach Al Voggenthaler smiled while saying a secret thank you to Ross basketball Coach Biz Paeth.

Mitch Curliss was the surprise. Cut from the basketball team a few weeks ago, Curliss stepped into a wrestling uniform and responded with a win in his first outing. The Little Giants 167-pounder racked up 12 points in the first two periods to defeat the Redskins’ Keith Shook 12-6.

“The thing about it,” Voggenthaler chuckled,

“Curliss was even wrestling up a weight class.”

Continuing, the Ross coach added, “I think we did as expected. We ran into trouble in the 119-132 classes but Port Clinton has some good kids there and we do not feel that we are strong there anyhow.”

Voggenthaler was savoring this win more than any other opening season triumph because it was the 100th win for him in his 18 years of coaching the mat sport. “Voggie” is 45-28-2 at Ross in nine years after coaching Sylvania (29-14) and Crestline (26-14) in his first nine years as a head coach.

“I didn’t want to say anything about it,” he said.

The secret was out, however, when Ross

wrestler Mark Walther remembered it. A loss and a tie in the final triangular meet of last season had kept Voggenthaler waiting a year for the century victory.

Once the Little Giants got past 132, sophomore Rick Heidelberg started a string of six wins and a draw for the Little Giants.

Heidelberg defeated Bruce Celek 5-2 at 138. Jim Lipstraw followed with a 14-1 drubbing of Jeff Drum at 145 and Mark Walther, 155, and Port Clinton Terry Dunn battled to a 4-4 draw.

Curliss’ win came next with Doug Smith, up a weight class, pinning PC’s Terry Conaway in 3:52. Tom Smith, 185, of Ross pinned Daryl Trent in 3:35 and Ross heavyweight Anthony Gardner topped off the Ross win with a fall in a minute against Mark Hermes.

## *with victories*

# Ross wrestlers at home Thursday

Ross will open the home wrestling slate Thursday by hosting Lorain Southview.

Southview will bring a dual match winning streak of 25 into Fremont. The Saints are led by Bobby Romero who was fourth in the AAA state meet at 98 pounds last year.

"I think that he will be bumped up to 105," Ross Coach Al Voggenthaler projected about Romero. "That will put him up to where Havener (John) will be wrestling."

Havener is the defending Buckeye Conference champ at 98 but will be at the higher weight this season for the Little Giants.

Southview has had one outing this season, finishing second to Vermilion in their own tournament last weekend.

"I know one thing for sure," the Ross coach said, "Southview's lineup is not set but they will be bringing their usual tough team in here."

The junior varsity and varsity matches begin at 7 p.m. in the Ross High School gym.

# Saints roll past Ross wrestlers

Southview whipped Ross's youth brigade and didn't do too badly against the Little Giants' experience Thursday as the Saints won their 26th consecutive dual wrestling meet 42-21.

"It was just like that," Ross Coach Al Voggenthaler said. "They whipped our young kids and then it was a matter of which team's experience would do better."

Southview won six of the first seven matches to take a 27-3 lead. The only Ross points in that string was a decision by John Havener. The Ross junior pulled out the 8-6 verdict with a reversal against Pablo Marrero with less than 10 seconds remaining in the match.

Bobby Romero of Southview, fourth in the state at 98 last season, got Southview off to a rolling start with a 34 second pin on sophomore Dave Baum. Havener's win was

next but from 112 through 138, it was all Southview.

Eric Gonzalez pinned Ross junior Corey Beard at 119 and Dave Velez blanked sophomore Andy Esquivel of Ross 15-0 at 132 for the biggest wins.

Mark Walther ended Southview's string in the 145-pound match, pinning Rick Gonzalez in 5:40.

Southview took the next two matches before Doug Smith, 175, and Tom Smith, 185, produced falls for Ross. Doug Smith needed 3:19 to knock off Ed Farley and Tom Smith stopped George Vukelich in 1:32.

Ross's next match will be Dec. 13 at Sandusky in a triangular with the Blue Streaks and Worthington.

In the junior varsity meet, Southview used a pair of Ross forfeits at 175 and 185 for a 42-26 win.

Following are the results of the matches:

## VARSITY MATCHES

98-Bobby Romero (S) p. Dave Baum :34; 105-John Havener (R) d. Pablo Marrero 8-6; 112-Tony Rivas (S) d. Mark Schmidt 8-5; 119-Eric Gonzalez (S) p. Corey Beard 5:21; 126-Eddi Velez (S) d. Tony Shlets 8-4; 132-David Velez (S) d. Andy Esquivel 15-0; 138-Rick Palacios (S) d. Rick Heidelberg 10-2; 145-Mark Walther (R) p. Rick Gonzalez 5:40; 155-Aquilino Morales (S) d. Jim Lipstraw 4-0; 167-Ben Castro (S) won by default over Mitch Curllis; 175-Doug Smith (R) p. Ed Farley 3:19; 185-Tom Smith (R) p. George Vukelich 1:32; HVY-James Robinson (S) p. Anthony Gardner 3:57.

## JV MATCHES

98-Tim Stanley (R) p. John Herring 4:35; 105-Jarge Rivera (S) p. Bill Isaman 3:16; 112-Wayne Orndorf (R) p. Ricky Hernandez 3:36; 119-Dave Singletary (S) d. Kevin Schaeffer 8-0; 126-David Velasquez (S) d. Blaine Hines 2-1; 132-Joe Smith (S) p. Steve Blymyer 1:42; 138-Tom Ohle (S) d. Don Goodwin 5-0; 145-Craig Trick (R) p. Eugene Ruiz 3:35; 155-Larry Brenot (R) and Adam Gonzalez (S), draw, 8-8; 167-Doug Zink (R) p. Raul Mantalvo 5:30; 175-Chris Mosley (S) won by forfeit; 185-Dave Darr (S) won by forfeit; HVY-Dave Lazono (S) p. Mike Stull 2:40.

# Ross at Sandusky

The Ross wrestlers will travel to Sandusky for a 1 p.m. meet with the Blue Streaks Saturday.

The Little Giants are coming off of a loss to Lorain Southview and coach Al Voggenthaler sees another tough foe in Sandusky.

"It will be a tough meet because they (Sandusky) are strong where we are strong," the coach said. "It should be an interesting match."

The Jones boys are the top Sandusky wrestlers, Voggenthaler said. Charles Jones, at 138, is a second place finisher in the state meet last year and his brother Ricky wrestles at 119.

Another Jones, Theodus, will wrestle at 132 and another Jones boy recently quit the team.

Worthington, originally scheduled to compete in the meet, has dropped out. Both the JV and varsity meets will be run simultaneously.

# Sandusky buries Little Giant matmen

**SANDUSKY** — Ross wrestling Coach Al Voggenthaler was so sick before his team's match against Sandusky, that he was forced to miss his first meet in 18 years of coaching.

The result of the match could not have made his condition any better. Sandusky won easily 47-12.

"I watched the video tapes today (Sunday)," Voggenthaler said, "and there were four or five matches that could have gone either way. We knew that could happen and unfortunately, they went the wrong way."

"Voggie" was forced to stay at home because of a badly infected throat. Assistant Coach Rick Boggs took Voggenthaler's seat aside the mats for the Saturday meet.

The only wins for the Little Giants were turned in by Corey Beard, 119, Doug Smith, 167, and Tom Smith, 185. Beard edged Neil McCarty 5-4 while Doug Smith pinned Roman Holiday in 1:12 and Tom Smith out-pointed Scott Van Dooting 12-7.

One of the bigger wins for Sandusky came at 105. Ross's John Havener, the Buckeye Conference 98-pound champ last season, was pinned by Pete Prophet in four minutes and 30 seconds.

Two of Ross's key wrestlers, Mark Walther and Jim Lipstraw, wrestled up one weight class. Both lost . . . Walther 8-4 to Dave Pou at 145 and Lipstraw 10-5 to Deno Maschari at 155.

## MATCHES

98-Jerry Grant (S) p. Tim Stanley 1:09; 105-Pete Prophet (S) p. John Havener 4:30; 112-Corey Beard (R) d. Neil McCarty 5-4; 119-Rick Jones (S) d. Kevin Schaffer 17-4; 126-Al Ott (S) p. Blaine Hines 5:51; 132-Dave Stewart (S) d. Rick Heidelberg 8-7;

138-Charles Jones (S) p. Andy Esquivel 5:09; 145-Dave Pou (S) d. Mark Walther 8-4; 155-Deno Maschari (S) d. Jim Lipstraw 10-5; 167-Doug Smith (R) p. Roman Holiday 1:12; 175-Bill Curley (S) won by forfeit; 185-Tom Smith (R) d. Scott Van Dooting 12-7; HVY-Reef Young (S) d. Anthony Gardner 10-9.

# Rogers tournament

## TEAM STANDINGS

Oak Harbor	192½	Ross	97½
Springfield	165	Anthony Wayne	93
Maumee	158	Whitmer	75
Eastwood	134	Perrysburg	73
Rogers	122½	Woodward	52
Clay	110½	Scott	35
Findlay	107½	Waite	25
Wauseon	99	Macomber	10

## CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

98-Jim Peters (C) d. Rob Huston (OH) 12-5; 105-Rob Biggins (AW) p. John Havener (Ross) 5:22; 112-Jeff Berry (Mau) d. Ray Kahl (C) 11-2; 119-Doug Blay (OH) d. Bryan Hardy (E) 9-1; 126-Dan Biay (OH) d. Pete Boyer (Rog) 6-2; 132-Andy Hohlbein (Spr) d. Joe Hertzfeld (AW) 6-1;

138-Dave McIntire (Mau) d. Brian Rhonehouse (Spr) 4-1; 145-Carlos Mincheff (OH) d. Mike Arnold (F) 12-4; 155-Paul Smithey (E) won by default over Joe Brogan (Spr); 167-Ralph Cubberly (E) d. Mike Davis (F) 6-3; 175-Carl Caywood (Rog) d. Jeff Turner (Sc) 9-6; 185-Dave Swantek (Wo) d. Craig Beeker (E) 13-5; HVY-Jim Neal (C) d. Ali Khatib (Wo) 20-4.

## CONSOLATION FINALS

98-Rudy Severhoff (Rog) d. Keith Morehoouse (Wh); 105-Tim Woods (Rog) d. David Day (Wau) 1-0; 112-Frank Smith (AW) d. Brian Behm (OH) 9-4; 119-Joe Whitten (Spr) d. Ron Schneider (Wau) 9-2; 126-Mike Ibarra (Wh) d. Tim Taylor (Spr) 4-2; 132-Mike Wilson (Mau) d. Gil Sanchez (F);

138-Steve Weirich (OH) d. Dave Ledy (E) 8-1; 145-Tim Cubbon won by forfeit over Jim Lipstraw (Ross); 155-Bill Dickson (AW) d. Chuck Carman (OH) 10-8; 167-Rick Ruffner (P) d. Garrett Buckles (Wh) 9-8; 175-Greg Walczak (Mau) d. Jim Wolf (P) 8-3; 185-Al Weckle (Mau) won by forfeit over Larry Fruth (Wau); HVY-Anthony Gardner (Ross) p. Bob Weber (Wau).

# Medina hosts tourney

Ross will be in the 32-team Medina Holiday Wrestling Tournament Jan. 2-3 at Medina High School.

The big tournament will have four sessions — 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday and 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday. All matches will be in Medina High School.

Some of the teams joining Ross will be the 1979-80 Class AA state champ Akron Coventry; AA state runnerup Highland; Class A state runnerup Licking Heights; and Cardinal Stritch, third in AA at last season's state classic.

In the two days of wrestling, there will be 793 matches. The double-elimination tournament will have 416 participants. There will be 29 wrestlers in the tournament who were state tourney qualifiers last season.

## Junior high

### Boys basketball

St. Joe 45, Sacred Heart 36

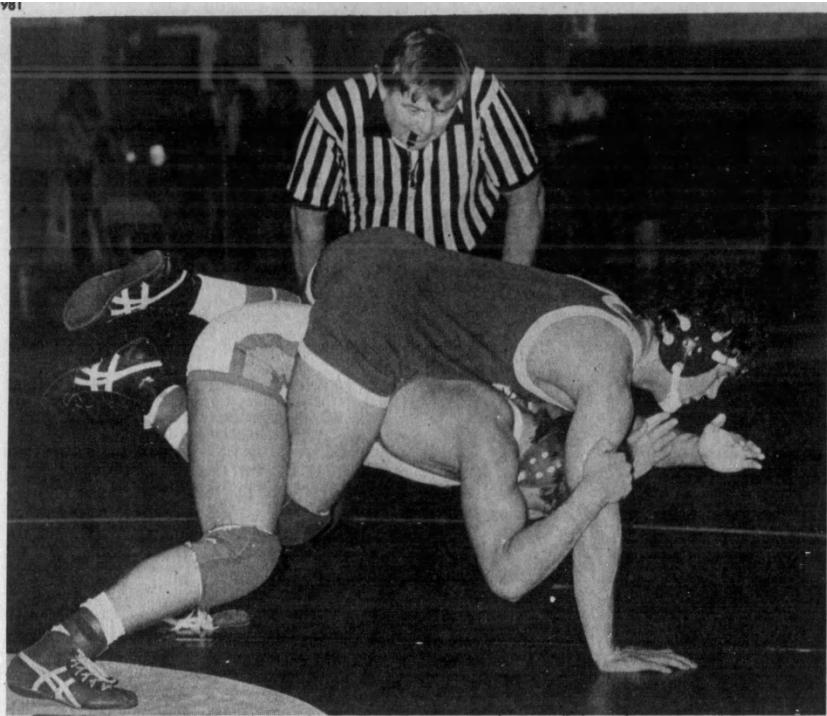
#### Score by quarters

St. Joe	12	9	11	13	45
S. Heart	5	8	10	13	36

#### Scoring

ST. JOE: Tim Fick 2-0-4, Jim Foos 9-2-20, Vince Militello 1-1-3, Mark Miller 6-0-12, Eric Sullivan 1-4-6; totals 19-7-45.

SACRED HEART: Wolf 3-0-6, Tim Lonsway 4-1-9, Tim Light 6-3-15, Tim Carmack 1-4-6; totals 14-8-36.



TOM SMITH, top, of Ross gets a free ride during the 187-pound finals of the Mai Mackey Memorial Wrestling Tournament at Ross High School

Saturday. Smith won the title, beating Brian DeFelippi of Huron 2-0. (News-Messenger photo by Bill Kennedy)

## Sloppy, but a St. Joe win

By TOM STOREY  
N-M Sports Writer

TIFFIN — It wasn't a very artistic game. It was filled with turnovers and fouls. It was ragged.

But, for St. Joe's coach Denny Faber, it was happiness. The important thing, he said, was that the Streaks won.

It capped a beautiful weekend.

"It was a good weekend for us," Faber said outside the visitor's locker room Saturday night in Tiffin. "I told the team this week that I was really concerned about these two games. I was pleased with the way they bounced back."

It was a crucial weekend for St. Joe who had lost two straight before Friday. If any hopes of a Sandusky Bay Conference title were to remain, it was almost imperative that the Streaks win both of their games to stay close to Port Clinton.

On Friday the Streaks dumped St. Mary's and Saturday night, they got win number two with a 63-54 triumph over SBC foe Calvert.

With the wins, St. Joe is now 8-2 overall, 4-2 in the SBC and still within range of league-leading Port

Clinton, a game behind Port Clinton.

Huron is in second place, a game behind Port Clinton and the two teams meet Friday. St. Mary's and St. Joe are tied at 4-2 while Calvert is next with a 3-3 SBC record.

In Saturday night's game with Calvert, over 50 turnovers were committed and over 40 fouls were whistled and the game seemed to drag on.

It was an indication of what was to come when both teams in their initial possessions threw the ball away.

St. Joe, however, despite the lackluster showing, was the sharper team. The Streaks trailed only once and maintained between a five and 10 point lead most of the contest.

"I've been in coaching long enough to know that that type of game, after an emotional win of Friday, you're not always your sharpest," Faber explained. "We certainly played hard. We made mistakes but we hustled. That shows a lot of heart."

The game was decided at the foul line.

The Streaks went to the

four for the game.

Even the Senecas spark plug, Chuck Ritzler, picked up two in the quarter, giving him three for the first half.

It didn't get much better in the second half as Tom Cawood fouled out with 3:45 to go in the third quarter and Heminger and Ritzler followed Cawood to the bench early in the fourth quarter.

Ken Swint and Jack Hoffman were the only St. Joe players in foul trouble. Both had four in the third period but neither fouled out.

St. Joe had a two-point lead after the first period but opened up a 10-point advantage by intermission thanks to 12 points at the foul line.

Calvert, behind Ritzler, got within two in the third period three times but could never get the lead.

In the fourth quarter, the closest Calvert got was four.

Mike Reardon, coming off a 33-point performance, paced St. Joe for the second straight night with 18. Three others were in double figures starting with Jeff Decker with 15, Brian Burns 12 and Dave

Foos with 10.

Ritzler had 28 for Calvert.

In the reserve game, the Streaks exploded for 28 fourth-quarter points to defeat Calvert 53-36.

Three St. Joe players hit double figures with Mark Gabel leading the way with 15. Greg Streaker had 13 and Norb House 12. The JV's are now 4-4.

JV game

St. Joe 53, Calvert 36  
Score by quarters

St. Joe 6 11 8 28-53  
Calvert 6 9 8 13-36  
Scoring

ST. JOE: Mark Gabel 3-3-15,  
Norb House 6-0-12, Rob Young 1-0,  
Terry Sullivan 3-1-7, Tim Barbour 1-0-2, Greg Streaker 4-5-13,  
Jeff Chudzinski 1-0-2, totals 22-9-5.

CALVERT: Tom Ritzler 3-1-7,  
Chris Hipp 1-0-8, Joe Worland 3-0-6,  
Chris Demuth 1-2-4, Gary Gruss 2-0-4,  
Doug DeRose 1-0-2, Lueselle Delgra 6-2-3, Dennis Hart 0-1-1,  
Rick Wiss 2-2-3, totals 14-8-36.

Season record: St. Joe 4-4.

Varsity game

St. Joe 63, Calvert 54

Score by quarters

St. Joe 12 26 14 11-63  
Calvert 10 18 16 10-54  
Scoring

ST. JOE: Mike Reardon 5-8-18,  
Jack Hoffman 1-0-2, Ken Swint 2-0-4,  
Brian Burns 4-4-12, Dave Foos 3-4-11,  
Tom Hahn 1-0-2, Jeff Decker 5-5-15, totals 21-31-54.

CALVERT: Tom Cawood 3-0-6,  
Tom Zirger 1-2-4, Dan Schriner 3-0-6,  
Grant Heminger 2-0-4, Rick Zahn 4-2-10, Chuck Ritzler 11-6-28; totals 22-10-54.

Season record: St. Joe 8-2 (4-2),

Calvert 4-5 (3-3).

## Edison 1st, Ross fifth

Tom Smith saved a "little face" for Ross and John Havener smoothed a little salve into the wound at the eighth Mai Mackey Memorial Invitational Wrestling Tournament at Ross High School Saturday.

Edison easily won the meet with 189½ points with Toledo St. John's second at 144½, Vermilion third with 121½ and Huron fourth with 101. Ross was fifth with St. Francis, Bowsher and Bellevue rounding out the field.

Ross Coach Al Voggenthaler was disappointed.

"We knew Edison was really tough and they didn't disappoint us," the Ross coach began. "I was really disappointed (in our finish); I thought that we would finish in the top three.

"We just had letdowns in key weight classes," Voggenthaler continued, "but I was pleasantly surprised with our fill-ins."

Smith, who goes by the nickname of "Smutt-Dog" won the 187-pound title. He was one of two Ross grapplers in the championship finals. The Ross senior eased past Brian DeFelippi of Huron 2-0.

Smith was awarded a penalty point in the second period when DeFelippi threw an elbow into his head and got an escape in the final 10 seconds of the match.

Doug Smith was second at 169 for Ross. He lost to Joe Pastorek of St. John's 4-1 in the finals.

Havener, despite finishing third at 107, won the trophy for the "Most pins in the least amount of time," with three falls in seven minutes and nine seconds.

Mark Schmidt of Ross was fourth at 114.

Edison dominated the tournament easily. The "Orange Crush" had 10 of 13 wrestlers in either the championship or consolation finals. Seven won championships, five of them in the first six weight divisions.

"Our wrestlers were more aggressive in the finals than in the earlier rounds," Edison Coach Paul Haeuple admitted. "We just wanted to walk out the front door with the championship trophy and not have to use the back door."

Ross was damaged before the tourney started. Jim Lipstraw, the Little Giants' 147-pounder, was ruled out with damaged ribs. In the second period of the 147-pound match, Mark Walther, who was moved up from 140, suffered a severe ankle injury and was out of the tourney.

"The loss of those two took away a lot of points," the Ross coach theorized. "I feel that in hindsight, I shouldn't have moved Walther up."

The benefactor of the Walther default was Kevin Lyddy of St. John's who went on to win the tourney's "Most Valuable" award while capturing the title in that division.

"Hopefully," Voggenthaler concluded, "we will be more competitive in the next tournament in two weeks."

Ross will host the Fremont Invitational on the 24th at the high school.

## Mackey results

### TEAM STANDINGS

	Edison	Ross	St. Francis	Bowsher	Bellevue	72½
St. John's	144½					69
Vermilion	121½					58½
Huron	101					36

### CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

100-Tim Tinnel (E) d. Randy Haase (SJ) 7-3; 107-Charlie Haeuple (E) d. Tom Kilkner (V) 4-1; 114-Gary Burns (E) d. Chuck Turner (V) 4-1; 121-John Chamberlain (H) d. Mark Boston (B) 5-1; 128-Mark Hicnstra (E) d. John Mossing (SF) 12-7; 134-Nick Stoll (E) p. Zack Meister (SJ) 2-0;
140-Bill Collier (H) d. Craig Boston (B) 5-2; 147-Kevin Lyddy (S) d. Gregg Humpf (E) 4-0; 157-Craig Shire (V) d. Rick Turner (V) 3-14; 169-Joe Pastorek (SJ) d. Doug Smith (E) 5-1; 177-Joe Dellisante (E) d. Rob Majoy (H) 15-0; 187-Tom Smith (R) d. Brian DeFelippi (H) 2-0; HVY-Bruce Schneiderbauer (SJ) d. Dan Gooding (Bell) 1-15.
CONSOLIDATION MATCHES
100-Matt Forde (SF) d. Rick Coleman (Bell) 7-3; 107-John Havener (R) 2-0; 114-Jeff Iwanicki (SJ) d. Mark Schmidt (R) 10-2; 121-Pete Williams (E) d. Craig Shire (SF) 11-0; 128-Ed Babson (V) d. Ken Johnson (Bow) 6-4; 134-Mike Perry (V) d. Dan Moninger (SF) 2-0;
140-Jim Gerken (V) d. Bob Burn (E) 7-0; 147-Marc Munaflo (H) d. Tony Torto (SF) 7-0; 157-D. Lee Johnson (Bow) d. Craig Lubinski (SF) 2-0; 169-Calvin Rhoad (H) d. Carl Rogers (V) 9-2; 177-Mike Kaucker (SJ) d. Rob Pennington (V) 6-4; 187-Mike Klever (SJ) d. Mike Neidling (V) 6-3; HVY-Anthony Gardner (R) d. Dwayne Cassidy (V) 11-1.

## ***Flu reduces Fremont field by one***

The flu bug has come up with the first fall 24 hours before the first Fremont Invitational Wrestling Tournament at Ross High School.

"You'll have to scratch Centerville," Ross wrestling Coach Al Voggenthaler said early this morning. "I got a call from the coach and he said that the flu was tearing his team apart.

"He said he had seven wrestlers in school Thursday and before the day was over, he had to send two more home," the Ross coach related, "and all of them had the flu."

Centerville was the favorite to take the title in the tourney. The Elks are the top rated team in the Dayton area and had backed up that ranking by finishing in the top 10 in the prestigious Medina Tournament.

With Centerville losing to the flu bug, the tourney drops down to seven teams: host Ross, Sandusky, Mansfield Senior and Madison, Sylvania Northview, Troy and Lakota.

"I'd say Sandusky, Troy and maybe Northview have to be rated the favorites now," Voggenthaler said. "Troy has good wrestlers at 105, 138, 155 and 167 — the 167-pounder placed in the state as a sophomore. He is a senior now."

Wrestling begins at 11 a.m. Saturday with the finals rounds of the double-elimination tourney slated for 7 p.m. Saturday night.

Tickets are \$2.50 for adults for each session and \$1.50 for students.

The tournament is co-sponsored by the Fremont Eagles.

# Ross one and two at Findlay

**F I N D L A Y** — Heavyweight Anthony Gardner saved the Ross wrestlers from being skunked in a triangular here over the weekend.

Gardner's pin of Chris Jackson vaulted the Little Giants to their only win of the afternoon, a 31-30 squeeker over Lima Shawnee.

Gardner's pin came in the first period after a takedown.

In the other portions of the triangular, Findlay defeated Ross 39-30 and Southview downed the Little Giants 38-21.

In Ross's win, the Little Giants won seven of the 13 matches including the final four to come from behind.

Lima had built a 30-14 advantage behind four pins

and two decisions but folded in the upper weights.

Doug Smith, 167, got things rolling for the Little Giants with a 15-3 triumph over Howard Gray and Doug Bischoff kept things going with a tough 3-0 decision over Trent Telenko at 175. Tom Smith then edged Jeff Marshall 10-8 at 185 to bring the score to 30-25 and the Little Giants needed a pin to win the match.

Gardner got it for them.

In Ross's other two meets, only John Havner and Tom Smith could put back to back wins together. Havner winning by two forfeits and Smith winning one by decision and one by pin.

For the triangular, Smith and Havner were

the only Little Giants to win all three of their matches. Jim Lipstraw, a 145-pounder, won two by pin and Dave Baum (98), Rick Heidelberg (132), Craig Trick (138) and Doug Smith (167) won one match apiece.

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Tickets are \$2.50 for adults for each session and \$1.50 for students.

The tournament is co-sponsored by the Fremont Eagles.

# Sandusky captures Fremont tourney

The only contest during the first Fremont Ross Invitational Wrestling Tournament was to see which team would finish second to Sandusky.

The Blue Streaks, with all 13 wrestlers placing in the top four of the tourney, piled up 193 points in the easy tourney win. Troy and Sylvania Northview, staged the battle for second.

The Trojans from southwestern Ohio took runnerup honors with seven better than Northview. Entering the final round, Troy had trailed 119½-113½.

"Yeah," Ross Coach Al Voggenthaler admitted, "it turned out like I thought it would."

Ross finished fourth with 92 points but Voggenthaler was clutching a trophy after the meet. It was a tarnished silver goblet with "1930" etched in the aging metal.

"Bill 'Flash' Flanagan (Mansfield Senior coach) and I had a side bet," Voggenthaler chuckled, "and this was the prize."

Mansfield Senior ended up fifth with Lakota sixth and Mansfield Madison seventh. Pre-tourney favorite Centerville was unable to compete because flu had nearly wiped out the varsity team.

Sandusky claimed individual titles at 126, 138, 145 and 175 to go with six runnerup finishes, a third and two fourths.

Tom Smith, 185, was Ross's only individual champ with eight other Little Giants placing in the top four.

"That was pleasing," the Ross coach said. "The kids are improving each week."

Dave Baum, 98, and Doug Bischoff, 175, were the big Ross surprises. Baum

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was fourth while Bischoff took third. Both had won their first varsity wins a week earlier while Bischoff's three wins in the tourney gave him a total of four for the season.

John Havener, 105, Jim Lipstraw, 145, and Doug Smith, 167, finished third for Ross while fourths went to Corey Beard, 112, Mitch Curriss, 155, and heavyweight Anthony Gardner.

Steve Fairbanks of Lakota won the 132-pound title, defeating John Dondero of Northview 13-3 in the finals. Barry Hull of the Raiders was second at 138, losing to Charles Jones of Sandusky 3-2.

Pete Gibson of Lakota was third at 112, beating Beard 6-1 in the consolation final.

Todd Darbyshire of Troy, the 167-pound titleist, was named the tourney's outstanding wrestler while Scott Monaghan, the Northview 98-pound winner, won the plaque for the most pins in the least amount of time — two in four minutes and 13 seconds.

Ross's next outing will be Thursday when Elyria is in town for a 6:30 p.m. match.

The tournament was co-sponsored by the Fremont Eagles.



TOM SMITH of Ross tries to reverse on his Mansfield Senior opponent Doug Mosier in the 185-pound finals on the Ross Invitational Wrestling Tour-

nament Saturday. Smith won the title with a 7-4 decision.

## Today's Sports in Brief

**SUPER BOWL** PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Joe Kuharich, coach of the Philadelphia Eagles

from 1964-1969, died at Graduate Hospital while his former National Football League team

played in the Super Bowl, officials said.

### GOLF

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — Australian David Graham held a four-foot birdie putt on the 72nd hole, capping a final round 5-

under-par 66 and a one-stroke victory over Lon Hinkle in the \$95,000 Phoenix Open Golf Tournament.

The 28-year-old Handley, from Fairway, Kan., ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) earned a first-prize of \$12,000.

# Ross Invitational results

**TEAM STANDINGS:** Sandusky 193, Troy 139½, Sylvania Northview 132½, Ross 92, Mansfield Senior 70, Lakota 57, Mansfield Madison 29.

**CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES**  
 &—+ Scott Monaghan (SN) d. Jerry Grant (S) 19-5; 105-Larry Renner (T) d. Pete Prophet (S) 10-8; 112-Gary Divelbiss (MS) d. Neil McCarty (S) 10-6; 119-Joe Belinski (SN) d. Al Ott (S) 6-4;

126-Rick Jones (S) d. John Ernst (T) 10-5; 132-Steve Fairbanks (L) d. John Dondero (SN) 13-3; 138-Charles Jones (S) d. Barry Hull (L) 3-2; 145-David Pou (S) d. Mike Knopp (SN) 11-7; 155-Doug Thompson (T) d. Deno Maschari (S) 10-3; 167-Todd Darbyshire (T) d. Mike Carroll (SN) 10-3, overtime; 175-Bill Curley (S) d. Mark Riley (T) 2-0; 185-Tom Smith (R) d. Doug Mosier (MS) 7-4; HVY-Chris Threlkell (SN) d. Reef Young (S) 2-1.

# Elyria tops Ross in juggling act

By BOB MARKER

News-Messenger Sports Editor

Ross and Elyria performed a juggling act before and during a dual wrestling meet Thursday at Ross High School.

Ross Coach Al Voggenthaler and Elyria leader Frank Jayne agreed to juggle the order of the matches, starting with 112, heavyweight, etc., down to the final match of the night at 132.

Elyria came out the better, winning 35-25, but Voggenthaler said he knew the match was lost in the second contest.

"I thought, maybe," he said, "that we would catch them at heavyweight and Gardner (Anthony) threw some nice moves but he countered everything."

Elyria heavyweight Kevin Robinette did the countering for the Pioneers, clamping Gardner's back to the mat at the 4:40 mark and Jayne's charges were off and running smoothly for awhile.

Elyria rolled up a 23-3 lead after six matches. The only Ross points were snared by Mark Walther when he out-pointed Darren Cannon of Elyria 12-6. The win was soothng for the Ross coach.

"Walther really has wrestled only a half match since the Medina tournament," he said. "I was pleased that we was that strong."

Walther had injured an ankle in the Mal Mackey Tournament three weeks ago.

After Ross's Mark Schmidt had absorbed a 14-3 loss to Jim Harju in the 119-pound clash, Ross trailed by 20 but the Little Giants started to pick up lost ground in the next match.

That was when Voggenthaler did his in-match juggling act. He moved 167-pound Buckeye Conference defending champ Doug Smith up a weight to 175. Smith, had he remained at 167 would

have taken a forfeit, instead he came up with an upset.

Smith's opponent, Don Milton, one of the top BC 175 pounders, was charged with two stalling penalties and was visibly tired when the second and most damaging penalty was assessed. That came with four seconds remaining and gave the Ross senior a 7-6 win.

Doug Zink got the Elyria forfeit at 167 in the next match and Mitch Curliss brought a smile to Voggenthaler's features with an 8-0 verdict over Elyria's Scott Macheay. That closed the Pioneer's lead to 23-16.

A forfeit to Ross 185-pounder Tom Smith made it 23-22 but Elyria 126-pounder Robert Smith pinned Tony Shieh in 4:34 to put the Pioneers up by seven.

Jim Lipstraw of Ross followed with a 13-6 win over Sami Ayst at 145 but Rick Trivett put the finishing touch on the win for Elyria with a 1:55 fall on Ross sophomore Andy Esquivel in the 132-pound match.

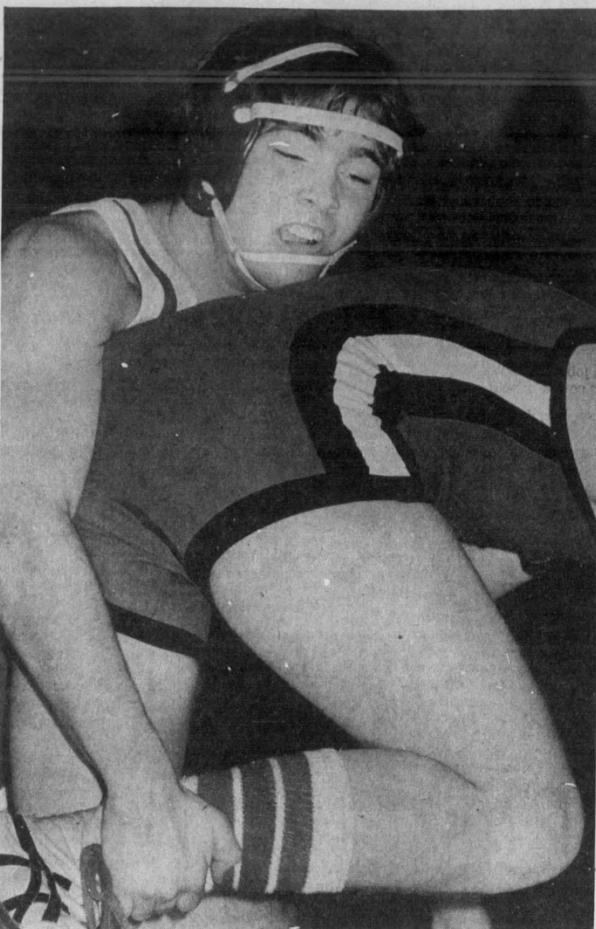
"I think we did a pretty good job," Voggenthaler claimed. "We had to be the underdog going in so I think we did okay."

Elyria will be at Fremont again Feb. 7 when Ross hosts the Buckeye Conference Tournament.

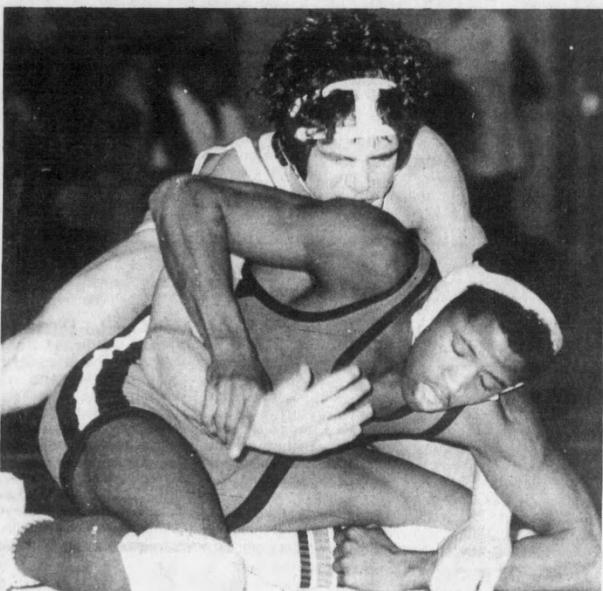
The Little Giants junior varsity team will be at Findlay Saturday in a J.V. tourney while the varsity will rest until the BC festivities.

#### Matches

88-Darin Ferron (E) won by forfeit; 105-Kevin Pearson (E) d. John Havener 4-0; 112-Denny Trivett (E) d. Corey Beard 11-3; 119-Jim Harju (E) d. Mark Schmidt 14-3; 126-Robert Smith (E) p. Tony Shieh 4:34; 132-Rick Trivett (E) p. Andy Esquivel 1:55; 138-Mark Walther (R) d. Darren Cannon 12-6; 145-Jim Lipstraw (R) d. Sami Ayst 13-6; 155-Mitch Curliss (R) d. Scott Macheay 8-0; 167-Doug Smith (R) won by forfeit; 175-Don Milton (R) d. Doug Milton 7-6; 185-Tom Smith (R) won by forfeit; HVY-Kevin Robinette (E) p. Anthony Gardner 4:40.



MITCH CURLISS of Ross has a grip on the ankle of Elyria 155-pound opponent Scott Macheay. Curliss turned in a near flawless performance in winning 8-0. (News-Messenger photos by Bill Kennedy)



NEITHER WRESTLER wanted to see what was happening in this action. Mark Walther, top, has the advantage

over Elyria's Darren Cannon in the 138-pound match. Walther went on to win 12-6.

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## Badgers stop one, but not two

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Wisconsin had the man to shackle Herb Williams, but no one to match up with Clark Kellogg, Ohio State's other main scoring threat.

At least, that's how Badgers' Coach Bill Coffield saw a 71-67 loss to the Buckeyes Thursday night, a victory that kept Ohio State tied for the Big Ten Conference basketball lead with Iowa and Indiana.

Larry Petty outscored Williams 16 to nine, halting

the Buckeyes' 6-foot-10 senior center's scoring streak of 87 games in double figures. But

first half and in the second half. The only great team thing is that we won."

Miller, however, called the Buckeyes' defensive play at the start one of their best efforts of the season. Ohio State held the Badgers to one basket for more than the first nine minutes, rolling up an 18-2 lead.

"We couldn't buy a basket at certain times," Coffield said after watching his team slide to 2-5 in the league and 8-7 overall.

"We missed six or seven layups and some of them were uncontested. You can't miss those shots and

Ten. Even though we had a poor offensive showing, we got our shots. They just were not falling," he said.

After the Buckeyes' good start, Wisconsin whittled its deficit to 22-18 late in the first half by outscoring the Buckeyes 14-2. Ohio State led at halftime 28-21, but never moved closer than five points after that until the end.

Ohio State outshot Wisconsin 45-36 percent and outrebounded the Badgers 41-38. Claude Gregory's 17 points led Wisconsin. Todd Penn came off the bench to score 13 for Ohio State, 11 of them in the last 20 minutes.

# Six falls lift Ross past Bellevue 54-12

BELLEVUE — Ross pounded Bellevue with five pins in the last six matches to pick up a 54-12 wrestling win Thursday.

Falls at 145, 167, 175, 185 and heavyweight brought Ross from a 22-10 lead to the easy win.

Jim Lipstraw's 52-second fall over Marc Miller at 145 started the Little Giants' breakaway. Doug Smith needed 56 seconds to pin Bellevue's Larry Nay in the 167-pound encounter. That came on the heels of a 4-4 draw between Ross's Mitch Curliss and Tim Ruffing of Bellevue in the 155-pound bout.

Mike Wendt stopped Dan Kidd at the 5:04 mark in the 175-pound match to keep a string of four consecutive Ross pins running. Tom Smith, 185, followed with a 5:25 fall over Bellevue's Larry Fawcett and Ross Heavyweight Anthony Gardner stopped Dan Gooding in 2:41 to wrap up the Little Giants' win.

Corey Beard turned in another Ross pin, winning the 112-pound match in 3:06 from Marty Claus.

Rich Coleman of Bellevue had six of his team's points with a 4:45 fall over Ross's Dave Baum in the 98-pound match.

Following are the results of the matches:

#### Matches

98-Rich Coleman (B) p. Dave Baum 4:45; 105-John Havener (R) d. Brian VanFleet 15-5; 112-Corey Beard (R) d. Marty Claus 6-0; 119-Mark Schmidt (R) d. Joe Natole 14-0; 126-Tony Shiets (R) and Jim Young (F), draw, 9-9; 132-Andy Esquivel (R) and March Ruffin (B), draw, 6-6;

138-Mark Walther (R) d. Randy Hensinger 10-5; 145-Jim Lipstraw (R) p. March Miller 0:52; 155-Mitch Curliss (R) and Tim Ruffing (B), draw, 4-4; 167-Doug Smith (R) p. Larry Nay 0:56;

175-Mike Wendt (R) p. Dan Kidd 5:04; 185-Tom Smith (R) p. Larry Fawcett 5:25; HVY-Anthony Gardner (R) p. Dan Gooding 2:41.

#### JV matches

Bellevue 48, Ross 24

Ross forfeited weight classes 98, 112, 126, 132, 167, 175 and 185.

105-Billy Isaman (R) d. Brian Door 6-4; 119-Kevin Shaffer (R) d. Mark Harvey 10-4; 138-Craig Trick (R) p. Dennis Gooding 1:27; 145-Dan Goodwin (R) p. Scott Moyer 5:18; 155-Doug Zink (R) p. Dan Norman 1:10; HVY-Gary Rine (B) p. Mike Stull 2:40.

**THE FRIENDLY  
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# Weight: a wrestler's first and toughest opponent

By TOM STOREY  
News-Messenger Sports Writer

They are probably the envy of every overweight American.

They shed pounds like bushy-haired cats lose fur.

They drop weight class against Big Macs, Whoppers and double cheese pizzas.

Many wrestlers battle their bodies everyday. For five long months, the struggle to maintain their wrestling weight goes on. It's not an easy fight.

It takes hours of exercise and months of diet discipline.

Just ask Barney Cruz or Joe Gottron of St. Joe who have lost almost 20 pounds since wrestling season began.

Cruz reported to St. Joe wrestling coach Gary Logron at a pudgy 156 in October. Now he is down to 139. Gottron was 152 but has peeled off 18 pounds.

"I cut down on food a lot while working out," Cruz said, "all the pop and your basic junk food and stick to meat and protein stuff. I had trouble at first. I cut down awfully quick and I felt weak."

Logron spotted the problems and had Cruz go back up to 128 for a few matches before slowly dropping back to 119.

"I cut out all grease," Cruz continued. "I eat a lot of broiled meat and poultry, salads with no dressing and cheeses."

Gottron came off the football field bulked up at 152. He needed to drop at least 14 pounds. He wrestled at 138 for a while, compiling a 9-3-1 record but recently dropped down to 134 and is 8-1.

"During football, you could always grab a bottle of water after practice and put three pounds back into you," Gottron said. "Now I hardly drink water at all. I was always thirsty and then I'd go home and pig out at the supper table."

"Then I'd sit down in front of the television and have a pop. Last night I went home and had one quarter-pound chop, beans, a glass of milk, jello and pineapple. Then I rode the exercise bike for 26 miles."

During the weight reduction process, Gottron suggested that the whole family be included.

"The way to stay away from eating ice cream and stuff like that is not to buy it. If you don't have it around the house your not going to eat it."

The only time either one gets to stuff themselves like normal teenagers is right after a meet. Pizzas, Big Macs and Whoppers are gobbled up.

"They can come in five pounds overweight the next week and have no trouble working it off, Logron said.

"Losing three to five pounds an evening is not far-fetched," he said.

Logron added that both are better wrestlers at the lighter weights. They have better agility and have not lost any strength, he said.

"It's a touchy subject," the curly-haired coach said. "A lot of people have the notion that weight loss is bad, that we're tearing up a kid's body."

"Losing weight is good discipline for kids within reason."

The proper mix of exercise and diet is the secret, Logron said.

"Weight loss is getting rid of fat," he said. "The whole key is a good hard workout and proper eating. The big problem for a kid losing weight is hitting that weight class for the first time. Once he's there he can stay there through exercise and proper diet."

Cruz and Gottron followed Logron's formula and the pounds fell off.

Logron's general rule is that kids who have not worked out can lose 10 percent of their body weight. Upper weights can sometimes lose more, he said.

"It's relative to size," Logron said. "You have to lose weight. Going to extremes is bad."

Unfortunately, severe weight reduction and wide variations in weight was the rule not too long ago. Kids were doing anything to knock off extra pounds.

"I've seen everything from Exlax to unbearable saunas," Logron said, "and we're not excluded. I've seen kids from other schools look like skeletons. That's what you don't want."

Along with saunas, other means of quickly reducing weight included crash dieting, diet pills, rubber, vinyl or plastic sweat suits and many other artificial heat devices:

All have been outlawed by the Ohio High School Athletic Association and any wrestler caught disobeying the rules will be disqualified for the season.

"I'm glad the state has tightened up," Logron said. "It's to the advantage of the kids."

Ross wrestling coach Al Voggenthaler had a personal experience of losing excessive amounts of weight during his wrestling days and that experience has helped form his policy.

He likes to have kids wrestle at their normal weight.

"I don't like to boil kids down. I will not force a kid under any circumstances to go down. I don't like that. I like to get the kid in the best physical shape and go from there."

"If they constantly keep missing their weight class I'll let them up."

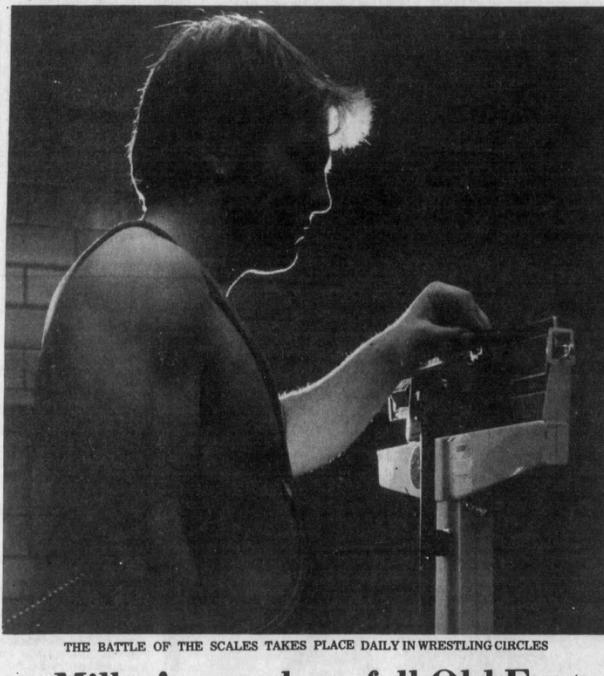
While the state has made rules about weight loss, both Logron and Voggenthaler say that some cheating goes on.

"Kids are still sneaking saunas, that's the most abused thing today," Logron said.

"It's still abused. I know for sure, I've seen it," Voggenthaler said. "I refuse to make it an issue when one defeats your opponent becomes secondary. But I overheard one kid from another school which I won't identify bragging about how he lost 19 pounds in one week."

Earlier in the season at Ross, one team reported with a couple of wrestlers overweight by a couple of pounds. To make weight, the two stuck their hands down their throats and vomited.

"That's ridiculous," Voggenthaler said.



THE BATTLE OF THE SCALES TAKES PLACE DAILY IN WRESTLING CIRCLES

## Miller's two shots fell Old Fort

BETTSVILLE — Jerome Miller sank two pins with three pins set up their offense and disappeared in the final seconds left after he stole from the top of the quarter. kev. Miller and Tiell With 1:16 left in the within one.

## Fremont St. Joe hosting SBC mat tournament

The Sandusky Bay Conference wrestling meets begin at 12 noon today at the St. Joe gym. Finals are scheduled for a 7 p.m. start.

Following is a list of wrestlers, their school, their year and their record for each weight class.

96-Tom Weickert, St. Joe, 8th, 15-11; Rob Yost, St. Joe, 8th, 3-10; 102-Tom Weickert, St. Joe, 8th, 15-11; Jason Crawford, Perkins, 10th, 1-11; Pat Heckard, Port Clinton, 10th, 2-15; Jeff Tolley, Margareta, 8-7-1; George Graham, Calvert, 8th, 3-8.

106-Mark Walther (R) p. Mike Reed; 148-Jim Lipstraw (R) p. Tony Torti; 158-Craig Luminski (SF) d. Mitch Curriss 9-1; 170-Doug Smith (R) p. Jeff Hoefflin; 178-Mike Wendt (R) d. Jim Lamb 23-1; 188-Tom Smith (R) p. Mike Matthews; HVY-Anthony Gardner (R) p. Chris D'Esposito.

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Ross 38, Whitmer 27

### Matches

101-Matt Forde (SF) d. Dave Baum 13-0; 108-Jim Lipstraw (R) p. Tony Torti; 158-Craig Luminski (SF) d. Mitch Curriss 9-1; 170-Doug Smith (R) p. Jeff Hoefflin; 178-Mike Wendt (R) d. Jim Lamb 23-1; 188-Tom Smith (R) p. Mike Matthews; HVY-Anthony Gardner (R) p. Chris D'Esposito.

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### Matches

101-Keith Morehouse (W) p. Baum; 108-Havener (R) d. Randy Vigh; 115-Schmidt (R) d. Scott Fast 9-3; 122-Beard (R) d. Tom Orner 12-2; 129-Mike Ibarra (W) p. Blaine Hines; 135-Ed Merideth (W) p. Heidelberg; 141-Walther (R) p. Don Zapadka; 148-Lipstraw (R) p. Rony Araiz; 158-Mark Hepfinger (W) d. Curriss 10-1; 170-Smith (R) d. Garrett Buckles 7-1; 178-Randy Bryan (W) p. Wendt; 188-Smith (R) p. Greg Gilbert; HVY-Gardner (R) p. Doug Gilbert.

# Ross matmen whip St. Francis, Whitmer

TOLEDO — Ross posted a double win in a triangular wrestling meet Friday night at Whitmer High School.

The Little Giants rolled over St. Francis 49-22 and eased past Whitmer 38-27.

Mark Walther, Jim Lipstraw, Tom Smith and Anthony Gardner led the Ross matmen with two falls apiece. Lipstraw, 148, pinned Whitmer's highly regarded Tony Torti in one of the top Ross victories.

John Havener and Doug Smith were double winners for Ross. The most lopsided decision for the

Little Giants was posted by Mike Wendt at 178 pounds. He buried Jim Lamb of St. Francis 23-1.

"The kids wrestled very well," Ross Coach Al Voggenthaler said with a voice that showed the strains of the double dual match. "We did pretty well."

In the other dual meet, Whitmer polished off St. Francis 47-14.

Ross 49, St. Francis 22

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# Five Ross athletes win winter sports MVP honors

Rhea Paulson, Rod Meyer, Tom Smith, Dave Sanna and Mike Mowry were named "Most valuable" in four winter sports during the Ross High School Winter Sports Awards program Monday.

Paulson won the MVP for girls basketball and Meyer the same honor for the boys team. Smith was honored by his teammates in wrestling while Sanna and Mowry shared honors for the swimmers.

Coach Sue Wolf handed out other special girls basketball awards to Cindy Gilson, the most improved, Sandy Long as the most valuable sophomore and Diane Borys as the team's best free throw shooter.

Laurie Smith took the top rebounder trophy for the girls and also received a captain's trophy along with Paulson. Tammy Haas won the trophy for the most assists and steals for the season.

Shawn Simms was named the boys basketball team's "Mr. Defense" by Coach Biz Paeth. Greg Nossaman won the free throw shooting award while Tony Gant was the team's top rebounder.

John Sachs was named the outstanding junior varsity player for the Little Giants. Mike Eicher and Gant received captain's trophies.

Jim Lipstraw won the "coaches award" for the wrestling team. Coach Al Voggenthaler awarded the most improved trophy to Mike Wendt.

Anthony Gardner won the trophy for the most takedowns and shared the award for the most pins with Doug

Smith.

Lipstraw, Smith and Mark Walther were given captain's trophies.

In swimming, Coach Art Bucci awarded Brian Overmyer the most improved trophy while the coaches award went to Mowry and Sanna. John Isaac, Mowry and Sanna received captain's trophies.

Due to a camera malfunction, pictures of the trophy winners were not available.

Following are the letter winners for the respective sports:

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

First year: Becky Coleman, Joan Osman, Julie Ritchart and Sandy Long.

Second year: Amy Lindstrom, Tammy Haas, Diane Borys, Cindy Gilson, Della Hall and Lisa Pfeiffer, manager.

Third year: Rhea Paulson and Laurie Smith.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

First year: Rod Meyer, Greg Nossaman, Shawn Simms, Andy Rodenhauser, Sam Lindsey, Craig Daniels, Tony Gant, Dave Miller, Ted Orndorff, student trainer, and Brian Farr, manager.

Second year: Mike Eicher.

## WRESTLING

First year: Dave Baum, Mark Schmidt, Rick Heidelberg, Mitch Curiiss, Mike Wendt, Doug Bischoff, Craig Trick, Blaine Hines, Andy Esquivel and Mike Adams, manager.

Second year: John Havener, Corey Beard, Tony Shiets, Anthony Gardner and Kevin Zimmerman, manager.

Third year: Mark Walther, Jim Lipstraw, Doug Smith, Tom Smith and Dana Syzmanowski, student trainer.

## SWIMMING

First year: Tyler Heslet, Walter Randolph, Steven Rodd, Tad Winning and Dan Might, manager.

Second year: Gregory Boday, Brian Overmyer, and Janice Smith.

Third year: Jim Avalos, Brian Beck, Johanna Hawk, John Isaac, Ty Mitchell, Mike Mowry, Dave Sanna, Mike Waggoner and Ed Weiler.

